

**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 21, 2009
1:00-3:00 P.M.
Draft Minutes**

Attendees: Francisco Godoy, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Kristen Lyall, Carolyn Rose, Cordia Wade

Absent: Koleen Blegacki, DeAnga Hills, Melissa Kinley, Michele Stuart, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord

Staff & Guests: Stacey Ballard (Interpreter), Carrie Bernard, Martha Garcia (Ms. Lopez-Coles Caregiver), Terisita Godoy (Mr. Godoy's caregiver) Bernadette Lynch (SAS), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Diane McFarland (SAS-IHSS), Rick Simonson (PA), Laura West (DA Fraud Task Force)

I. Call to Order

Lyle (chair) called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. a quorum was not present.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes (review/accept)

III. Chair's Report & Correspondence

See item V. section A below.

IV. Reports

- A. DHHS Senior and Adult Services, Bernadette Lynch, Division Manager – Since June 2009 Senior and Adult Services has lost 57 positions. 50.8 of the lost positions are in IHSS. Currently there are 6,500 uncovered cases.

The county budget continues to be problematic. Sacramento County Board of Supervisors considered, but did not approve, a .908 work reduction for represented employees. Several unions have agreed to furlough days. The board approved cuts in Senior Nutrition and Child Protective Services lost 43-45 positions. CPS employees may be bumping SAS employees.

Because of cuts tied to the functional index, 2300 recipients will lose all IHSS services, and 1700 recipients will lose domestic services. The cuts in the system were scheduled to go into affect November 1 but a court injunction has stopped these service losses.

A proposal to combat IHSS fraud is being prepared by the Sacramento County District Attorney, Department of Human Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services and the IHSS Public Authority. There is 1.7 million available

for the proposal, with some possibility of additional funds if not all counties apply.

B. SEIU-UHW – No report

C. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director, Rick Simonson
Negotiations with SEIU-UHW continue. NUHW at one point indicated they would provide a de-certification petition, but no petition has yet been received.

The IHSS Public Authority is entering into an agreement with IHSS to perform the newly mandated provider orientations, screening and enrollment. New provider enrollment forms and Department of Justice background checks must be completed by all IHSS providers. All new providers must attend an orientation. Current providers have the option to review the orientation materials or attend an orientation. Options for orientation (current caregivers) are a CD ROM or to request a copy of written orientation material. In Sacramento County there will be options for online orientation or print materials to review at home. Orientation materials are being developed by the State in English, Spanish, Chinese and Western Armenian.

The State of California has yet to release all the necessary materials and instructions. 25,000 people need to complete process by June 15, 2010, allowing time for background clearances. Our plan is to have live scans done at IHSS Public Authority as a convenience for providers.

An advantage to having orientation activities performed by the IHSS Public Authority is that if a caregiver can no longer provide services, the registry will be able to provide immediate assistance in finding a new caregiver.

D. Laura West, DA Fraud Task Force

The DA Fraud Task Force is in pretrial of an IHSS recipient who claimed he needed 24-hour services for the last 5 years for (mental disabilities, mute and deaf). While receiving services, the recipient owned a business, purchased cars, received 5 speeding tickets, argued at trial, etc. This case is estimated to be a \$150,000 loss to the IHSS system. There is another case pending for an additional \$200,000 in IHSS fraud.

During the week ending October 29, 2009, the IHSS Fraud team will charge 25 more fraud cases. $\frac{3}{4}$'s are death case (cases where recipients died but caregiver continued to receive payments). Remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cases either the provider or recipient is currently incarcerated.

Provider orientations will make it easier to prevent fraud. For example, one consumer thought it was ok to keep completing timesheets after the recipient was hospitalized because they believed that the services were set up in year long increments.

The IHH Fraud Task Force is focusing on prevention through collaboration with Adult Protective Services, In-Home Support Services, the IHSS Public Authority.

V. Committee Matters

A. CICA

CICA Conference – January 22-24, 2010 7th Annual IHSS Advisory Committee Conference – “Strengthening IHSS Through Community Collaboration”

Conference topics include:

- Continue Networking: The Nuts & Bolts of Social Networking
- Fraud: Fact vs. Myth
- IHSS Coalition: Fighting For You
- Urgent Care Registries
- Serving the Hard to Serve
- Budgeting for your Advisory Committee
- Record Keeping - Protecting Yourself as a Consumer
- Union Brown Bag Questions

In addition, CICA Executive Committee Elections will be held at the conference. Stay tuned for more information about officer nominations.

Cost: \$325 per person for CICA members; \$395 per person non-members; \$220 per person for attendant meal package (Sacramento IHSS Advisory Committee gets member rates). *Conference cost includes all conference content; a Friday evening welcome reception; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; breakfast and lunch Sunday; afternoon breaks each day.*

San Jose Doubletree Hotel 2050 Gateway Pl., San Jose, CA 95110. For lodging reservations, call 800-222-8733 or 408-453-4000. Ask for the "CICA 2010" room rate (\$94 per night, +tax). Limited accessible rooms available. Please only reserve an accessible room if required. A listing of nearby overflow hotels available by contacting amy@cicaihss.org. Please call Amy Terhorst at 530-273-8586 for more information.

Do we need to vote on who will be attending? The IHSS Advisory Committee has traditionally approved attendance for any committee member who wants to attend and the funding is already in the budget.

B. Education – no report

C. Quality Assurance – no report

VII. New Business - None

IX. Old Business

X. Public Comment: Members of the Audience - 2 Minutes Each. - None

XI. Adjournment

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