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**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

MINUTES

Thursday, January 17, 2019 - 1:30 P.M.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY OFFICE

5353 TRUXTUN AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

GOLDEN GENERATION CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Robin Freeman. The flag salute was conducted, followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL: (*Chairman, **Vice-Chair, ***Secretary [non-voting])

Present:

*Aaron Flucker	Commission on Aging
Alex Alva	County Administration Office Representative
Kaye Davis	At-Large Care Provider
Robin Freeman	Private Industry Representative
Evelyn Lopez	Individual Provider Representative

Excused Absences:

Harvey Clowers	Fourth District Consumer
**NickoleRenee Mensch	Second District Consumer Representative

Lito Morillo confirmed a quorum was present.

Lito Morillo confirmed the agenda had been posted per provisions of the Brown Act.

Aging and Adult Services Staff:

Colleen Philley, Assistant Program Director
Laura Juarez, Sr. Office Services Specialist

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC AND NEW MEMBERS:

Guests:

Elizabeth McKinley, Investigative Aide, Kern County District Attorney's Office

New Members:

Lito Morillo announced Kaye Davis was appointed by the Kern County Board of Supervisors as an At-Large Care Provider on the IHSS Advisory Committee.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 17, 2018 – APPROVED.**
Motion/Second/Abstained/Opposed (M/S/A/O)
Alva/Freeman/None/None – Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 – APPROVED.**
M/S/A/O – Alva/Freeman/Non/None – Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR November 15, 2018 - APPROVED.**
M/S/A/O – Alva/Freeman/Non/None – Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF 2019 IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE – APPROVED.** M/S/A/O – Davis/Lopez/None/None – Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

- **Appointment Report** – There were no new appointments to the IHSS Advisory Committee. Vacancies currently exist in Supervisorial Districts 1, 3, and 5 for Consumers, and one vacancy for an At-Large Consumer. There is an active recruitment for this committee. A flyer is still posted on the IHSS Advisory Committee website. There is also a link on the website to access an online application to serve on the IHSS Advisory Committee website.

STAFF REPORTS:

Lito Morillo reported the following:

The House passed a bill on December 17, 2018 that extends funding to Money Follows the Person (MFP) project for 3 months. MFP allows individuals in nursing homes that want to transition back in the community to do so.

California Achieving a Better Life Experience (CalABLE) went live December 18, 2018. This program is a savings and investment plan offered by CA. to individuals with disabilities. Eligible individuals, family, friends and employers can contribute up to \$15,000 a year without affecting the account of the beneficiary's public disability benefits. For example, if you receive SSI, you can save as much as \$100,000 with no effect on federal and CA benefits. Earnings on qualified withdrawals from a CalABLE account are federal and CA. state tax free. CA residents are protected from both creditors and repayment of medical assistance. To be eligible, you have to have been disabled before age 26.

Governor's Proposed January Budget

- \$3 billion in pension relief to school districts, many of which are struggling to meet their required contributions to employees' retirement funds;
- \$500 million for local shelter expansions and other homeless services;
- A one-time, \$750 million grant to encourage all school districts to offer full-day kindergarten;
- A \$500 million one-time commitment to expand child care services;
- A \$1.4 billion boost for higher education to support increased enrollment, a tuition freeze and a second year of free tuition at community colleges;
- \$305 million in additional funding to thin forests, cut fuel breaks, fund controlled burns and other methods of reducing fire risk;
- A doubling of the state's Earned Income Tax Credit, renamed a "Working Families Tax Credit," to \$1 billion. It will help poor families with young children by providing a \$500 credit for 400,000 additional families;
- Nearly \$200 million in general-fund dollars to expand Medi-Cal availability to about 138,000 undocumented immigrants ages 19 through 25.
- Benefits under SSI or SSDI.

IHSS Budget news

- Budget for additional revenue to offset Maintenance of Effort that counties are responsible for.
- 7% restoration in IHSS hours to continue. It was expected to expire July 1, 2019. This means IHSS clients will not have their hours cut across the board by 7%.

Kern County

Kern County applied for a Home Safe Grant and was awarded \$170,000 for 3 years. One of 25 counties that were awarded. Home Safe is designed to assist Adult Protective Services (APS) clients if they are homeless or at risk of being homeless. For this pilot project, California provided for \$15 million over a 3-year period. It was a competitive bid process and over 36 counties applied for the grant but only 25 were awarded.

Aging and Adult Services is acquiring additional space due to growth in IHSS and LPS Conservatorship.

Colleen Philley reported the following:

There has been a change in vendors to the CMIPS II system. There is currently a complete freeze on any changes to the system, which doesn't affect us. They are changing the address where time sheets will be processed. Sometime in March 2019 time sheet processing will move from Chico, CA to Rancho Cordova, CA. Envelopes with the older address in Chico will still be forwarded to Rancho Cordova but it will take longer for time sheets to be processed and would cause delays for providers receiving their payments. Effective January 7, 2019, all the new forms are available online with the correct address.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. at Kern County Aging & Adult Services, 5353 Truxtun Avenue, in the Golden Generation Room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lito Morillo, Secretary

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