Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

May 8, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

2445 Carmichael Drive, Willow Room (Butte Community Employment Center-CEC)

Chico, California

1. Call to Order- Chairperson, Sarah May

The meeting was called to order by Sarah May at 10:13 a.m.

1. Establishment of a Quorum- Vice-Chair, Mark Gordon

A quorum was established.

Introductions were made around the table.

Members in attendance were: Committee Members: Sarah May, Sarah Okumbe, Patricia Anthony, Mark Gordon, Domenic Console, and Mariann Ramirez. Guests were Tina Reszler Adult Services Analyst, Erik Samuelson IHSS applicant and Lynn Haskell Facilitator.

1. Minutes of February 13, 2018: Mark moved approved, Domenic 2nd, Passed
2. Lynn introduced Erik Samuelson as an applicant to the committee. Erik described his working experiences with Chico Unified School District, Home Depot and his difficulties in finding IHSS providers. He would like to see the system improved. Patrick moved and Domenic seconded that the committee recommend him to the Board of Supervisors. Passed
3. Mariann announced the implementation of a new policy around sick time that will be implemented in July. Letters will go out in June. DESS staff will be trained through a webinar. The public authority web site will have fact sheets posted. Discussion followed with concerns about no sick benefits and how that impacts the availability of providers. Recruitment came up as a necessity.
   * The county continues its’ recruitment efforts. The Farmers Market is scheduled in June with Elder Abuse Awareness events
   * Mark and Domenic have set up advertisements from within their agencies including Butte College, Chico State and Craig’s list. They reported that they are not getting much response.
   * Community Boards seem to produce good results
   * Alliance for Workforce is hosting a job fair June 13th. Mariann will follow up. Domenic is willing to share his booth.
   * Sarah May will check with work training center for their schedule of activities.

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1. Mariann announced that PV High School won a state multimedia competition for Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Recognition will be May 30th @ PV Library 3:00
2. The EVV 2019 timeline has been pushed back. The state is doing more research as how a waiver with the Federal Government will work. The state is also looking at tying EVV into the new time sheets and a phone app.

1. The IHSS Advisory Committee was present at the Butte College Job Fair. 40 people were contacted and received resources. It was well received.
2. Mark moved and Domenic 2nd that the IHSS Advisory Committee pay $500 to CICA for yearly dues. Passed. The invoice will be forwarded to Norm

* CICA Capitol Action Day June 7th @ Caesar Chavez Park
* Sarah M will invite Charlie for conference call for August meeting.
* Conference call will focus on statewide/regional training

1. Mark led a discussion on each committee member’s view of what is wanted and needed within the community. Ideas and comments flowed as follows:
   * Sarah May- Education of the system and highlighting the growing need
   * Domenic- Telling the story from the recipients and providers perspective. Agency co-ordination and communication regarding educating the community
   * Mariann-with all the changes communication is huge, education is most important
   * Mark- the point is to connect
   * Sarah O- Provider training, what is expected when you are providing IHSS services.
   * Patricia-Educating the medical community, discharge planners need to understand the IHSS system and how it works. Too many failed discharges. Suggested a preliminary evaluation before they leave the hospital.
   * Erik- Encouraging agencies to work together to find least restrictive environments and using resources that work for everyone.
2. Meeting adjourned-Sarah May 12:04

Next meeting: Date: August 14, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: 2445 Carmichael Drive, Willow Room, C