



**THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(IHSSAC)  
MEETING MINUTES – 01.09.2026**

Committee Members Present: Gloria Sadeddeen  
Valerie Mitchell  
Kim Velasquez  
Christina Trott  
Janet Ward  
Krestina Isho

Committee Members Absent: Navneet Malhi  
Silvia Soberanis  
Sherrie Thomas

Link2Care Staff Present: Gina Innes  
Jessica Bristow

Dignitaries and Guests: None

Members of the Public: Todd Goss  
Debra Sheppard

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Meeting called to order at 1:03p.m.
  - Welcome extended to members of the public: Todd Goss and Debra Sheppard.
- II. Additions to the Agenda:
  - None
- III. Approval of November minutes:
  - November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes approved.
  - Motion by Christina, seconded by Valerie.
- IV. Public Comment:
  - Debra Sheppard shared how much she enjoys caregiving and goes

above and beyond for her recipients. Has been a provider for one of her recipients for several years and cares deeply for her and how she started as a caregiver for her mother.

- Todd Goss (UDW Union) provided the following information:
  - **Office Location:**  
2813 Coffee Rd. Ste. C  
Modesto, CA 95355
  - **Office Phone:** (209)526-5274
  - **Todd's Cell Phone:** (916)712-7025
  - **Website:** udw.org
  
- Political council meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:00AM located at the Union office to discuss political changes and upcoming laws.
- Discussion on Medicare/Medi-Cal/SNAP benefits and how changes to regulations may affect the IHSS community.
- Development & Strategic Initiatives (DSI) Department handout provided (contact UDW for a copy).
- UDW will participate in the MLK Day Parade in Merced on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00a.m. (starting on Amtrak Street).

#### V. Public Authority/IHSS Updates

- Social Services Assistant position filled.
- Focusing on reducing IHSS provider enrollment time.
- Experiencing a high influx of Registry provider applications.
- Working on implementing more electronic forms for IHSS.
- Community First Choice Option—Federal funding source; penalties apply if IHSS clients are not seen timely. Current focus is on these cases although all cases are important to see in a timely manner.

#### VI. Legislative/Budget Update

- CWDA and CAPA reviewing legislative proposals.
- Department of Healthcare Services meeting regarding the Governor's budget and program impact this afternoon at 3:00 pm.

#### VII. CICA Update

- This week's meeting focused on building and strengthening advisory committees.
- Strategies for recruitment and how to keep members engaged.
- Strengthening relationships with the Board of Supervisors (BOS).
  - Discussion on reporting to the BOS once a year by a committee member.
- Discussion on other counties' use of funding for training and educating new members, and the possibility of appointing an onboarding and mentoring lead.
- AB 1682: Requires each county to have an advisory committee.
- SB 707: Effective 01/01/2026, allows for more accessible ways to attend meetings; compliance required by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

#### VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Bylaws—Need to review before discussing changes.

B. Newsletter—Spring Edition:

- Committee Member Spotlight
- Soup Recipe
- Send ideas to committee clerk

IX. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Bylaws
- Brown Act
- Reporting to the Board of Supervisors

**NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2026 at 1:00p.m.**

*Recorder,  
Jessica Bristow*