Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

February 12, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Chico, California

1. Call to Order- Mark Gordon, Vice Chair

The meeting was called to order by Mark Gordon at 10:12 a.m.

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

A quorum was not established, 4 members were present, and 2 members Patricia Anthony and Patrick Cottini have deceased since last meeting.

Introductions were made around the table.

Members in attendance were: Committee Members: Sarah Okumbe, Mark Gordon, Mariann Ramirez and Talmadge House. Guests were Tina Reszler Adult Services Analyst, Kara Hall Public Authority and James Peck as recording secretary.

1. Minutes discussed from August meeting but not acted upon. November 2018 meeting was cancelled due to the Camp Fire November 8th.
2. Mark lead remembrances around the table for Patricia Anthony who died as a result of the fire and for Patrick Cottini
3. CICA: Mark reported on changes in Paramedic services. Changes are making the process more difficult than simpler and easier. Kara Hall reported that issues have come up about the changes that require going back to the drawing board.
4. DESS: Mariann reported that IHSS has 4,000 clients; 1000 were in the Camp Fire area. The consumer decides where they live; many individuals are in limbo and may be temporarily out of county. If there is a provider in the new county the case is transferred and can be transferred back to Butte if the client moves back into county. A provider can follow their client out of county and Butte will continue to pay that provider. The 1000 displaced are “all over the place”. PA is working with a variety of state agencies to identify housing or protecting them from losing their homes.
5. There was further discussion on the Camp Fire impacts. Kara and Tina lost their homes. Talmadge noted it is important for consumers to have their own emergency plan. Mariann wondered if a county to county emergency plan needs to be worked on. This could be a future agenda item.

EVV was scheduled for a pilot run but was unable to do it because of the fire. Mark raised questions about EVV if the phone system, cell phones and electronic communication is down or unavailable? What back up and alternatives are available to EVV? Mariann said if EVV is not implemented then California would be losing Federal dollars. EVV has advantages to providers and will be implemented.

1. Outreach efforts need to continue for committee membership. The Advisory Committee is set up to be 11 members with a quorum of 6 to take any action. 4 recipient positions are open. An advocacy position is pending BOS approval.
2. Public Comment –no public comment.
3. Adjournment- Mark Gordon Vice Chair

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting: Date: May 14, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: 2445 Carmichael Drive, Willow Room, C