Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

November 12, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

765 East Ave, Condor Room

(Butte Community Employment Center-CEC)

Chico, California

1. Call to Order-Sarah May, Chair

The meeting was called to order by Sarah May at 10:12 a.m. Introductions were made around the table. Dianne from the Peg Taylor Center, Mary Agnes Nolan- State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Mimi Gray, Jill Anchordoguy and Monica Soderstrom- Butte County Public Health, Deirdre Walke and Susan Norris- PG&E were guests.

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

Mark Gordon declared that a quorum was met with Sarah May, Talmadge House Sarah Okumbe, Domenic Console, Mariann Ramirez, Crystal Mourad and himself being present. Kara Hall IHSS Public Authority, Tina Reszler DESS Analyst and Lynn Haskell facilitator were also present.

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1. Mark moved and Domenic seconded that the minutes of August 13, 2019 meeting be approved. Minutes approved.
2. PG&E presentation was moved to further on the agenda as handouts were being made.
3. CICA California In Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance update: Mark reported that Butte County will be in the last round of State EVV implementation so that most of the bugs will have been worked out by that time. A Regional Training and Presentation is still being discussed.
4. Kara reported that the county is working on bringing up the numbers of available caregivers through job fairs and constant recruitment. The county is working diligently with the EVV process offering emailing options, covering EVV at orientations and payroll is sending out letters. A direct phone number is going out in the letters so caregivers and recipients can speak to someone directly. Family members are encouraged to enroll into EVV. The County is planning on doing an EVV training/workshop before going live in September /October 2020.
5. Dierdre Walke and Susan Norris from PG&E presented their Community Wildfire Safety Program. They covered Public Safety Power Shutoff, outage preparedness and emergency planning and the Medical Baseline Program. Our energy grid is 100 years old and outages are a matter of public safety. PG&E does not have a data base to notify customers unless they are signed up on the Medical Baseline Program. Applications were distributed. Deirdre Walke offered to provide training to groups in Butte County. She can be reached through email. Deirdre.Walke@pge.com

Mariann reported that anyone can call Adult Protective Services and make a plan. Social workers are covering disaster preparation by using GIS mapping, emergency contacts and robo calls. A request was made for the vulnerable population to have notice 72 hours in advance from PG&E. Shutoffs could last up to 5 days. Ice in the freezer is important to have.

Advisory members and the public gave feedback to PG&E about the needs of the IHSS community. Resource Centers need to:

* Be close to public transportation
* Stay open later
* Have restrooms, washing stations and water
* Provide transportation for the elderly and disabled

Information on where resource centers are located are on the PGE.com page, PG&E Facebook page, by calling 211 and Independent Living Center.

Please see presentation handout for more information:

“Do You Have a Plan?” brochure and attached PG&E Resources sheet.

1. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next meeting:

Date: February 11,2020

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**NEW LOCATION**: Butte College Skyway Center

2480 Notre Dame Blvd on the corner of Skyway and Notre Dame.