



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

Friday, November 14th, 2025

Members Present: Dana Hallett, Darlene Miles, Eva Adams & Mary Wilson

Members Absent: Mary Dempsey

Union Representative(s): N/A

Staff Present: Janet Gass & Jesse Bullis

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

Guest(s): Linda Pribyl – Commission on Aging

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 1:35M by 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. November 14th, 2025, Agenda:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion to approve November 14th, 2025, Agenda.

- b. October 10th, 2025, Minutes:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion to approve October 10th, 2025, Minutes.

3. UDWA - Union Status Update – The following info was shared via email:

- a. Shared flyers with updated Dental and Vision information, along with the latest flyer on Gateway to Citizen Initiative.
- b. Held annual Mariposa Provider Appreciation Day on 11/13 at Miner's Roadhouse from 11-2pm. Had a total of 27 members attending along with 10 guests. Hosted raffles, food, swag, music and great conversations.

- c. The union is getting ready for the Gubernatorial Townhall taking place Sunday 11/16/25 at Merced Office located at 2935 Business Parkway, Merced, CA from 11-5pm.

4. New Business:

- a. Ethics training:

- i. Eva was given a packet on ethics training to complete.

- b. Merger With Commission on Aging:

- i. If the COA and the IHSSAC were to merge, it may be beneficial.

SB1249 passed and Rosemarie has discussed the implications with both committees. It is primarily focused on seniors and individuals with disabilities. Do we continue the conversation as two separate committees or just one combined one? Focus will be on what the state is doing and how it impacts seniors/disabled individuals. County staff would have a supportive role in for both committees/new combined one. Linda mentioned having separate agenda items for seniors and disabled folks. Dana asked about monthly vs quarterly meetings. There are a couple things that the committees diverge on: having UDW updates.

- c. Public Authority Presentation:

- i. Rosemarie asked Janet to present what the IHSSAC is and what its intended role is. There are organizational vs informational goals that are unclear. Current bylaws require there is identification of the goals of these committees; what might our combined goals be? We need input from members of the IHSSAC and COA. Both are intended to get input from seniors and disabled people and ensure their needs are met.
- ii. Janet dispersed IHSSAC bylaws to review the purpose and intention of the IHSSAC. Rarely have new business and have not been particularly productive, no suggestions to update/improve processes. Janet is the Public Authority (PA) which is its own entity separate from the County and the only member of it in Mariposa County. Has learned over the years about all the roles of the PA; payroll assistance, enrollment, linking to recipients, hands on 1 on 1 assistance with the online portal, explaining rules to the providers, their roles and what tasks are authorized and what aren't. Most providers are family members, but registry providers are most important as they can be referred out to those that have no one that can assist them.
- iii. Rosemarie – An elderly person that can't cook their own meals, does IHSS still provide services if they receive meals on wheels? Per Janet & Jesse in some instances, we remove time for meals provided through "alternative resources". This is helpful, because IHSS provides assistance that other

resources cannot and they work together, it makes sense to combine the IHSSCA and COA.

- iv. Eva – if a recipient has a provider and they need more help or help with things that IHSS does not cover, can they hire a provider and pay them out of pocket? Yes, they can.
- v. Darlene Miles – What are the expected responsibilities of committee members? Janet explained they are to be presenting ideas for improvement to the board of supervisors.
- vi. Jesse – gave an example of what an appropriate actionable item might look like: Committee members hear from the community, they would bring it up at a meeting and ask county staff about it, staff would report out on what they know about it, committee members would ask how we might prevent/reduce fraud, staff would provide options, committee would ask that the next meeting would have an item on the agenda to present to the board of supervisors to make an ask to improve (more funding, more positions, etc).
- vii. Discussion and possible direction for staff to create a recommendation for the board of supervisors with respect to the administration of Public Authority. Janet and Jesse will put together some data on PA and how it has changed – how have the responsibilities changed? Will invite the members of the Commission on Aging to the next meeting (or vice versa).

5. Board of Supervisors / Agency and Branch Updates:

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

- i. Sat in at the last Commission on Aging (COA) meeting, it was discussed that maybe that commission should merge with the IHSS Advisory Committee (IHSSAC). Discussed this idea with Jesse Bullis and Janet Gass. The Public Authority was created to provide support for IHSS providers and belongs to IHSS. The County needs to acknowledge that they have a responsibility to IHSS/providers.
- ii. State is moving finalizing recommendations for Statewide bargaining with UDW/IHSS providers wages/benefits. It seems that it will happen and no additional legislation is required. COA would like to receive updates on IHSS barriers, how to receive services and how to advocate for those populations.

b. Janet – Public Authority (PA):

- i. N/A

c. Jesse – IHSS Social Worker Supervisor:

- i. N/A

6. Quarterly Stats Update:

- a. Due January 2026.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: December 12th, 2025.

8. Adjournment: 3:30PM.