



**In-Home Supportive Services
Public Authority Advisory Committee
of Mariposa County
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MINUTES

Monday, May 13th, 2024

Members Present: Darlene Miles, Dana Hallett, Mary Dempsey & Mary Wilson

Members Absent: Eva Adams - Excused

Union Representative(s): Graciella Lepper

Staff Present: Janet Gass & Jason Allen

Board Of Supervisors (BOS) Liaison(s): Rosemarie Smallcombe

Guest(s): N/A

Recording Secretary: Jason Allen

Call to Order and Introductions: Seeing a quorum, the regular meeting of the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:35PM by Chair Dana Hallett. The Committee proceeded to consider the agenda and the following actions were taken or direction given:

1. Public Comments:

- a. N/A

2. Approvals:

- a. May 13th, 2024 Agenda:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Mary W., with a second by Darlene, to approve the May 13th, 2024 Agenda.

- b. April 8th, 2024 Minutes:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Mary W., with a second by Darlene, to approve the April 8th, 2024 Minutes.

3. UDWA - Union Status Update:

- a. Graciella Lepper introduced herself and mentioned that she plans to continue attending meetings when possible and will exchange contact information with all members present to keep them aware of happenings with IHSS and/or the union.

- b. Mentioned recent lobby visits and efforts to bring awareness about IHSS needs to residents of CA.
- c. Talked about the proposal and launch of a plan for 2030 and onward that outlines the need for support on proposals regarding improving education about IHSS and needed improvements.
- d. Mentioned Provider background check fees which are approximately \$32 and that the union is working towards a removal at the state level. Janet mentioned that Mariposa County has not charged any provider for this service since pre-COVID.
- e. Discussed childcare needs awareness and mentioned that the union is asking the governor to release the full number of childcare slots to be allotted.
- f. Mentioned a provider meeting taking place today, May 13th, 2024, at the Mariposa Library @ 4PM.
- g. Darlene asked about why union representatives have not been present at recent IHSS Advisory Committee meetings and inquired about provider wages being raised to at least meet the wages being given to CA fast food workers. Gracie mentioned that the union has been short staffed and had other obligations though was recently given the okay to begin attending again on a regular basis. Regarding the wage increase, Gracie mentioned that AFSCME, the union that is involved in political campaigns, has been pushing for the

increase in wages but cannot make that decision internally and can only spread awareness of the need to negotiate for higher wages. Did mention that recent victory they claim is the increase of allotted sick time from 24 hours to 40 hours per year.

- h. Discussion was held with Rosemarie around what is needed to have things approved at the board level and how best to convey information and opinions that may attain a majority vote to have desired items approved.
- i. Gracie promised the members present that she can provide instructors for Career Pathways programs in-person in Mariposa County and will work with them directly to get them signed up for courses if desired.

4. New Business:

- a. N/A

5. Board of Supervisors / Agency and Branch Updates:

- a. Rosemarie Smallcombe - Board of Supervisors (BOS):
 - i. Results of research into correlation between Vacation Rentals / Bed and Breakfasts and available housing:
 - 1. Gave and reviewed a handout of a "Short-Term Rental Discussion" presentation that was given to the Board of Supervisors on March 19th. Recommendations resulting from this discussion are outlined at the end of the handout.

2. Discussed that work needs to be done to provide free plans for building Accessory Dwelling Units. At the county level, another discussion will be held in the fall regarding this matter.
3. Gave overview of the CA General Plan Housing Element that spans 2006-2014. Elements of this plan include zoning, traffic, economic development and housing in general. Mariposa County adopted this and added several more elements to this plan to better meet the needs of the community.
4. Discussed recent wildfires; 128 houses were lost in the Detwiler fire and approximately 60-80 houses were lost in the Oak fire.
5. Mentioned that some regular housing units are being lost due to disarray or lack of maintenance that causes them to be inhabitable.
6. Discussion was held around water availability in Mariposa County and the delivery systems in use.

b. Christy – IHSS:

- i. Not present at this meeting.

c. Janet – Public Authority:

- i. Expressed appreciation for IHSS providers and the need to expand our registry provider list. Asked that if anyone is aware of someone who would like to sign up to be a registry provider that they be referred to her. Dana asked about people that are homeless becoming a provider, Janet mentioned they are not disqualified and can be assessed if they

are interested. Discussion was held around qualifications and disqualifications for providers and that Registry Providers have to have a completely clear background check.

ii. Mentioned that the recipient caseload is continuing to grow; new applications are received monthly. Most recipients are responsible for coming with / identifying their provider.

iii. There are approximately 25 current recipients without a provider.

6. Quarterly Stats Update:

a. Coming in June.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: June 10th, 2024.

8. Adjournment: @ 2:48 PM.