

## Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

### Advisory Committee Meeting

November 12, 2024

10:00am – 12:00 pm

Condor Room, 765 East Avenue

Chico, California

#### 1. Call to Order – Mark Gordon, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am. by Chair Mark Gordon. Other committee members attending was Vice Chair Sarah May, Kristi Sherer, Kara Hall, Tammy Solano, Melinda Rayford, and Christine Bonilla. Facilitator Terri Petersen was also present.

#### 2. Sarah May, Vice-Chair, announced that a quorum was present.

3. The minutes of May 2024 and August 2024 meetings of the committee were reviewed and a motion for approval was made by Tammy Solano and seconded by Christine Bonilla. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### 4. Kristi Sherer, DESS Program Manager, provided updates.

- The Home Safe Program under Adult Protective Services is helping over 60 clients in danger of homelessness. They help with items such as paying utility bills, first and last month's rent and deposits, and assistance moving from the pallet shelter.
- Assembly bill AB540 has added substance abuse to the list of reasons for conservatorship.
- The IHSS Program continues to have an increase in applications and the program is expected to continue to grow.
- There are currently over 4600 recipients, more than during the period following the Camp Fire. 4075 providers are currently active, with approximately 500 on the Registry and 3369 being currently paid.

- The State is automating its information system and electronic forms are being piloted in Butte County. There are no changes in County forms currently.
- Butte County DESS continues to see an increase in cases for minors and is working with Far Northern. The county is considering developing special forms for minors.
- Butte County DESS is recruiting a Staff Development position that will include working with and collaboration with outside agencies.

5. Kara Hall of the Public Authority gave an update.

- The Public Authority is sending out email recruitments to existing providers asking if they might be interested in additional hours.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the union has been approved. Wages will increase by 50 cents over minimum wage and will increase by \$1.50 over minimum wage by 2028 at a rate of 25 cents per year.
- Legislation which proposed to pay for fingerprinting for providers, AB2704, was vetoed.
- CAPA reports that most counties are currently in negotiations with unions.

6. Mark Gordon provided an update on CICA. Mark and Sarah recently met with Margaret Lewis, Chair of the Humboldt County IHSS committee, to discuss advancing IHSS committees.

7. A proposal was made to approve the IHSS Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2025. The meeting dates for 2025 are February 11, May 13, August 12, and November 18. A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Tammy and was unanimously approved.

8. There were no public attendees for this meeting.

9. The next meeting of this committee will be February 11, 2025.

10. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

