Members Present: William Reed, Ann Sharpan, Carl Jones, and Michael Fletcher

Members Absent: Catherine Morgan-Look

Placer County Staff Present: Colby Hytoff, Kayla Fulkerson, Angela Curtis, Karen Bone, Patrice Meluskey, and Kristina Meadows

Public Present: Jackie Smith

Meeting Called to Order: Reed called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

Roll Call and Introductions: Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

New Member: A motion was made by Fletcher to recommend Jackie Smith’s membership application to the Board of Supervisors and seconded by Sharpan. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Excused Absences: A motion was made by Fletcher to excuse Morgan-Look’s absence and seconded by Sharpan. The motion carried.

Approve 1-17-19 Minutes: A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Sharpen to approve the 1-17-19 minutes. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Member Reports/Announcements/Questions:

- Reed stated that he has received multiple complaints regarding login and password issues with the electronic time cards. Fulkerson stated that she would notate the issues and share these with State to determine a solution.

- Reed addressed that providers are receiving share of cost income on their W2 even when this income is not received. Fulkerson stated that they warn providers that the State will still see this as income even when the income has not been received. Providers will need to pursue collection of this income themselves and be willing to take on the tax liability when working for a recipient who has a share of cost.
• **Reed** asked **Bone** about provider training. **Bone** stated that they are having a Spring training during May. Still trying to secure location. **Bone** will provide **Reed** with details once they are available.

• **Reed** announced that the union is having a multi-cultural event on March 26th at Rocklin Event Center. Participants should bring a dish that represents their culture.

• **Smith** announced her upcoming Senior Summit on April 3rd at Maidu Community Center.

**Chair Report:** **Reed** shared that he and Jones were at the Capitol yesterday and attended a hearing to permanently reinstate the 7% cut in IHSS recipients hours. Over 300 providers from Placer, El Dorado, and Sacramento counties attended. **Jones** stated that there was a proposed MOU that would advise counties to use the 7% to reach collective bargaining agreements with their respective unions. Although they can not force the bargaining agreements between the supervisors and their care givers, they can give incentives. If the counties can reach an agreement, they would be able to utilize the full 7% in restored funds. If they are unable to reach an agreement, then they would receive 4% of the restored funds. **Reed** was doubtful that this would be well received and stated that it is difficult to define what constitutes good faith agreements and would be problematic to regulate.

**IHSS/PA Staff Reports:**

• **Hytoff** stated he read the legislative analyst’s report of the review of the Governor’s budget. Review was positive, looks like budget should pass as is, which will be good for IHSS.

• EVV is coming. Placer County was asked by CDSS to host an EVV and TTS presentation. Placer County is unique that it has the highest use of EVV in the State at 47%.

• According to IHSS regulations, once the population of a language reaches a 5% threshold, that county is mandated to have a caseworker available that speaks, reads, and writes fluently in that population’s language. Placer County’s Russian population is currently at 3%. As a result, Placer County has been actively recruiting for a Russian speaking case worker. A candidate has been selected and is currently in the process of the required testing to determine language competency.

• In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) February 2019 Statics:
  - Provider Orientation: 77
  - Registry Orientation: 2
  - Providers (Registry/ Non-Registry): 3,313
  - Registry Provider Interviews: 7
  - Registry Providers: 673
Active Registry Providers: 293
Inactive Registry Providers: 380
New Registry Providers: 0
New Registry Recipients: 11
Total Registry Recipients: 1017
Active Registry Recipients: 690
In-Active Registry Recipients: 327
Registry Matches: 33
Registry List Sent: 102
Recipients: 3,387
New IHSS Recipients: 56
IHSS Recipients – Children: 19.90%
IHSS Recipients – Severely Impaired: 38.03%
IHSS Recipients – Aged: 38.94%
Growth in Recipients (month over month): 1.26%
Growth in Providers (month over month): -0.27%

• 2019 “New Provider Orientation Survey” Results – Fulkerson shared that there was a total of 142 returned surveys, a 78.89% return rate. An overall rating of 2.9 out of 3.0 was scored. Majority of responses were very positive. Fulkerson stated Post Orientation Surveys will go out in April, and quarterly thereafter to capture newly added providers.

• Bone announced that she is now the permanent APS/PA Supervisor. Bone stated that she has a strong background in APS and that adding IHSS to her responsibilities has opened her eyes to the need for more wrap around services for recipients. Bone has plans to partner with and educate those who play critical roles in a recipient’s life such as: mental health case workers, care providers, staff at senior living facilities, etc. Bone feels that providing tools and resources needed to both the recipient and those who serve them, will help both parties successfully navigate the day to day challenges.

• Curtis provided on overview of the circumstances, including fraud, which resulted in the removal of a provider form the registry. The provider sent an appeal letter that Curtis read aloud. The letter outlined the providers experience and addressed the fraud and her repayment of the funds.
  o Curtis’ opinion is that the fraud was not deliberate.
  o County Staff recommended that the provider be placed on probation and allowed to work again while closely monitoring her performance.
  o A motion was made by Fletcher to approve staff recommendation for probation and seconded by Sharpan. The motion carried.
• Bone shared the revised provider registry warning letters. The committee stated that they felt the new letter was well written and should replace the previous version. Hytoff thanked the committee for their input.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Fletcher and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.