

Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Meeting

May 12, 2026

10:00am – 12:00 pm

Condor Room, 765 East Avenue

Chico, California

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Mark Gordon, Chair. Committee members present were Emily Upton, Kara Hall and Delcie Mills. Attending via TEAMS were Mark Gordon, Sarah May and Melinda Rayford. Facilitator Terri Petersen was also present.

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

3. The minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting were presented for approval. The motion was made by Delcie and seconded by Emily. Approval was unanimous.

4. It was discussed that there are currently seven seated members of the committee and that the four vacancies are all designated for recipients.

5. Emily Upton gave an update on DESS. A new, Spanish speaking Social Worker has been hired for the IHSS department. There is no ability to hire for further positions at this time.

There is a proposal from CWDA for a one-time stipend to the department to help with Medi-Cal applications for IHSS eligibility. A decision is expected in May.

The state is currently proposing that counties to absorb the additional hours as the state strives to grant less hours. With only 3% for administrative costs in the county IHSS budget, it will be tough to absorb these costs.

There are currently 5223 IHSS recipients in Butte County and approximately 3000 providers.

There are 8% more IHSS applicants than last year and

The increase is expected to be 10% next year. There has also been an increase in minor cases. 50% of the increase in IHSS costs is due to enrollment costs and about 10% is due to an increase in hours.

CWDA is strongly opposed to moving IHSS to Medi-Cal Managed Care.

Some counties report using a costly AI tool, “Magic Notes” to take transcription and help with intakes and screenings. Los Angeles and Nevada Counties are trying it. It is reported that staff and clients are not always willing to be recorded due to confidentiality issues.

6. Kara Hall gave an update for the Public Authority. There are currently 90 providers on the registry looking for work. This year to date, 200 providers have been added to the registry. There have been 1285 providers in the system this year and 1306 life scans have been processed. New staff in the department are learning quickly and taking over caseload.

In legislative news, there is a proposal to eliminate the BUPS (Back-Up Provider System). The client requirements for BUPS are already very high. CAPA is proposing the funding for BUPS be limited to the larger counties that already use it.

7. Chairman Mark Gordon gave an update from CICA. CICA is watching proposed changes to the program by the state. It is noted that the Brown Acts allows remote attendance at meetings so long as someone is present at the physical location.

8. There were no public attendees or comments.

9. The next meeting of this committee will be held August 11, 2026.

10. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.