



Commission on Aging of Mariposa County
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MINUTES

Friday, January 9, 2026

IN-PERSON MEETING

Location:

Mariposa County Senior Center
5246 Spriggs Lane, Mariposa, CA
95338

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Completed at 1:45 PM by Candy O'Donel-Browne.
 - a. **HHSA Staff Members** - Jason Allen & Lydia Arre
 - b. **Voting Members Present** – Candy O'Donel-Browne, Linda Pribyl, Nina Rhodes & Don Fox
 - c. **Absent:** N/A
 - d. **BOS Representative** – Rosemarie Smallcombe
 - e. **Guests** – N/A
2. **Public Comments:**
 - a. N/A
3. **Approval of October 22, 2025 Minutes:**
 - a. Tabled to the next meeting.
4. **Merger With Commission on Aging:**
 - a. The main topic at hand in this section is the proposal that there be a combining of the IHSS

Advisory Committee with the Commission on Aging. The following topics were discussed regarding this matter:

- b. There is a statutory requirement for IHSS committee and no requirement for COA. IHSS PA connection has to continue in some fashion.
 - Janet was asked to give an overview of the Public Authority (PA) role again for better understanding of the role by all present:
 - PA is required to exist as a part of the IHSS program.
 - Main functions are to maintain the counties registry provider list and support all providers with payroll.
 - Only registry providers can be referred out by the PA and registry providers have the following requirements: Have a running vehicle, a current registration, a valid driver's license, a clean driving record printout and a clean background check. Standard providers are generally a friend or family member and do not have the same requirements to become a provider. A standard provider can have waivable offenses while a registry provider cannot.
1. Approximately 40 people on the list of registry providers, most of these are already referred out meaning the majority of this 40 are not able to work any more hours.
2. A reason for merging is the overlap of discussion between COA and IHSS

regarding disabled and elderly adults.

3. Cuts at federal level will have implications for populations served by both COA and IHSS. Topics of the CA 2030 steering committee meetings were access to services, in home services, legal matters, nutrition, clear evidence of the current economic standing, wellness prospects and the population of caregivers. Working with caregiver population was an important aspect looked at by the CA 2030 committee, for folks unable to care for themselves caregiver support is needed. There is a huge overlap in the CA 2030 initiatives in the context of both the IHSS and COA committees.
4. In December 2025 California State Association of Counties (CSAC) reached out because California Department of Aging (CDA) gave a presentation on the interstate funding formula, topics include: State monies for different counties for support for aging and caregiver populations, proposal given in October eliminating a waiting factor for geographically distant populations (which is a huge portion of Mariposa's population and a proposal on funding to different Area Agencies on Aging. Regarding area agencies on aging a need to ensure consistency of delivery of services across all area agencies on aging has been established. The interstate funding formula proposal presented showed a higher amount of funding to areas that are late on reporting as opposed to small and consistent counties / areas.
5. On the IHSS side Medical is a requirement to receive IHSS services. Need to

think about who is being served, what is climate like at state level regarding funding available and willingness to take suggestions. Mariposa is small, there is a need to pull together to represent a larger portion it's population.

6. Requested that a discussion is held around the purpose of both groups and try to identify the overlap. Bylaws of both groups will be sent to all and both groups will collaborate on a Venn Diagram at next meeting to clearly outline, similarities and differences.

5. **Adjournment:** 3:45PM

6. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** February 13, 2026 at 1:30PM.