

MENDOCINO COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Wednesday, April 4, 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

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| P | Raleigh Page-Russell ~ Chair | SEAT: <i>IHSS Advocate</i> | P | Kim Andrews ~ Public Authority Supervisor |
| P | Elizabeth Santos ~ Vice Chair | SEAT: <i>IHSS Advocate</i> | P | Kelsey Rivera ~ Deputy Director Adult & Aging Services |
| P | Priscilla Tarver | SEAT: <i>IHSS Advocate</i> | P | Phyllis Faahs ~ IHSS Advisory Committee Secretary |
| P | Danyelle Chamberlain | SEAT: <i>IHSS Provider</i> | | |
| P | Debra Bryant | SEAT: <i>IHSS Provider</i> | | INVITED GUESTS: |
| P | Maria Brook | SEAT: <i>IHSS Recipient</i> | P | Raul Gardea ~ SEIU Local 2015: Provider's Union |
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P = Present ~ A = Absent ~ E = Excused

1. Announcements: The meeting was called to order at 1:10.

Danyele Chamberlain: told the committee of some good resources for provider trainings. Danyele also discussed recruitment possibilities for Providers and IHSS Advisory Committee members. Danyele provided an outline and list of resources.

Priscilla Tarver: Priscilla feels that the committee should have an article interviewing a provider on the front page of the newspaper instead of the events page. The purpose is to inform people of the program. Most people in general do not know that it exists.

Debra Bryant: Provided an article she wrote. She also talked about a community fan page where she can post information.

Elizabeth Santos: Elizabeth said that other places are paying providers \$20 dollars an hour and some are being paid \$35. She feels that the IHSS community needs more pay for providers or it is going to be increasingly more difficult to find providers.

Raleigh Page-Russell: Announced that she is resigning from being Chair of the IHSS Advisory Committee. Nominations will be held at the next meeting.

2. Approval of the February 7, 2018 Minutes: Danyele Chamberlain motioned to approve the minutes, Elizabeth Santos seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved. Minutes were approved.

3. CICA: (California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance): Kim Andrews said there are two topics to mention. 1. EVC: Electronic Verification Certification, 2. Public Authority budgets are going to get cut 26%. We won't know the full amount until the May revise. Public Authority is responsible for orientations, trainings, and recruitment.

- #### **4. IHSS Advisory Committee Projects:** Raleigh asked the group to have another Ad-Hoc meeting to work on their projects.
- ❖ **IHSS Book Markers:** Raleigh discussed plans to finalize the bookmarker. Kim will work on a draft of the bookmarker. Kelsey suggested purple paper and black ink. The group continued to map out the bookmarker.
 - ❖ **Newsletter:** Raleigh handed out some notes on the newsletter. Raleigh also stated that they would like to have the newsletter going out by July. The group talked about providing safety awareness and preparedness information in case of a disaster in the newsletter. Maria talked about providing information on GO Bags being essential. More safety content was discussed.
 - ❖ **Recruitment:** Raul and Priscilla went to the college and did some recruitment. Raleigh said they did a beautiful job. Kelsey told the group that HHSA will have a recruitment booth at the Spring Fair on June 1, 2, and 3. Kelsey asked the group to come and share the booth.

❖ Training: The group discussed “In Case Of Emergency” magnetic info cards to be developed and be given out at IHSS recipient assessment/orientations. The purpose is to help identify symptoms and actions to be taken in case of an emergency. Kim went over trainings that other counties do. Kim said that one county shared their CPR training for their employees with providers.

❖ HR Job Fair May 24 Planning: Not Discussed

5. SEIU Local 2015: Raul Garcia: Raul said that Electronic Verification is a hot topic right now. It's a federal government issue. On March 14, the SEIU Local 2015 went to Sacramento and lobbied against EV and it has been delayed and will not launch this January 2019. SEIU local 2015 and other advocates of Home Care Workers are going to Sacramento again on April 24. We are trying to get more participants to go to the Board of Supervisors and advocate for our home care workers. Raul stated that within the next ten years California will be in need of 200,000 more home care workers.

6. Public Authority Report: The PA gathered information on trainings that other counties do. Sacramento does some free training by partnering with local entities like MSSP, Shield, and Sacramento State Nursing program utilizing students doing internships. Some have online trainings available. The PA also viewed information from Napa, Riverside, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Diego and San Mateo. Kim got permission from the two ladies at Adventist Health to hand out the Diabetes wellness class schedule to providers. The PA is checking into uploading some training videos online.

7. Public Comment: No Public Comment

8. Review of Topics for the Next Agenda:

❖ Closure on the bookmarker and the newsletter.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm by Chair Raleigh Page-Russell. The next meeting will be June 6, 2018 at Willits in the Atlantic room.