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

MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 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 1:45 p.m. by Lito Morillo. The flag salute was conducted, followed by a moment of silence.

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

Present:

Kaye Davis

At-Large Care Provider

Robin Freeman

Private Industry Representative

Excused Absences:

*Aaron Flucker

Commission on Aging

Alex Alva

County Administration Office Representative

Harvey Clowers

Fourth District Consumer

Evelyn Lopez

Individual Provider Representative

**Nickole Renee Mensch

Second District Consumer Representative

Lito Morillo confirmed a quorum was not present.

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

Aging and Adult Services Staff:

Laura Juarez, Sr. Office Services Specialist

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC AND NEW MEMBERS:

Guests:

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

New Members:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2019** – Tabled to the next meeting.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 21, 2019** – Tabled to the next meeting.

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 for recruitment is 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. Laura Juarez will continue to work on reappointments as needed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Lito Morillo reported the following:

Federal News

The House Appropriations Committee yesterday approved its FY 2020 funding bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS). In addition to considering the Labor-HHS bill, the committee also approved overall spending allocations for federal non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs that would significantly exceed current budget caps. Moving forward, the House and Senate will need to agree on a proposal to increase these caps. This definitely is completely different than what Administration's budget proposed, which was a lot of reductions and/or elimination.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS	FY 2020 PROPOSED FUNDING LEVELS
OAA Congregate Nutrition Program (Title III-C1)	\$525 million (\$29.6 million more, an increase of 6%)
OAA Home-Delivered Nutrition Program (Title III-C2)	\$305 million (\$53.6 million more an increase of 21%)
OAA Nutrition Services Incentive Program (Title III)	\$170 million (an increase of 6%)
OAA Home and Community-Based Supportive Services (Title III-B)	\$422 million (\$37 million more an increase of 9%)
State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)	\$55 million (\$5.9 million increase)
OAA Title VII LTC Ombudsman and Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect	\$23.7 million (\$2 million more an increase of 9%)
OAA Native American Nutrition Programs (Title VI)	\$37.2 million (\$5.9 million more an increase of 8%)
Social Services Block Grant (Title XX)	\$1.7 billion (level funding)
Community Services Block Grant	\$760 million (an increase of 5%)
National Family Caregiver Support Program (III E)	\$200 million (\$19 million more an increase of 10%)
Title III D Preventative Services	\$24.8 million (no change)
Aging and Disability Resource Centers	\$8.1 million (no change)
Community Services Block Grant	\$760 million (an increase of 5%)

State News

Since Governor Newsome's State of the Union address, there has been a lot of discussion and movement about a Master Plan for Aging. Currently there are several bills in the legislature that is being discussed that all have to do with a

Master Plan on Aging. This is exciting news since it is truly the first time I can recall that the legislature and governor are talking about supporting our aging community.

Additionally, there is a bill in the legislature that is looking at combining various agencies to serve seniors and disabled adults. At the federal level, they did so under the Administration on Community Living. Now at the State level, they are trying to mirror the same concept to provide more seamless service to this population. It is great to see the focus on seniors again.

County

Aging and Adult submitted its FY 19-20 budget on 4/15/19. Happy to say we are in a great position. Next year we will be looking at adding staff to IHSS, acquiring more space, and doing renovations to allow for more space. The population is growing and so is our caseload.

The Department is hosting its annual Elder Abuse Prevention Conference on June 13, 2019 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hodel's. This year's topic is "Estate Planning and Financial Abuse Issues."

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Officer elections are due for the July 2019 to July 2020 term. The term is for 1 year with a maximum of 2 continuous terms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

1. The next in-person Ethics training is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. You can also take the Ethics training online @ www.ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance Please remember to provide a copy of your certificate to Laura Juarez.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. at Kern County Aging & Adult Services, 5353 Truxtun Avenue, in the Golden Generation Room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lito Morillo, Secretary

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