



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

Friday, June 13th, 2025

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

Members Absent: Eva Adams & TerryLie DeBeck

Union Representative(s): Graciella Lepper

Staff Present: Janet Gass & Jesse Bullis

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

Guest(s): N/A

Recording Secretary: Jesse Bullis

Call to Order and Introductions: Seeing a quorum, the regular meeting of the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:47PM 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. June 13th, 2025 Agenda:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Mary W., with a second by Mary D. to approve the June 13th, 2025 Agenda.

b. May 9th, 2025 Minutes:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Mary W., with a second by Mary D. to approve the May 9th, 2025 Minutes.

3. UDWA - Union Status Update:

- a. Proposed changes to IHSS budget cuts, reduction of overtime cap
- b. Union took 143 providers, marched and rallied in Sacramento
 - i. Legislature rejected all proposed cuts to IHSS, but the bill (AB 283) is moving forward in the legislature.
- c. Will be giving update calls to providers to inform of trainings at the library
- d. 40 hours of sick leave, not used by 6/30/2025, there will be no roll over. New allocation is set to be available 7/1/2025 for eligible providers.
- e. Darlene Miles asked if college assistance available to provider's grandchildren

i. Gracie – Not able to say at this time

4. New Business:

a. N/A

5. Board of Supervisors / Agency and Branch Updates:

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

i. Budget discussions early this month – approved the budget

1. Expenditures should match expected revenues, should not have to cut any positions. Focus on increasing productivity

2. When positions are lost, will be evaluated to determine if they are necessary to refill. We need to manage our operations carefully.

3. A lot of counties around the country are having to cut staff.

ii. Took a tour of reps from Senator Alvarado and Zanjiba (spelling?)

1. We need to keep our reserves up so staff can be paid in the event of a major disaster.

iii. Met with Area 12 last Thursday – approved a number of contracts necessary for Area 12's operations, including Mariposa. Set for another year.

iv. Lots of new legislation proposed at the State level

v. Dana – President wanting to look at firefighting abilities?

1. Rosemarie- executive order issued yesterday

- a. Forest Service that reports to secretary of agriculture will now be coordinating with bureau of land management.

On the tour, Brian Mattos (forester for our region) CalFire, Fire Safe Council, Southern Sierra Miwuk also present.

Shows partnership unlike has been seen in the past.

Hope to increase fuel break projects funded.

vi. Dana – will forest service be handed to someone else

- 1. Rosemarie – Forest service talking with CalFire and non-profits.

Unknown what will happen.

- 2. Dana – Forest service being left out of the conversation

- 3. Rosemarie – they are working with the department of the interior. We need to focus on partnerships in these uncertain times. Try to champion important projects to make do with available funding. May end up relying as IGTs from USDA.

vii. Mariposa CHP merging with neighboring counties? Will it effect efficiency?

- 1. Rosemarie – We do not have a CHP commander of our own.

CHP determined they will not be refilling that position.

Direction will come from the Oakhurst office. Trying to utilize resources already available moving forward.

viii. DMV budget cuts? Only currently open 2 days a week

1. Rosemarie – Not sure, separate agency from CHP.

ix. Rosemarie – Mariposa County population shrinking – lost about 1,000 people from the last census. County making efforts to expand services to underserved populations in Mariposa County (North County). What can we do to revive our population to counteract this? Board approved either this past Tuesday or the Tuesday before that; \$7 million to build a bridge to access Creekside. Looking for partners to build more apartments down there.

1. Questions about development may be directed to Planning Dept. perhaps they can be invited to future meetings to answer these questions. Looking for ways to construct affordable housing and middle-class housing closer to town. Also looking to expand bus services to transport people to/from work. Trying to attract developers for these projects. Planning commission working hard to update Title 16 & 17. These have to do with zoning and development. Focused on housing solutions, looking to broaden the scope of what is considered sufficient

housing ("park homes", tiny homes, etc). Trying to expand options for building homes. In talks about the County not having enough housing to fill open positions – applies to the Park Service and JCF also. Cannot hire a Librarian due to lack of affordable housing.

x. Dana – have duplexes been approved in the County?

1. Rosemarie – will ask about that. Planning Dept looking into that as an option. Looking into ADU (accessory dwelling units) and JADU (junior accessory dwelling units). Discussing expanding the "park model".

a. Tiny home communities – there is one in Tulare County.

Rosemarie will be reaching out to that county to see how we can bring this option here.

xi. Rosemarie – speaking with other supervisors about land that the County owns and ways that we can develop it in useful ways.

b. Janet – Public Authority (PA):

i. Not much new to report. Had an enrollment session on 6/11/2025, no new registry providers. Caseload increasing in size, trying to recruit providers to keep up. Working closely with APS. Area 12 continues their efforts to assist as well.

c. Jesse – IHSS Social Worker Supervisor:

- i. Caseload increasing, in step with the rest of the State due to aging baby boomers.

6. Quarterly Stats Update:

- a. Due July 2025.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: July 11th, 2025.

8. Adjournment: @ 2:50 PM.