



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

Monday, January 10th, 2022

Video Conference

Members Present: Dana Hallett, Eva Adams and Mary Wilson

Members Absent: Not applicable

Union Representative: Kadou Xiong, Graciela Lepper and Luis Morales

Staff Present: Christy McCarthy, Janet Gass, Jason Allen and Terri Peresan

BOS Liaisons: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Guest(s): Matt Hespenheide, Don Fox and Laura Conger

Recording Secretary: Jason Allen

Call to Order and Introductions: Dana called the meeting to order at 1:32PM. Roll call completed by Rosemarie.

1. Public Comments:

- a. Matt Hespenheide - American's Disability Act (ADA) Coordinator:
 - i. Matt was recently appointed as the Mariposa County ADA coordinator.
 - ii. In simple terms, the job of the ADA coordinator is to make sure we are in full ADA compliance and to ensure services at the county level have as few restraints as possible. The goal is to create a no-wrong-door approach.
 - iii. There has been a renewed interest in ADA programs due in part to the fact that current projects contain a lot of pedestrian work.
 - iv. Matt is working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain a consultant that would help with Title-III work requirements. Don Fox expressed that he would like to review the RFP, Matt will send it to him after this meeting. Feedback on the RFP will be opened to the community. Several public meetings will be held in order to collect as much public comment as possible.
 - v. Matt is unsure what programs will be focused on first regarding ADA, but Parks and Recreation and Senior Services are being considered. Currently working on the creek parkway. A Downtown

Revitalization project and a Safe Routes school project that will put sidewalks on Bullion Street will be started soon. More information on new projects will be shared as it becomes available.

- vi. Future ADA committee may be needed. Eva expressed interest in joining said ADA committee when/if it is formed.
- vii. Dana asked about outreach via a newspaper article, Matt said that has been considered and will be published when the RFP public comment meetings begin.

2. Approval of January 10, 2022 Agenda:

- a. Mary made a motion to approve. Eva seconded. Eva, Mary and Dana approved. Motion was carried.

3. Approval of December 13, 2021 Minutes: **(Attachment A)**

- a. Mary made a motion to approve. Eva seconded. Eva, Mary and Dana approved. Motion was carried.

4. UDWA - Union Status Update:

- a. Legislative Priorities –
 - i. Extend time allowed for using paid COVID-19 sick leave.
 - ii. Obtain a 1-time funding for recipients to receive pay for work during disaster situations.

5. Old Business:

- a. Not applicable.

6. New Business:

- a. Not applicable.

7. Committee Goals:

- a. Continue recruiting efforts and fill all member vacancies.
- 8. Committee Concerns:
 - a. Not applicable.
- 9. Updates:
 - a. BOS Update - Rosemarie Smallcombe:
 - i. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on 1/18/22 at 2PM, the director of HHSA will be presenting on Systems of Care (SOC).
 - ii. Rosemarie will be sending information on the SOC to Jason who will send to the rest of the committee.
 - b. Governor's Master Plan on Aging:
 - i. Not applicable.
 - c. Agency and Branch Updates:
 - i. Financial Update - Christy:
 - 1. Quarterly financial information was sent to members via email before the start of the meeting.
 - 2. Regarding new applications in the end of 2021, October had 11, November had 7 and December had 3. Mariposa IHSS was previously seeing about 4-6 per month.
 - 3. Mariposa IHSS has completed 100% of reassessments that are due compared to a statewide rate of only 93.8%.
 - 4. Remaining financial update information was expressed verbally.
 - ii. Public Authority – Janet:

1. All providers were required to be fully vaccinated. California now requires that providers have their booster by 2/1/22. All providers have been formally informed. This is to be monitored and enforced by the recipient, recipients can allow medical or faith-based exemptions if they wish to do so.
2. Direct deposit for all providers is required by 7/1/22. Reloadable debit cards will be offered for those without a bank account. Bank information for direct deposits can be entered through the client portal. Janet will be getting info on what will happen for those not meeting the deadline and will share. For more information, reach out to UDW.
3. Providers who worked through COVID months in 2021 are receiving \$500 hazard pay disbursements. Payments are coming directly from the state.

10. Financial Update:

- a. Coming in February 2022.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

- a. February 14, 2022.

12. Adjournment:

- a. At 2:31PM.