

Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Meeting

May 13, 2025

10:00am – 12:00 pm

Condor Room, 765 East Avenue

Chico, California

1. Call to Order – Mark Gordon, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am. by Chair Mark Gordon. Committee members attending were Vice Chair Sarah May, Kristi Sherer, Kara Hall, Melinda Rayford, Tammy Solano and Delcie Mills. Christine Bonilla attended via Zoom. Facilitator Terri Petersen was also present.

2. Sarah May, Vice-Chair, announced that a quorum was present.

3. The minutes of the February 2025 meeting of the committee were reviewed and a motion for approval was made by Sarah and seconded by Kara. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Kristi Sherer, DESS Program Manager, provided updates. There have been changes in staffing. Kristi is now the Assistant Director of DESS. The Program Manager position remains open; Kristi is temporarily filling the position and hopes to hire for the position by July 1, 2025. Due to DESS budget concerns, recruitments are currently paused, including for IHSS. There are four IHSS staff vacancies. Compliance rates are over 90 percent. Staff are struggling a bit with the increase in intake and applications. The number of recipients is approximately 4700. There is a significant trend in increasing cases for minor recipients. Minor cases make up about 30% of the state IHSS cases.

There have been changes in supervisory staff. Bernie Downer is filling the Intake position and Berta Morello has moved to the QA position. Staff are retraining on forms.

Telehealth continues to move forward on the state level. A working Dashboard is expected by July 1. Telehealth is expected to roll out by Fall. County electronic forms are working well for staff and recipients. Staff Development Officer Brianne is training staff for consistency across IHSS and PA.

Social Worker III, Mai Kirk has moved to Social Worker IV and is working one on one with staff.

Outreach programs are working well, and positive public opinion of the department has increased.

5. Kara Hall of the Public Authority gave an update.

Registry numbers continue to increase. 120 providers are seeking clients, and 300 recipients are seeking providers.

CAPA reports that SB239 continues through the legislature. It has passed the committee and is headed to the floor. CAPA members met with Representative Haney regarding AB283. CAPA seeks to remove language from the bill that would give control of the registry to the unions as counties are strongly opposed to this. The bill would be expensive for the state and is not expected to pass. A one-dollar hourly rise for providers is expected to cost the state two billion dollars.

6. Mark Gordon provided an update on CICA. CICA is currently working on the same issues as CAPA.

7. There were no public attendees at this meeting.

8. The next meeting of this committee will be held August 12, 2025.

9. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.