



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

Friday, January 9th, 2026

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

Members Absent: N/A

Union Representative(s): Graciella Lepper

Staff Present: Janet Gass, Jason Allen & Jesse Bullis

Board Of Supervisors (BOS) Liaison: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Guest(s): Candy O'Donel-Browne, Don Fox, Linda Pribyl & Nina Rhodes –
Commission on Aging

Recording Secretary: Jason Allen

Call to Order and Introductions: Seeing a quorum for both groups, the regular meeting of the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:37PM by Dana Hallett and the requested joint meeting with the Commission on Aging was called to order at 1:52PM. The In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee proceeded to consider the agenda, and the following actions were taken or direction given:

1. Public Comments:

- a. N/A

2. Approvals:

- a. January 9th, 2026, Agenda:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion to approve January 9th, 2026, Agenda.

- b. November 14th, 2025, Minutes:

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

3. UDWA - Union Status Update –

- a. Hired new regional manager.
- b. Flyer for Electronics workshop has been created and distributed.
- c. Will share info on updated area on agency meetings.

- d. Offering dental and vision plans to providers, starting as low as \$17.56 per month.
- e. Finished first round for pathway to citizenship program, second round starting in February.
- f. Moving forward with a pathway for college program, classes on zoom, pilot classes at Jr. College in San Diego, working with Merced College to establish courses for AA and BA degrees.
- g. Union at approximately 220,000 members.
- h. Darlene asked about county being unable to refer someone that is not on registry, can the union refer one instead? The union is unable to; only registry providers can be referred by the Public Authority specifically. Gracie mentioned that area agency meetings are a good opportunity for providers and recipients to connect.
- i. Eva asked how long a provider can stay active without claiming time, up to 12 months. Also asked about a backup provider, backup providers are referred through the registry by the Public Authority.

4. New Business:

- a. Merger With Commission on Aging:

- 1. 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:

a. There is a statutory requirement for IHSS committee and no requirement for COA. IHSS PA connection has to continue in some fashion.

b. Janet was asked to give an overview of the Public Authority (PA) role again for better understanding of the role by all present:

i. PA is required to exist as a part of the IHSS program.

ii. Main functions are to maintain the counties registry provider list and support all providers with payroll.

iii. 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.

- iv. 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.
- c. A reason for merging is the overlap of discussion between COA and IHSS regarding disabled and elderly adults.
- d. 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.

- e. 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.
- f. 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.

g. 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.

b. Discussed proper process for making suggestions and recommendations to the board.

c. Adding an item to next agenda regarding a recommendation to the board to provide additional help to the public authority position utilizing recently awarded underutilized funding.

d. Adding a standing item on agendas about discussing content of future agendas as a group, including any potential recommendations to the board.

e. Ethics training:

i. Reminder given that Eva and Mary D. given a packet on ethics training to complete, need to finish and turn in the certification.

5. Board of Supervisors / Agency and Branch Updates:

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

- i. N/A

- b. Janet – Public Authority (PA):

- i. N/A

- c. Jesse – IHSS Social Worker Supervisor:

- i. N/A

- 6. Quarterly Stats Update:

- a. Printouts given to all present.

- 7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: February 13th, 2026.

- 8. Adjournment: @ 3:45PM