



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

Monday, August 14th, 2023

Members Present: Darlene Miles, DH, & Mark Pina

Members Absent: Mary Wilson – Excused & Eva Adams - Excused

Union Representative(s): N/A

Staff Present: Christy McCarthy, Janet Gass & Jason Allen

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

Guest(s): Mary Dempsey

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 1:38M by Chair DH. 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. August 14th, 2023 Agenda:

i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Darlene, with a second by Mark, to approve the August 14th, 2023 agenda.

b. July 10th, 2023 Minutes:

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3. UDWA - Union Status Update:

a. N/A

4. New Business:

a. N/A

5. Updates

a. Rosemarie Smallcombe - Board of Supervisors (BOS):

i. Regarding the 2030 Steering Committee, Rosemarie shared the following: Surveys were sent to specific community members on 7/7/23. Open participation begins on 8/14/23 for anyone who is above 60, considered disabled or is a provider of services. The questions /

information on the surveys was pulled from multiple different facets of our community and the different agencies involved.

- ii. Rosemarie inquired about gaps in our senior and aging communities that members of this committee experience or recognize in their daily lives. Jason mentioned the ongoing needs for housing and transportation. Janet mentioned needing help with mitigating isolation and expressed a desire for a whole person care approach and improved advocacy for recipients in a mental health situation. Mark mentioned the Career Pathways, classes that are offered to providers to help them be better equipped to deal with various situations including some of those caused by poor mental health and isolation. The idea of using “Wait Time” in order to better converse and check in with their recipients was brought up, Christy mentioned that this is possibly crossing the line of a healthy boundary between the two and is likely not an option.
- iii. Mary Dempsey brought up a need for improved help with attaining mobility resources that allow for more independence such as bathroom aid devices, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, grab bars, etc. Mary said she was not getting anywhere with Area 12 Agency on Aging and Rosemarie offered to investigate it. It was also mentioned that one can inquire with the Senior Center, a primary Care Provider or the Disability Resources Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL) for alternative options.

- iv. Per Rosemarie, since the bargaining for IHSS has moved to the state level, any ideas or complaints regarding IHSS can be sent to the union and all stakeholders.

b. Christy – IHSS:

- i. Mariposa In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) currently has 305 recipients and are averaging 9-12 new applications per month.
- ii. Will have information on IHSS and Public Authority (PA) available at the fair and IHSS expects an uptick in apps because of it.
- iii. IHSS is hiring a new SW soon.

c. Janet – Public Authority:

- i. Held discussion and answered general questions about the Electronic Visit Verification check-in and check-out process.
- ii. Currently have approximately 50 registry providers and actively working to recruit new ones.
- iii. Mentioned a desire to change monthly registry provider check-ins to a text message format as opposed to an email format.

6. Financial Update: Coming in October

7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: September 11th, 2023

8. Adjournment: @ 2:36 PM