



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

Monday, December 11th, 2023

Members Present: Darlene Miles, DH, Mark Pina, Mary Dempsey & Mary Wilson

Members Absent: Eva Adams

Union Representative(s): N/A

Staff Present: Christy McCarthy, Janet Gass, Jason Allen & Rachel Lowe

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

Guest(s): N/A

Recording Secretary: Jason Allen

Call to Order and Introductions: Seeing a quorum, the regular meeting of the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:33PM by Chair DH. 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. December 11th, 2023 Agenda:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Mary W. with a second by Darlene to approve the December 11th, 2023 agenda.

b. November 13th, 2023 Minutes:

- i. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Mary W., with a second by Darlene, to approve the November 13th, 2023 Minutes.

3. UDWA - Union Status Update:

- a. N/A

4. New Business:

- a. Darlene asked if career pathways will continue past 2023, per Janet it will go until December of 2024. It was mentioned that people tend to have a hard time signing up for career pathway courses and sometimes are getting multiple languages in a single course. Janet suggested people call the help

line number for assistance. Christy asked that members report to staff which courses this is happening with so staff can investigate it.

- b. Mary D. mentioned seeing discussion on Facebook about IHSS hourly rates going up in January 2024 and asked how one would find information for Mariposa Counties' hourly rate. Per Janet and Rosemarie, the rate is negotiated between the IHSS provider union United Domestic Workers (UDW) and the county and there is no current plan to increase Mariposa's rate as the current/previous contract ran out in 2022 and UDW is working on establishing a new one. Rosemarie mentioned that rates are determined via a review of surrounding and comparable counties rates.

5. Board of Supervisors / Agency and Branch Updates:

- a. Rosemarie Smallcombe - Board of Supervisors (BOS):
 - i. The formation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) committee has been approved and is looking for members. Information on the committee's scope as well as membership requirements and how to sign-up was sent to all IHSS committee members on 12/11/23. Matt Hespenheide, the county's ADA coordinator, has been working on a transition plan to provide specific steps the county can take to come into better compliance with ADA guidelines. For more information one should reach out to Matt H. with Public Works @ 209-966-5356.
 - ii. A report outlining the accomplishments of the 2030 Steering Committee will be coming in Early 2024. The committee looked at many different factors that influence the provision of services to both

seniors and disabled persons. Looked at our communities' changing demographics and what are the largest needs for maintaining independence as an elderly or disabled adult. Rosemarie will share the final report with Jason to be disbursed to committee members when it is available.

b. Christy – IHSS:

- i. Rachel Lowe and Humberto Frausto have joined the team each as a Social Worker I. The team is fully staffed for the first time in a while.
- ii. IHSS caseload is currently at approximately 320 cases.
- iii. December saw 4 IHSS applications received. Currently seeing a dip in numbers due to the time of year, it generally picks up after holidays.
- iv. Quarterly and Financial reports will be shared and reviewed by the committee in January 2024.

c. Janet – Public Authority:

- i. Been keeping an eye on social media regarding IHSS, seeing a trend of providers reporting that they are getting checks late.
- ii. Next IHSS enrollment meeting is on 12/13/23 and has 10 people on the list.

6. Financial Update: Coming in January 2024

7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: January 8th, 2024

8. Adjournment: @ 2:15 PM