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

MINUTES

Thursday, May 17, 2018 - 1:30 P.M.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY OFFICE

5353 TRUXTUN AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

GOLDEN GENERATION CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chair Flucker. The flag salute was conducted, followed by a moment of silence.

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

Present:

Alex Alva

County Administration Office Representative

Harvey Clowers

Fourth District Consumer

*Aaron Flucker

Commission on Aging

Robin Freeman

Private Industry Representative

Evelyn Lopez

Individual Provider Representative

Excused Absences:

**Nickole Renee 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 Aid, Kern County District Attorney's Office
Kaye Davis, St. John Manor

New Members:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 15, 2018 – APPROVED.**
Motion/Second/Abstained/Opposed (M/S/A/O) –
M/S/A/O – Clowers/Lopez/None/None – Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Kaye Davis said she felt the Spring Alive Senior Resource Fair on April 20, 2018 was a successful event and she, and the community, appreciates all of the effort that was put in by the collaborating agencies, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, and Aging and Adult Services, who hosted the event. It was very beneficial for our seniors and community as a whole. Some of the residents of St. John Manor attended. Staff there followed up with the residents and learned that they are taking advantage of resources and information received at the Senior Resource Fair.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

- **Ethics Training** – The last in-person Ethics Training Classes scheduled for 2018 will be August 2, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Board Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. You can also take the class online. Please see instructions provided by Laura Juarez on how to take the class online. Please remember to provide Laura with a copy of your certificate.
- **Appointment Report** - The Committee Appointment report was read. There are no new appointments or reappointments. The terms for Aaron Flucker, NickoleRene Mensch, Harvey Clowers, and Alex Alva will expire June 30, 2018. Laura Juarez will work on reappointments as the date nears. Vacancies currently exist in Supervisorial Districts 1, 3, and 5 for Consumers, and one vacancy for an At-Large Consumer. There is also one vacancy for an At-Large Care Provider. No applications have been received. There is currently no active recruitment for this committee. Laura Juarez will create a flyer to post on the IHSS Advisory Committee website for committee recruitment purposes. There is an online application on the IHSS Advisory Committee website. There were suggestions to promote this committee at senior events.

STAFF REPORTS:

Lito Morillo reported the following:

Governor Releases 2018 May Revise

Governor Brown released his \$138 billion “May Revise” budget proposal last Friday, May 11, 2018. There is a new surplus of \$8.8 billion, higher than January’s (Governor’s budget) \$6.1 billion projection. The Governor proposed to place roughly \$7.6 billion of that surplus into the State’s two reserve accounts. The Governor wants lawmakers to commit the bulk of the estimated surplus tax revenues as follows:

- \$4.4 billion would go to an extra payment into the State’s Budget Stabilization Account, also known as the “rainy-day” fund. By law, this account can grow up to 10% of general fund revenue.
- \$3.2 billion would be used for costs that arise during the fiscal year, what the budget calls “economic uncertainties.” This could include things like responding to natural disasters. Unlike the rainy-day fund, lawmakers have a significant amount of discretion over this money.

Homelessness

- The May Revise includes nearly \$359 million for additional homelessness resources. Funds will be used to immediately address homelessness across the state and bridge the gap until new funds begin flowing from the Governor’s housing measures signed last year. Fifteen million of the \$359 is going to Home Safe - an Adult Protective Services 3-year pilot project designed to prevent homelessness amongst seniors. Home Safe will be piloted in 15 counties.

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)/Coordinated Care Initiative

- The May Revise includes an increase of \$24 million General Fund in 2018-19 for county IHSS administrative costs to reflect revised workload and budget assumptions. The Administration indicates that IHSS administrative cost assumptions will be reexamined as part of the 2020-2021 budget.
- Additionally, the May Revise contains no new changes to the structure of the new county IHSS maintenance of effort (MOE) that was negotiated last year and included in the budget trailer bill SB 90. For 2018-19, the May Revision projects total redirected VLF revenues to be \$86.6 million, which is \$33.2 million more than was projected in January. This will help offset our current MOE of \$10.4 million. Our MOE is expected to reach \$11.2 million by FY 19/20.

Mental Health Services

- The May Revision provides funding for programs that help people with mental illness, including training for mental health professionals and early identification of mental health problems. This includes \$254 million to help counties serve youth with mental illness.
- The May Revision also proposes to place the \$2 billion *No Place Like Home* bond on the November ballot to accelerate the delivery of housing projects to serve the mentally ill.

Public Safety

- The 2011 Realignment Community Corrections Subaccount (AB 109) statewide base remains at \$1.2 billion in the May Revision and the growth funds counties will receive has increased from \$84.3 million to \$87 million.
- The May Revision includes \$5.4 million General Fund to establish two investigation teams to combat cybercrime, white collar crimes, and human trafficking crimes, as well as \$14 million from the Cannabis Tax Fund to create four investigation teams and one interdiction team to combat large-scale illegal cannabis activities.
- The May Revision also proposes an additional \$96 million for resource management and wildland fire protection services.

Currently, the County is still negotiating with United Domestic Worker's (UDW) union on new provider wages and benefits. Currently IHSS provider wage is at \$11/hour, and will rise with minimum wage each year.

Colleen Philley:

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) News - Colleen reported new IHSS providers have to go through steps before becoming a provider. One is to go through IHSS Orientation. We currently have two classes every Wednesday, and six different outlying areas where orientations are provided. Even with those classes, we are still having a backlog of about 3 months out. In an effort to streamline this process, we are moving to the REVA system. REVA will allow individuals to create an account, watch the orientation video online, and then schedule their own appointment, print their own Livescan paperwork, and sign documents electronically. We are still mandated to hold in-house orientations so the provider union can come in to speak with the potential providers. We are hoping to be able to process providers faster with this process. A lot of other counties are using REVA and shared that they didn't have issues with individuals not accessing a computer. Computers are also available at public libraries, if needed. This is also a great way to reach out to our outlying areas. The transition date to the REVA system is July 1, 2018. A mass mailing will be sent to those potential providers already on our list. Currently, REVA does not have different language options.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at Kern County Aging & Adult Services, 5353 Truxtun Avenue, in the Golden Generation Room.

Lito Morillo reported that he will not be in attendance at the July 19, 2018 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lito Morillo, Secretary

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