

MENDOCINO COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 ~ 1:00 pm
Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency
Social Services Branch, 472 E Valley Street, Atlantic Conference Room

IHSS Advisory Committee Members

Mendocino County Staff

<i>P</i>	Raleigh Page-Russell ~ Chair	SEAT: <i>IHSS Advocate</i>	<i>P</i>	Kim Andrews ~ Public Authority Supervisor
<i>E</i>	Elizabeth Santos ~ Vice Chair	SEAT: <i>IHSS Advocate</i>	<i>P</i>	Jody Johnston ~ IHSS Program Manager
<i>E</i>	Priscilla Tarver	SEAT: <i>IHSS Advocate</i>	<i>P</i>	Phyllis Faahs ~ IHSS Advisory Committee Secretary
<i>P</i>	Danyelle Chamberlain	SEAT: <i>IHSS Provider</i>		
<i>P</i>	Debra Bryant	SEAT: <i>IHSS Provider</i>		INVITED GUESTS:
<i>E</i>	Donna Patterson	SEAT: <i>IHSS Recipient</i>	<i>P</i>	Raul Gardea ~ SEIU Local 2015: Provider's Union
<i>P</i>	Maria Brook	SEAT: <i>IHSS Recipient</i>		
	OPEN SEAT:	<i>Current or Former ~ IHSS Recipient</i>		PUBLIC ATTENDEES:
	OPEN SEAT:	<i>Current or Former ~ IHSS Recipient</i>	<i>P</i>	Ramona Maurer, MS / SCM ~ Community Care / MSSP
	OPEN SEAT:	<i>Current or Former ~ IHSS Recipient</i>		
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P = Present ~ A = Absent ~ E = Excused

1. Announcements:

Danyele Chamberlain apprised the committee of some disabled residents that live in a mobile home park that were ordered to clean clutter from their yards to avoid eviction. The group discussed trying to get them help through various community resources.

2. Approval of the December 6, 2017 Minutes:

Maria Brook motioned to approve the minutes with the correction of the 1:35 adjournment time. It was 2:35. Danyele Chamberlain seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved. Minutes were approved.

3. CICA:(California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance):

Kim Andrews announced the upcoming sick leave for providers is starting July 1st. The ACL (All County Letter) is out.

4. IHSS Advisory Committee Projects: Raleigh asked the group to have another Ad-Hoc meeting to work on their projects.

- ❖ **IHSS Book Markers:** Please use the outline/worksheet to put down some ideas and we will work on them at the ad-hoc meeting.
- ❖ **Newsletter:** A theme focus and specific topics for the newsletter was discussed. Diabetes, Cooling Stations, and Scams will be a couple of the issues addressed.
- ❖ **Specific Ideas for Training:** Write down a topic, a reference or training that we can bring to fruition.
- ❖ **Ad-Hoc committee at Maria Book's house:** Everyone do their research and write down your ideas on the outline Raleigh provided and bring them to the Ad-hoc meeting.
- ❖ **Recruitment:** Tabled

5. Mock IHSS Assessment / Interview: Kim Andrews and Jody Johnston gave an example of what an IHSS re-assessment would be like in the field. Kim handed out several forms used by Social Workers when re-assessing a recipient.

6. SEIU Local 2015: Raul Garcia ~ California's Homecare Crisis ~ SEIU Local 2015 has been addressing the current Homecare Crisis. Raul pointed out these items of concern:

- ❖ The turnover of home care workers is 33% and with the low wages it makes it difficult to attain good workers.
- ❖ The "Silver Tsunami" that is coming will require more workers.
- ❖ Homecare workers deserve more pay than a hamburger stand.

Raul said there are elections coming up to elect a new Governor and County Supervisors. Please get involved. If you are a union member the union offers dental, vision, accidental death and dismemberment, and car insurance for providers.

7. Public Authority Report: ~ Kim Andrews announced that this fiscal year we held 134 orientations with 276 attending county wide and 73 applied for the registry. Since July, 2017, 801 providers have been attached to recipients. Just this last month Ukiah had 55 new applications for recipient services.

8. Public Comment: No Comment

9. Review of Topics for the Next Agenda:

- ❖ **IHSS Advisory Committee Projects.**

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm by Chair Raleigh Page-Russell. The next meeting will be April 4, 2018 at Willits in the Atlantic room.