



# **In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Advisory Committee**

**Of Mariposa County**

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## **Minutes**

**Monday, April 11, 2011**

Members Present: Tim Davis, Colleen Charlton, Sally Uribe  
Members Absent: None  
Staff: Nancy Bell, Curtis Hinton  
Guests: Tony Madrigal, CUHW and Sally Punte; Committee Applicant  
Recording Secretary: Heidi Estep  
Quorum: **Yes**

### **1) Call to Order and Introductions**

a) Tim Davis called the meeting to order at 1:17pm.

### **2) Public Comments**

a) None

### **3) Approval of March 14, 2011 Agenda**

a) Tim Davis asked to add the following to the agenda.

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b) Sally Uribe moved to approve the agenda as amended Colleen Charlton seconded. Committee approved.

### **4) Approval of February 14, 2011 Minutes**

a) Sally Uribe moved to approve the minutes Colleen Charlton seconded. Minutes approved.

### **5) CUHW Representative – Union Status Update**

a) Tim Davis presented documents pertaining to health and medical benefits the Union is requesting for all IHSS employees.

b) Tony Madrigal arrived at 1:40 p.m; Sally Uribe asked Tony Madrigal if the committee should put him later on the agenda since he is never here when we start the meeting. Tony Madrigal responded that it was up to the committee.

c) Tony Madrigal stated that the CUHW is still in negotiations with Mariposa County IHSS Public Authority, still pushing to establish medical and health benefits for the IHSS providers with a health and indemnity plan which is called Pan American Medical, PanAMed for short; it is not a major medical health plan. It is an indemnity plan with a defined benefit, for example it covers \$70.00 of a doctor's

visit. People that do not qualify for Medicare this is a policy that provides some coverage or it can be used as supplement to a current health plan. It costs roughly \$300.00 per month per provider, so Mariposa County IHSS providers would have a co-pay of approximately \$10.00 per month.

- d) Curtis Hinton asked what other counties are using this health plan. Tony Madrigal stated that currently Tulare, Kings and Madera County is looking at it.
- e) Tony Madrigal states that the IHSS Providers have been advocating at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on, March 22th and April 5, during the public comment section.
- f) Sally Punte asked Tony Madrigal if he felt the Board of Supervisors is listening to the IHSS providers. Tony Madrigal responded that he felt it was mixed.
- g) Tony Madrigal shared the feedback he received from Kevin Cann; regarding a provider with a purple Mohawk and all the certifications he had but was not working because he was taking care of his mom. Kevin Cann suggested that perhaps it was not the best choice of speakers to represent the concerns of the IHSS providers.
- h) Tony Madrigal made the suggestion to the Public Authority that they could work with the IHSS Advisory Committee on recognizing a Provider of the Year award. Curtis Hinton asked if other counties are doing something similar. Tony Madrigal stated that Kings County does this.

## 6) Staff Update

### a) Program Update

- i) Curtis Hinton passed out documents from CAPA, regarding the budget, another from one of the advocacy groups and basically program reductions IHSS there was a proposed overall 12% cut was rejected, 3.6 still stands until June 30, 2012.
- ii) Elimination of the domestic and related services, for minors that have able and available parents and those that have providers living in the same household, rejected.
- iii) The state has come out with a medical form for clients without IHSS services. The client would be in need of out of house placement. Most counties have a form. The state has created a standard form with stronger language than most counties currently include, approved.
- iv) Funding for IHSS advisory committees is up to the counties. In the mean time each committee will receive three thousand dollars from the general fund. Tim asked whether the county would automatically match the three thousand dollars. Nancy stated she would address it later in the meeting.
- v) Public Authority administration funding has been reduced because cases are being reduced, due to how cases are calculated, approved.
- vi) The medical dispensing pilot program, this is a machine that dispenses medications, approved.
- vii) Community First Choice Option, general fund savings with the assumption that the administration will apply and qualify for the new federal Community First Choice State Plan Option that provides community-based personal attendant services and support to individuals meeting nursing facility eligibility criteria. This option would provide a 6% increase in California's

Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, the amount that the federal government matches for each state dollar budgeted for the California Medicaid Program.

**b) Registry Update**

- i) Curtis Hinton reported 50 preferred providers, 8 will be attending CPR class on April 22 so the total is approaching 60 preferred providers

**c) CAPA Conference Call**

- i) Curtis Hinton reported no conference call, so he copied off the information from the website and distributed it to the committee.

**d) CICA Conference Call**

- i) Tim Davis distributed the CICA Announcement from the website. Tim Davis read from the announcement: As part of the work and serving our membership, we will be hosting our third annual Legislative Training Day to be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.
- ii) Tim Davis asked if the committee would pay the expenses for him to attend the Legislative Training Day and Disability Capital Action Day. Cost would include transportation, hotel and meals. Discussion followed
- iii) Sally Uribe moved to approve transportation, lodging and meal expenses for Tim Davis and his attendant to attend the Legislative Training Day and Disability Capital Action Day, Colleen Charlton seconded, motion approved.

**7) Old Business**

**a) Local Resources Guide**

- i) Distribution; discussion followed.
- ii) Committee members made the following suggestions; Clients, Providers, hospitals, clinics, Doctors offices, Senior Center, Churches, and Sally Punte offered to distribute in Greeley Hill and Colleen Charlton offered to distribute in Lake Don Pedro.
- iii) The Committee requested that the next version of the Resource Guide have a date and revision number.

