

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 19, 2011

Attendees: Bob Blymyer, Francisco Godoy, Melissa Kinley, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, Carolyn Rose and Cordia Wade

Absent:

Staff & Guests: Denise Blockmon, (Provider), Elise Cecerrali, (Caretaker), Mathew Call (Sign Language Interpreter), Sam Farley, (Sign Language Interpreter), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Bernadette Lynch (SAS), Michael Piroto, (DA Fraud Task Force). and Rick Simonson (PA)

- I. Call to Order 1:05 p.m. by chair, Melissa Kinley.
- II. Introductions
- III. Consent Calendar
 - A. Agenda Reviewed/accepted (Wade/Blymyer)
 - B. Minutes: Correction to page 2, so survey responses total 100%, accepted with changes (Wade/Blymyer)
 - C. Chair's Report & Correspondence:
- IV. Reports
 - A. DHHS Senior and Adult Services, Bernadette Lynch, Division Chief– The Brown Administration has proposed a series of reductions that adversely affect seniors and dependent adults. They include: reducing SSP payments by \$15, from \$845 to \$830; in addition to the 3.6% reduction across the board for all recipients an additional 8.4% reduction in hours (the difference is the 8.4% recipients can request supplemental hours, and if those hours are denied at the state level then the recipient can appeal the decision.); elimination of domestic and related services (cleaning, cooking, and laundry) for recipients who live with someone; require all recipients have a doctors authorization for services; and eliminate the mandate and state funding for Advisory Committees state wide. Counties will have the option to continue Advisory Committees with local and federal funding. Additional proposed budget changes include: five year tax extension, elimination of adult day care and Multi Senior Services Programs and a 10% reimbursement cut to Medi-Cal providers. Currently, there is an increase in the IHSS lobby services do to the 3.6% reduction as a result there is increased security due to threats to social workers.

B. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director, Rick Simonson: Reminder if any Advisory Committee member chooses to voice their concerns about the proposed changes to IHSS – you can identify yourself as a member of the Advisory Committee but you must state that you are representing your own views and not the views of the IHSSAC or Board of Supervisors.

January 27, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., the state Assembly will hold hearings on the proposed 2011-12 state budget and February 3, 2011, (time TBD), the state Senate will hold hearing.

The governor's proposed budget includes that in 2014 IHSS will revert to a State run program. There will be no county cost if this happens the funding would only come from the State and Federal governments.

The Legislative Analysts Office has resources explaining the budget process. Their web address is www.LAO.ca.gov.

Cost saving: The county e-mailed about 2,000 fewer IHSS newsletters and sent email notifications that the newsletter is available for viewing on the IHSS Public Authority website.

Kaiser benefits premiums increased by 10% for 2011. The SEIU-UHW bargaining team chose a new Kaiser benefits package. The premium contribution from enrolled caregivers increased from \$15.00 to \$51.65 per month.

Provider Enrollment: 1500 recipients received termination letters from CDSS. Of those, 500 completed the process before the December 31, 2010 deadline. An additional 500 of the 1500 recipients are no-longer working as IHSS providers and just over 500 had not completed some part of the new enrollment process. Providers who have not completed the process will receive a paycheck for the last ½ of December but will not get a new timesheet for the next pay period. If they complete the process, retroactive pay will be available. There has been no additional registry usage as a direct result of the loss of wages by recipients.

C. IHSS Fraud Task Force, Criminal Investigator, Michael Pirotto: 106 Fraud referrals were received over the last 2 months of 2010 – this is a reduction in referrals. Reduction in referrals may be because the DA website was down for ½ the month, catching frauds from the death and jail matches, or more referrals from the social workers.

15 felony cases were filed during November and December for \$53,000. 7 defendants pled guilty in court (\$48,000), 15 open cases currently going through the court process and there are 12-15 active warrants.

Fraud Recovery Desk has collected \$13,000, in overpayment reimbursements over the last 60 days. 61 of the fraud recovery desk cases have been paid back to the county in full. The money is distributed 50% to Feds, 34% to State and 17-18% to County.

V. Committee Matters

A. CICA:

VII. New Business

A. A motion was made that the IHSS Advisory Committee write a letter to the County Board of Supervisors requesting they oppose eliminating the state mandate for Counties to have Advisory Committees (Wade/Blymyer), unanimous approval.

IX. Old Business

X. Public Comment: Members of the Audience - 2 Minutes Each.

XI. Adjourn 2:45 p.m.