Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

November 10, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

2445 Carmichael Drive, Willow Room (Butte Community Employment Center-CEC)

Chico, California

1. Call to Order- Chairperson, Sarah May

The meeting was called to order by Mark Gordon at 10:33 a.m.

1. Establishment of a Quorum- Vice Chairperson, Mark Gordon

A quorum was established.

Members in attendance were: Committee Members: Sarah May, Mark Gordon, Dorothy Churchill, Patricia Anthony, Domenic Console, Sarah Okumbe, and Nanette Gledhill A.S.D. Program Manager, staff and support: Kara Hall (interim staff) and Margie Ruegger.

1. Minutes of August 11, 2015: Review and approval- Sarah May (Action)

Motion to approve February 10, 2015 minutes – M/S/C: Domenic Console/Dorothy Churchill passed unanimously.

1. IHSS Advisory Committee Membership- Sarah May (Action)

Two members have completed their current term on the Committee; Mark Gordon and Laura Loriano. Both members would like to continue serving on the committee. A motion was made to recommend: Mark Gordon and Laura Loriano to serve another term on the committee. M/S/C: Sarah Okumbe/Dorothy Churchill passed unanimously.

1. IHSS Advisory Committee 2016 Proposed Meeting Schedule – Sarah May (Action)

The proposed dates (February 9, May 10, August 9, and November 8) and time 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. M/S/C: Mark Gordon/Domenic Console passed unanimously.

1. State and Local Update- Nanette Gledhill, ASD, Program Manager

* Discussion about the F.L.S.A.- Overtime bill passed for IHSS providers. The change will take place February 1, 2016. There will be a three month period for providers to learn the new implementation procedures without violations. Training will be available through IHSS to correct violations. Each provider can work up to 66 hours maximum per week. They will receive overtime for 26 hours at time and a half. Training for the new timesheets, hours allotted, travel time will be coming out in December. New minimum wage of $10/hour will take effect on January 1st, 2016.
* Nanette introduced Kara Hall as the interim representative from the P.A. Mark thanked Kara for her quick assistance for his request for information.
* IHSS Registry Update: Kara noted they could use more providers for the registry. They have a difficult time finding individuals that can afford the fingerprinting back ground check required to become eligible. They are posting in laundromats, Butte College and other public venues. Dorothy suggested they post fliers on buses.

1. CICA report- Sarah May noted that Charlie Bean provides a summary of activities occurring at the state level that are useful for members to review.
2. AMJAMB’s The Call Connection Program- Domenic Console, Heidi Madery (supervisor) & Carol McCulloch (caller)-Free call program to keep individuals connected. They have 29 active callers. Calls can be made 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Most calls are made from the workers homes. An individualized protocol is established for each person called. They can call individuals to make sure they have taken their medication; engage in conversation to reduce loneliness; help people remain independent and remind them of a doctor’s appointment. These calls are confidential and workers sign a confidentiality agreement before starting employment. People calling people building bonds and relationships.
3. Suggested Agenda Items for next meeting: Timesheet completion and overtime implementation.
4. Public Comment – Terry Kozloff wanted to remind everyone that IHSS services were created to help recipients stay in their homes and avoid nursing home care. She is concerned that recipients are being dehumanized by the system. She noted many of the recipients are totally dependent on the care they receive from IHSS.

12. Adjournment- Chairperson Sarah May

Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Next meeting: Date: February 9, 2016

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: 2445 Carmichael Drive, Willow Room, Chico, CA