



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

Monday, June 12th, 2023

Members Present: DH, Eva Adams & Darlene Miles.

Members Absent: Mark Pina – Excused & Mary Wilson – Excused

Union Representative(s): N/A

Staff Present: Christy McCarthy, 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 DH. The Committee proceeded to consider the agenda and the following actions were taken or direction given:

1. Public Comments: N/A

2. Approvals:

a. June 12th, 2023 Agenda:

i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Eva, with a second by Darlene, to approve the June 12th, 2023 agenda.

b. April 10th, 2023 Minutes:

i. Rosemarie commented that the title “2023 Steering Committee” needed to be changed to the correct title of “2030 Steering Committee.” This has been implemented.

ii. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Eva, with a second by Darlene, to approve the April 10th, 2023 Minutes.

3. UDWA - Union Status Update:

a. N/A

4. Old Business:

a. N/A

5. New Business:

a. Darlene inquired about how best to track time as a provider in the new Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system. Janet provided Darlene with a run-down on how it will work.

- b. DH inquired about creating a requirement for Social Workers to not wear any fragrances / perfumes / colognes when visiting a client's home. Per Christy and Janet, it is not something we will be able to mandate but if a need is expressed, the social workers are more than willing to accommodate on a case-by-case situation when possible and appropriate.
- c. DH inquired about providers that have a felony charge on their record and was wondering if there is a way to still utilize them. Per Janet, Recipients can sign a waiver for specific felonies, generally fraud against a government program, child or elder abuse will disqualify a provider. If it has been more than 10 years, the charges will not be considered when becoming a provider.

6. Updates

- a. Rosemarie Smallcombe - Board of Supervisors (BOS):
 - i. The 2030 Steering committee is continuing its previous efforts.
Interviews with stakeholders have been completed. Polco has sent out a survey (one that is separate from the Community Health Assessment" to a predetermined control group. After 4 weeks with the control group, the survey will be opened to everyone.
 - ii. AB1672:
 - 1. This bill would expand the definition of "public employer," for purposes of those provisions, to include an employer who is subject to the In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act, which the bill would create. The bill would establish a method for resolving disputes regarding wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment

between the state and recognized employee organizations representing independent providers. The bill would provide for the right of employees, also known as individual providers under the act, to form, join, and participate in activities of employee organizations for the purposes of representation on all matters within the scope of employee organizations. The bill would define “employee” or “individual provider” for these purposes to mean a person authorized to provide in-home supportive services pursuant to the individual provider mode or waiver personal care services, as prescribed.

2. For purposes of collective bargaining, the bill would deem the state to be the employer of record of individual providers in each county. The bill would grant the in-home supportive services recipient with the right to hire, fire, and supervise the work of the individual providers providing services to them. Among other things, the bill would specify that individual providers employed by a predecessor agency before the effective date of the act shall retain employee status and not be required by the state to requalify to receive payment for providing in-home supportive services. More info to come in June 2024.
- iii. The board recently approved a contract with A12AA to provide services for Seniors and Disabled Adults.
- iv. Gave a run down on the Community Information Exchange and how it will benefit the different parties involved.

- v. Explained that Public Works has completed a draft of an ADA report and is working on forming a committee to review it.

b. Christy – IHSS:

- i. Still recruiting for Registry Providers.
- ii. Sending the monthly check-ins, this may help ID new registry providers.
- iii. Experiencing internal staff changes, Glenda Polancos promoted to a different team, Rachel Lowe was hired as new Social worker for IHSS, still working on hiring one more Social worker.
- iv. IHSS currently has 308 cases and 7-9 new applications are being received each month.

c. Janet – Public Authority:

- i. Provided a Q&A sheet on the EVV and explained that she hopes the transition will be smooth and stated that she will be available to help individuals to identify how this affects them and what they will need to do moving forward.
- ii. No update has been provided on Career Pathways. The program is a pilot and is set to end in December 2023. Currently waiting to hear if it will be continued or made permanent.

- 7. Financial Update: Coming in July 2023
- 8. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: July 10th, 2023
- 9. Adjournment: @ 2:57 PM