



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

Monday, February 9, 2015

No Quorum for February 9, 2015

Members Present: Ron Schmidt, Paul Perry; Colleen Charlton (via conference call)
Members Absent: Sally Uribe; Sally Punte; Anne Zachary
Staff Present: Chevon Kothari; Nancy Bell
Staff Absent: Rebecca Maietto
BOS Liaison: Supervisor Carrier
Guests: Dinah Shull – Community Member / IHSS Preferred Provider
Recording Secretary: Kathryn Berry

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Co-Chair Paul Perry called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M.
2. **Public Comments** – Guest Dinah Shull present. No public comments.
3. **Approval of February 9, 2014 Agenda** – No quorum – no approval of Agenda.
4. **Approval of January 12, 2014 Minutes** – No quorum – no approval of Minutes.
5. **CUWH – Union Status Update – Miguel Espinoza – Absent – Ron S. provided Update**
 - A. Ron S. provided an Update provided by Miguel E. An OT petition will be going to Governor Brown; IHSS workers are holding daily vigils outside of the Governor's office to bring awareness of the OT issue; On February 24, 2015, CUWH and other Unions plan to hold a rally at the Capitol to push for OT; Trainings will be held mid-March, in Sacramento, regarding the mandatory 30 minute Orientations; The Mariposa CUWH office will be closing at the end of February 2015, due to lack of use.
6. **Old Business**

A. ID Badges for Preferred Providers

- i) Nancy B. reported that there are currently 92 Preferred Providers and 50 of them have had an ID Badge issued to them. Letters were sent to all PP's who have not yet come in for a badge. The letter states that effective February 1, 2015, all PP's that have not come in to receive an ID Badge, will no longer be on the referral list to be referred out to new Recipients.
- ii) Item to stay on Agenda.

B. ID Badges for Non-Preferred Providers

- i) Chevon K. reported that there had been discussion and research done with other counties and it was decided that at this time Mariposa County will not be moving forward with issuing ID Badges to Non-Preferred Providers. The vast majority of Non-Preferred Providers are providing for a family member(s).
- ii) Item to stay on Agenda.

C. Update of Progress of Services to Providers in North County at Coulterville Office

- i) Chevon K. shared that there has been internal (within Human Services) discussion regarding expanding Social Services type services available at the North County office, in addition to the Behavioral Health services already offered there, including the possibility of staffing an Eligibility Worker, etc. Many Eligibility programs and services are able to be completed over the telephone and/or online (without a worker onsite) with the exception of the CalWORKS Interview needing to be done face to face.
- ii) Supervisor Carrier mentioned that the court is moving forward with in-house arraignments with the county jail which utilizes remote teleconferencing. Chevon K. will look into identifying additional locations where these services could be expanded.
- iii) Item to stay on Agenda.

D. Resource Guide Update – Rebecca Maietto

- i) The Resource Guide has been finalized. The guide was provided to all in attendance and several copies were (are) available for distribution.
- ii) Chevon K. stated that the “211” system is an online information and referral service as well as a call center. Merced County is in the process of getting their system set up and is looking to add Mariposa County as a partner. Meetings with S.O., Probation and other community partners are being held, and the information will be presented to the BOS within the next month or so. Merced staff will keep the information up-to-date and the information will also be in a printable format.
- iii) Item to stay on Agenda.

7. New Business

A. Committee Members to Attend Disability Capitol Action Day (DCAD) - May 21, 2015

- i) Ron S. shared that there will also be a CICA Conference being held at the Capitol, the day prior to the DACAD Conference. Committee members Ron S. and Paul P. would like to attend this conference as well as the DCAD Conference. Ron S. and/or Paul P. will share a proposed advance amount for attendance to the conference as well as provide (to this Secretary) the flyer for the CICA Conference.
- ii) Item to stay on Agenda.

8. Committee Goals

A. Ways to Promote Usage of County Website

- i) Chevon K. stated that one of the goals in looking at the “211” system is the extensive marketing plan that comes with the system. Agenda Item 8.A. could be on “hold” but will stay on Agenda as a back-up mode if the “211” system does not go through. All community resources will be listed on “211” and will be current and up-to-date.
- ii) Item to stay on Agenda.

B. Presentation to Board of Supervisors

- i) No update.
- ii) Item to stay on Agenda.

9. Committee Concerns

A. Membership

- i) A “Notice of Vacancy” flyer has been created and was posted on February 5, 2015 in the Sierra Sun Times (online newspaper), the Mariposa Gazette, the County Website, and was also shared with all HS staff (via an email). Copies of the flyer were shared with all in attendance for distribution purposes.
- ii) Item to stay on Agenda.

10. Updates

A. Program and PA Updates – Rebecca Maietto – Absent – Stats Provided in Agenda Packet – Nancy B. provided Update

- i) Nancy B. stated that the report provided is a work in progress and may look different at the next meeting. The Committee is still concerned with the overall turnaround time, especially with the time to complete/receive the Med. Cert. The county provides the Med. Cert. form in the application packet. The applicant then contacts their doctor to complete the Med. Cert. form. The county workers cannot call Doctors and help with completion of Med. Certs. without a release from the applicant. Chevon K. stated that the county cannot mandate applicants to sign a release. Chevon K. stated that the county will look into options such as having the worker ask the applicant to sign a release if needed/wanted, so the worker may help facilitate completion of the Med. Cert.

B. CAPA – Rebecca Maietto – Absent – Nancy B. provided Update

- i) Nancy B. read an update provided by Rebecca M. The report states that the Department of Labor has filed an appeal to the current court ruling which overturned overtime (OT), travel and wait time; Timesheets are taking longer to process due to their

being folded in half when submitted instead of being cut in half; The recent Holiday is causing a delay in the receipt of checks and the county has received complaints and questions regarding this; OT travel and wait time will be removed from the timesheets; The Committee expressed concern that the number of hours available no longer show on the timesheets. The Committee would like Rebecca M. to speak to this.

C. CICA Conference Call – Ron Schmidt

- i) Extensive amounts of information covered in the recent calls; United Domestic Workers (UDW) is working on petitioning for OT; Much talk regarding OT; Restoration of the 7% cuts is in the governor's budget; Overtime is an expansive topic of discussion; Reforms on mileage deductions when filing taxes; Asking Advisory Committees for topics to be discussed during a Conference in Sacramento – possibility of adding topic to this Committees next Agenda; Olmstead Act; Lobbying; Union is asking for Consumer input; Ron S. mentioned that he and the Union are working on a Bill of Rights for both Consumers and Providers. Colleen C. stated that she will provide information on Long-term Care Rights and Responsibilities.

D. Monthly Financial Update – January 2015 – Nancy Bell

E. County and Network of Care Website Updates

- i) Topic discussed in Agenda Item 8.A.

F. BOS Update – Supervisor John Carrier

- i) Mr. Carrier shared that Marshal Long and Rosemarie Smallcombe are the new BOS members who will also serve as the new liaisons with Human Services, and this Committee. Mr. Carrier reported that he still plans to attend this Committees meetings as time allows. Mr. Carrier clarified that if at some time in the future, all three BOS members happen to attend an IHSS meeting at the same time, in order to not violate the Brown Act, one BOS member will not participate in discussions. At this point, all

three BOS members plan to attend the IHSS Advisory Committee meetings as availability allows.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date

A. March 9, 2015

12. Adjournment – Paul P. adjourned the meeting at 2:25 P.M.