**b) PA Distribution of gloves and hand sanitizers**

- i) Curtis Hinton distributed the final version.
- ii) Committee approved.

**c) Transportation Letter regarding wheel chair limit**

- i) Tim Davis was invited to a meeting to discuss the Mari-Go Riders Rules of Ridership; an organization out of San Francisco is conducting a survey. They are aware of the need for wheel chair requirements and Rules of Ridership to be included in the policy and procedures. All meeting attendees were able to voice their concerns.
- ii) Sally Uribe stated there was a misconception regarding the transportation. Many people thought it was just for Senior Citizens, when in fact it is Mariposa transportation for anyone and it has partnered with YARTS.
- iii) Sally Uribe asked about a meeting that was held regarding bike lanes and walking paths. Tim Davis said he attended the meeting.

- iv) Sally Punte stated there were concerns about people walking on Highway 49 North towards the new Human Services building. Sally Uribe will find out about future meetings on this topic.

## **8) New Business**

### **a) Legislative Update**

- i) Nancy Bell tried to do some research on this topic. Nancy Bell's understanding is that Senate Bill 72 has been approved, signed by the Governor. One of the elements contained is the Committee.
- ii) The wording that Nancy Bell has is what is actually read on the Senate floor says, "Authorizes counties to establish IHSS advisory committees that submit recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors on the preferred mode or modes of service to be utilized in the County."
- iii) "Under existing law these advisory committees are instead required and this change is anticipated to result in a \$1.4 million savings to the general fund."
- iv) Nancy Bells states, "I think what this means, the funding of the committee is, changing some of the requirements from a mandate, to a requirement." Nancy Bell is not sure of the final language, this is my interpretation." Discussion follows.
- v) Nancy Bell states that there is no other advisory committee in Mariposa County that receives funding. Nancy Bells feels the Public Authority would receive the funding to have an Advisory Committee. The Public Authority contracts back with are department to provide services, it is done differently in every county. Sally Punte states that the Public Authority has not asked anything of this group, Nancy Bell states they have not yet.
- vi) Nancy Bell states, if the Public Authority gets the \$3000 from the state general fund, there may be a federal match so that means that \$6000 whether the county would put up any money Nancy Bell can't say. This looks like the minimum level of funding, \$6000 per year.
- vii) Colleen Charlton states, even given money or no money frankly I don't think the board cares if whether we are here or not here so we go back to what is the point. Sally Punte states, the point that I see is at least there is someone advocating for those of out there who need some help. Colleen Charlton states, but if they decide not mandated any longer they can just say you are gone. So that is my point. Sally Punte states, I would love to have one of them say that to me, because I would say, and you are how old? Your time is coming. Tim Davis states this is just like any other job you never know if they will cut you off, nothing in this world is cut and dry like that. Colleen Charlton states, my point is they don't ask anything of us. Nancy Bell states, at the county level it will be mandated in some form, Jim Rydingsword and I have had discussions in the past, the departments perspective is we may take on a different approach; it is not up to the department. I think the big thing is going from \$60,000 to \$6000. It was discussed among the members about how to cut costs, perhaps eliminate travel to conferences, however, Sally Punte stated that it shows that the committee is interested and brings back important information. Nancy Bell states, I don't think the committee will go

away it may move from the department to the Public Authority. Committee reviewed the previous year's spending. Discussion followed.

- b) Committee Membership
  - i) Nancy Bell prepared the Board Packet, did not take it to the Board. The number one item was to appoint John Stewart as a county employee, I checked with County Council, John is not a county employee, so I was struggling with how we can appoint him in that slot, and so I did not take it to the board. Colleen Charlton asked why she did not take Sally Punte's application to the board. Nancy stated that the Committee made a recommendation from the committee to do three things, reassign Colleen Charlton, appoint Sally Punte and appoint John Stewart. Discussion followed. Nancy states she can send it forward as it is, perhaps some of the committee members would attend. Sally Uribe said she would attend. Sally Punte suggested that John Stewart attend the meeting also. Sally Uribe suggests perhaps we could get a broader interpretation. Nancy Bell will get it on the agenda and let the committee and John Stewart know when it is scheduled.
- c) Recruitment Brochure
  - i) Tabled
- d) Meeting Schedule – Quarterly
  - i) Colleen Charlton suggested we meet on a quarterly basis. Tim Davis feels a monthly meeting is necessary due to all the changes, members, legislative updates.
  - ii) Colleen Charlton moved to continue having meetings on a monthly basis. Sally Uribe seconded.
- e) **2011-2012 Plan - Purpose**
  - i) Committee members agree not to discuss this at this time, remove it from the agenda.

#### **9) Committee Concerns**

- a) Sally Uribe states Area 12 is having a hard time getting an update to seniors and is asking for our help to get these mailed out by May 1. Discussion followed.
- b) CICA dues; pay in advance, \$2000 per year. Tim suggests that it be paid 5 years in advance.

#### **10) Adjournment –2:30 p.m.**

#### **11) Future Regular Meeting Date: May 09, 2011**