

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 19, 2014

Attendees: Denise Blockmon, Bob Blymyer, Francisco Godoy, Leoma Lee, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, and Stormaliza Powmacwizalord.

Absent: Chandra Livingston-Blanks, Carolyn Rose, and Jacqueline Spagner

Staff & Guests: Lilia Boliuh (PA), Sandy Deutsch, (IHSS) Diane Gonzalez (PA), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Caleb Lopez (ASL Interpreter), Mary Ann Cowan (PA), Teresita Perez, Kyle Nowlan (ASL Interpreter) Alice Polson, Rick Simonson (PA), and Michael (Taps) Taporco, and Joe samora

I. Called to Order at 1:15 by Chair Leoma Lee

II. Introductions

III. Consent Calendar

- A. Agenda –: Approved Lopez Coles/Blymer
- B. Minutes –: Approved (Lopez Coles/Blymer
- C. Chair’s Report: none

IV. Reports

- A. DHHS-IHSS: Sandy Deutsch, IHSS Supervisor: Provider overtime issues – Debbie Thompson has been attending state budget hearings.

IHSS is currently able to hire new staff (3 intake social workers, 3 continuing case carrying social workers). One eligibility specialist unit (8 workers) has been filled. Currently, interviewing for a unit Eligibility Specialist Supervisor and a new continuing supervisor with 3 vacancies in unit. 3 social workers have already been hired (2 from DHA and 1 from CPS). Social Worker vacancies still to fill: 1 Vietnamese language, 1 Spanish language.

March is Social Worker Appreciation Month and Administrative Professionals’ day is April 16th, IHSS will be combining both days of recognition and having a big party at 9750 Business Park Dr (this party makes regular IHSS Advisory Committee meeting space unavailable).

Sacramento County social workers have not had a labor agreement for two years and recently held two walk outs. Clerical labor agreement has been settled. Social Worker Supervisors do not have a new labor agreement .

- B. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director Rick Simonson – SEIU has sponsored an initiative that requires 75 hours of training for IHSS caregivers and that IHSS wages will go up by the same amount as state minimum wage increases. A company has been retained to collect the needed signatures to qualify for the November ballot.

Guests: Diane Gonzalez from the IHSS Public Authority supervises, education social workers and registry staff, and reviews the caring matters newsletter. Mary Ann Cowan provides the provider education classes, teaches orientation and provides client mediation. Lilia Boliuh is one of two social work interns from California State University, Sacramento.

There is an IHSS Stakeholder meeting on March 21 from 1 – 3 pm to discuss the Fair Labor and Standard Act changes impacting IHSS caregivers on January 1, 2015 (overtime pay requirements, 40-hour work week limitation proposed by Governor Brown). This meeting will also discuss payment for travel time between IHSS consumers and for wait time while consumers at are doctor appointments. There is a call-in option for those who cannot attend in person.

IHSS Advisory Committee members may want to attend upcoming State Assembly and Senate Budget subcommittees. This will be an opportunity to provide legislators information about how the proposed overtime regulations would impact individual lives.

Updated CMIPS II performance summary distributed (see attached).

AB 1703 by Assembly Member Hall– Proposes to add reading services as an IHSS service visually impaired or those who can't read. – This bill is supported by CAPA.

AB1533 by Assembly Member Waldron would add FBI check for providers and repeal waiver option (this adds \$17 to the current cost of California background checks).

V. Committee Matters

- A. California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) report by Leoma Lee. Donna Collame is the IHSS Public Authority Director in San Francisco and is concerned that IHSS will lose the focus of being consumer driven, compromising the ability for consumers to live with dignity and respect. It is important that the IHSS Advisory Committee

remain in place for consumers. IHSS needs to find champions in the legislature to support IHSS consumers. One of those champions is Mariko Yamada who was a Yolo County Supervisor and is now a State Assembly Member. Providers can walk away if things get tough or wages are low, recipients aren't left with the same choices because they still need services.

CICA hired a part-time person Charlie Bean (paid admin) to take minutes during the CICA calls. Annual CICA telephone meeting is Friday, March 21, 11:00 am and will include election of officers.

- VI. New Business – Next month per bylaws we need to create an Ad hoc Nominating Committee to develop a slate for IHSS Public Authority officers

Taps offered space for the IHSS Advisory Committee to have a booth at the Elk Grove Western Festival May 3-4, 2014 or provide brochures about IHSS services for general distribution.

- VII. Old Business - none

- VIII. Public Comment – none

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.