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

MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - 1:30 P.M.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY OFFICE

5357 TRUXTUN AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

GOLDEN GENERATION CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 1:41 p.m. The flag salute was conducted, followed by a moment of silence.

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

Present:

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| Alex Alva | County Administration Office Representative |
| Evelyn Lopez | Individual Provider Representative |
| Robin Freeman | Private Industry Representative |
| *Aaron Flucker | Commission on Aging |
| **NickoleRenee Mensch | Second District Consumer Representative |

Excused Absences:

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| Harvey Clowers | Fourth District Consumer |
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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:

Michele Gomez, Program Director
Laura Juarez, Sr. Office Services Specialist

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC AND NEW MEMBERS:

Guests:

Elizabeth Luckhardt, Kern County District Attorney's Office

New Member:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2016:**
The minutes for September 15, 2016 were approved as prepared.
**Motion/Second/Abstention/Opposed
(M/S/A/O) - Mensch/Freeman/None/None – Motion carried.**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2016:**
The minutes for November 10, 2016 were approved as prepared.
M/S/A/O - Mensch/Freeman/None/None – Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 19, 2017:**
The minutes for January 19, 2017 were approved as prepared.
M/S/A/O – Mensch/Freeman/None/None – Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

- The Committee Appointment report was read. Harvey Clowers and Aaron Flucker were recently reappointed. There are no new appointments. There are no expired terms and no terms soon to expire. There were also no resignations. 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.

STAFF REPORTS:

Lito Morillo

- The 20th annual Elder Abuse Prevention Conference will be held June 15, 2017 to coincide with World Elder Abuse Day. The keynote speaker will be Paul Greenwood, Deputy District Attorney in San Diego. The topic will be on scams. Location to be determined, likely will be at Hodel's. Early registration is \$30. The regular rate after early registration is \$40.
- Statute AB1682 requires each county to have an IHSS Advisory Committee. Your time spent serving and attending IHSS Advisory Committee meetings is appreciated.
- The Governor's Budget proposal released on January 10, 2017 showed the government wanting to shift some of the cost of IHSS programs back to the counties. The County does not have the money to take on those additional costs. If this passes, Kern County would be facing an initial \$4 million deficit. There is a statewide effort to keep the current funding methodology (Maintenance of Effort – MOE) in tract. The Assembly has

put together a proposal to loan \$623 million to the counties, which is the initial cost that the State is trying to shift back to the counties. The State Government would take the growth revenue that the counties receive through the 1991 realignment. This \$623 million dollar deficit that the counties are dealing with is just the first year alone. Over the next 4 years, counties are looking at a \$1 billion deficit. This proposal doesn't address the gap that is going to happen over the 4-year period.

Michele Gomez

- Electronic Timesheets (E-Timesheets) will soon be offered through CMIPS II. E-timesheets will first be piloted in Yolo, Riverside, and Sacramento Counties. The provider will be able to download their timesheets, sign electronically, and submit it through the computer system. This is a voluntary program. Both provider and client would need to sign up. There will be an enrollment process where the Department will need to collect email addresses for those who want to sign up. This may become available around August 2017 after hearing back from the piloted counties. The old timesheets are not going away. Paper timesheets will still be available to those who do not have access to a computer or who do not want to enroll in E-Timesheets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election nominations for the 2017-2019 IHSS Advisory Committee Board took place. Aaron Flucker accepted the appointment as Chair. NickoleRenee Mensch accepted the appointment as Vice-Chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at Kern County Aging & Adult Services, 5357 Truxtun Avenue, in the Golden Generation Room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lito Morillo, Secretary

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