Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

August 14, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 Sarah May at 10:20 a.m.

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

A quorum was established.

Introductions were made around the table.

Members in attendance were: Committee Members: Sarah May, Sarah Okumbe, Mark Gordon, Domenic Console, Talmadge House and Mariann Ramirez. Guest attending was Kara Hall Butte County Public Authority and Lynn Haskell Facilitator.

1. Minutes of May 8, 2018: Mark moved approved, Domenic 2nd, Passed
2. The first discussion revolved around the recent fires. Questions about the safety of consumers was addressed. Providers are required to have emergency plans into place. Necessary actions are taken by the agencies that provide IHSS services. Lessons were learned from the 2009 fire that put new policies into place for consumer protection. Providers can follow consumers into shelters for consistency of care. “Torres shelter has been great.”
3. Lynn introduced the new application process for new Advisory Committee members put in place by the Board of Supervisors. Mariann will find out about how to comply with the requirements for the Brown Act training. Do already seated members need to be trained when agreeing to another term? Mark shared an online training company, Sarah May will ask Dianne at the Peg Taylor Center to fill the Advocacy position. Mark Gordon was asked if he wants to continue for another 3 year term and he graciously accepted.
4. CICA report: Charlie Bean was scheduled for a conference call with the Advisory Committee today but he is ill and had to reschedule. The topic revolves around co-sponsoring a regional conference for CICA here in Chico. A smaller group will conference with him before the November meeting and report at that meeting.

1. Mariann reported for DESS and it was requested that union issues be addressed. Kara was able to explain what is communicated about the union at orientations. Mariann explained that in Butte County the union is optional. At orientation providers have an option to sign a card and if they do they are in the union for 1 year and can opt out after their first year. The union needs to be notified by letter otherwise their membership automatically rolls over. Domenic reported that provider agencies have a practice of providing better benefits than the union because it creates an incentive that retains providers. Domenic had more questions about opting out, how members are notified and communication between the union and provider agencies. Sarah Okumbe asked if we could invite a union representative to our next meeting. Kara will follow up and invite a union rep for the November meeting.

Mariann reported that the Trump administration has rolled back the EVV (electronic visit verification) start date to 2020. There is a mandate to hold more stake holder meetings. The goal of the state is to make this process easy and fair and provide the accountability the federal government is requiring.

DESS will begin capturing LGBTQ+ information in order to address needs within that community. Stonewall Alliance will be presenting to all adult services information about the LGBTQ+ community. Information will be taken only at intake. Mariann will bring definitions for updating and educating the Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

1. 125 job applications were taken at the job fair.

1. Meeting adjourned-Sarah May 12:15

Next meeting: Date: November 13, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: 2445 Carmichael Drive, Willow Room, C