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

MINUTES

Thursday, July 20, 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 1:35 p.m. 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
Evelyn Lopez	Individual Provider Representative
Robin Freeman	Private Industry Representative
**NickoleRenee Mensch	Second District Consumer Representative

Excused Absences: *Aaron Flucker, Commission on Aging

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

Kaye Davis, St. John Manor

New Member:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 18, 2017:**

The minutes for May 18, 2017 were approved as prepared.

M/S/A/O – Clowers/Mensch/None/None – Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

- The Committee Appointment report was read. There are no new or recent reappointments. Robin Freeman's & Evelyn Lopez's terms expired on June 30, 2017. Laura Juarez is working on their reappointments. There were 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**

Lito Morillo reported the IHSS situation looks brighter than the initial report in January. The cost-shift is still happening but it doesn't look as bleak as we once thought it was. The Governor's State budget was recently passed. The State agreed to put in approximately \$400 million dollars into the IHSS program to offset IHSS cost shift. The deficit all of the counties were facing was about \$592 million, which leaves a deficit of \$192 million dollars that will be passed to the counties throughout the state. However, as IHSS's program will increase the Maintenance of Effort (MOE), the amount the State contributes will decrease each year. We kept the Maintenance of Effort MOE in place, but the State added cost inflators to the MOE, which will continue to escalate year after year throughout the state.

Funding for the IHSS Fraud Team program was added back in to the Department's budget. To help maintain the IHSS budget, AASD has three permanent positions vacancies that will not be filled; however will be backfilled with extra-help employees.

The Department is making some changes and renovations. The main lobby will be moved to the new Public Authority area. A glass partition will be added to the reception desk, and five more interview rooms will be added to accommodate more clients, making it a total of 8 rooms.

Michele Gomez

Michele Gomez reported In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Electronic Time Sheets will be available beginning August 7, 2017 in Kern County. Electronic Time Sheets will be for IHSS providers and clients who want to complete their time sheets online. This will make it more convenient for them to complete and submit their time sheet online as opposed to mailing it to the State and having issues with the mail getting lost. The online system comes with an automatic checks and balance that will help eliminate errors and violations. An important thing to keep in mind is that this is totally optional for the IHSS provider and client. If they want to continue to complete handwritten time sheets and mail it, they can still do so. There will be a help desk available to assist those who need help, and materials will go out to all clients and providers about this new program.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at Kern County Aging & Adult Services, 5357 Truxtun Avenue, in the Golden Generation Room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lito Morillo, Secretary

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