



**THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES – 07/08/22**

Committee Members Present: Gloria Sadeddeen
Christina Trott
Janet Ward
Gina Innes

Committee Members Absent: Sylvia Soberanis
Yvonne Barrett
Valerie Mitchell

Link2Care Staff Present: Gina Innes

Dignitaries and Guests: Teresa Westfall
Renee Cross
Sherrie Thomas

Opening Remarks

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment

- Renee Cross was exposed to COVID by a recipient. She recommended training regarding COVID protocols for both recipients and providers. A suggestion was made to ask the COVID screening questions.

Introductions

- Gina Innes, IHSS and Public Authority Program Manager
- Janet Ward, IHSS Recipient
- Gloria Sadeddeen, IHSS Recipient
- Christina Trott, IHSS Recipient
- Sherrie Thomas, IHSS Recipient and member of the public
- Teresa Westfall, Provider and member of the public
- Renee Cross, Provider and member of the public

Approval of March Minutes

- Will be added to September's agenda for approval

Additions to the Agenda

- Meetings will be held in person until there is a full committee to determine an ongoing format.
- Transportation discussion: impact to committee member attendance.
- Membership Update: discussion of the recruitment of members
- Provider Notes: Christina mentioned that her provider takes notes of tasks completed during her time with the recipient. Stanislaus County does not do that at this time but might be helpful with a recipient with multiple clients. Gina gave a brief description of the role is for the Recipient/Provider. The program nor the IHSS can impose for them to annotate their daily tasks. It would be strictly between Recipient/Provider to determine if that is something they want to move forward with.

Budget/Legislative Update

- EVV: Affiliated with the timesheet system and telephone system. It was paused for a moment and with funding available by the Federal government, it will be communicated to recipients and provider once it is finalized.
- IHSS is still operating under State guidelines and still working under the Hybrid reassessment model.
- CICA: Put out a proposal to increase funding for the IHSSAC committee.

IHSS Update

- We are conducting assessments using a hybrid model. We are still doing the assessments via phone or video and follow-up with a brief visit. Until otherwise directed, we will continue with the process currently in place.
- Flyer handout: Independence at Home. They offer no cost education training classes. They put together a training calendar and this was provided to the committee members.

Public Authority Report

- Pay differential for COVID related Providers caring for recipients has was due to end on June 30, 2022, but extended to September 30, 2022. Emergency Back Up Provider System: Counties would have to put something in place so that when a person is in dire need or emergency would have access to a provider. This program would have a \$2 pay differential during the timeframe that they are with the client. The state is looking at every county to establish an emergency backup provider system. There is no official guidance just a draft at this time.
- Provider recruitment: Stanislaus County will produce two videos and post on the website to explain about the programs. Gina asked if any of the IHSSAC Committee members are interested in doing interviews to add to the video. If you are interested, please reach out to Gina.
- Discussion on Career Pathways. There is a growing need in Stanislaus County for IHSS providers. Career Pathway will have trainings available to providers and pay to take the classes. The State is still working on this. As more information comes out it will be shared.
- PPE supplies are available to providers at Public Authority

Membership Update

- We received three member applicants which have been forwarded to the BOS.
 - Teresa Westfall
 - Renee Cross
 - Ophelia Navarette
- Sherrie Thomas expressed interested in joining and plans to submit an application.

Transportation/Community Resources

- Christina mentioned that there are not enough transportation resources available. It currently affects two of our committee members.
- The city is currently working on transportation within the county.
- The MOVE program is available but limited to certain areas.
- Advancing Vibrant Communities: They are volunteer based that also offer transportation services.
- Love Modesto is another one that may be able to offer transportation services.
- 211: Is another great resource available

Committee Member Report

- Christina suggested added some education training on COVID thru the Orientation process at Public Authority.
- Appointed Committee Members have a Bio on the IHSSAC website to share about each member.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Communication Methods
- Transportation/Community Resources
- Committee Member Report – Give an update of any changes since last meeting and members getting to know one another.
- Next Meeting September 9, 2022 @ 1:00pm

Recorder

Luisa Kirkbride via Audio Recording