



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

Thursday, December 12th, 2024

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

Members Absent: Eva Adams

Union Representative(s): Sandy Moreno

Staff Present: Janet Gass, Jason Allen, Jeff Dilbeck & Jesse Bullis.

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 1:38PM 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. December 12th, 2024 Agenda:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Mary W., with a second by Terry, to approve the December 12th, 2024 Agenda.

b. November 12th, 2024 Minutes:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Mary W., with a second by Terry., to approve the November 12th, 2024 Minutes.

3. UDWA - Union Status Update:

- a. UDW is still working on contract negotiations, they need to close current contracts before starting new ones and Mariposa will be coming soon though no exact date has been established it has been projected for 2025. The current contract expired approximately 1 year ago. Contract will state the exact length of the contract in place. A copy of the contract can be obtained through UDW or on the county website.
- b. Rosemarie asked about collective bargaining transitioning away from the individual counties to the state level, Sandy stated normal operations will be

continued until advised otherwise as no date has been established for switching to statewide bargaining.

- c. Darlene asked about career pathways, Sandy informed her that the program expired in September 2024 and the union had already extended the length as long as possible. Sandy stated she will look into seeing if there are any other training opportunities that can be utilized by providers and will let the committee know.
- d. Darlene inquired about union representation at these meetings, Sandy informed her that UDW is in a transition period with staffing but are planning to provide representation whenever possible.
- e. The last provider appreciation day in Mariposa was held in November 2024.

4. New Business:

- a. N/A

5. Board of Supervisors / Agency and Branch Updates:

- a. Rosemarie Smallcombe - Board of Supervisors (BOS):
 - i. Discussed California State Association of Counties (CSAC) involvement in IHSS collective bargaining, can share info about joining their meetings if anyone is interested. Rosemarie reached out to CSAC a while back and was informed the stakeholder group had not yet been formed, she will reach back out and try to get more information about

when the group was or will be established as well as inquire about IHSS providers joining in order to represent and have their voices heard

- ii. Regarding legislation about revamping services to seniors and disabled persons, input from Sydney Forga was given about the California Department of Aging having trouble moving forward with establishing new processes and making a definitive choice about how to move forward. The main idea posed would be to cease being a part of the Joint Powers of Authority (JPA) under Area 12 Agency on Aging (A12AA) and beginning to cover those services provided by them at the county level. Dana voiced that she is concerned that the county would be unable to provide the same level of services and care that Area 12 is currently providing. One major benefit of leaving the JPA would be the removal of costs associated with reporting and processing of contacts and services with A12AA and those funds being able to be better utilized to put back into programs meant to help the senior and disabled populations. Rosemarie posed that Sydney be invited to the next meeting so further discussion can be held and concerns can be expressed properly before a final decision is made, Jason will share meeting details with her.

b. Janet – Public Authority:

- i. Mariposa IHSS has a new Deputy Director Jeff Dilbeck, a new Social Worker Supervisor Jesse Bullis and a new Social Worker 1 Chiashi Vang.
- ii. Mariposa IHSS continues to see fewer providers than those needing services and is continuing to try to build our list of registry providers to meet the continually growing need.
- iii. Janet's schedule has been affected by personal matters, Jason is beginning to train to provide backup for immediate needs when she is unavailable.
- iv. Janet expressed that staffing of IHSS has seen multiple changes in the recent past and staff is working to be as flexible as possible in order ensure services are still provided. Some practices may be streamlined in order to simplify processes, but staff will do everything they can to maintain a high quality of services.

6. Quarterly Stats Update: Due in January

7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: January 9th, 2025.

8. Adjournment: @ 2:41PM.