

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes

June 20, 2012

Attendees: Bob Blymyer, Francisco Godoy, Melissa Kinley, Leoma Lee, Chandra Livingston-Blanks, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, Carolyn Rose, and Cordia Wade

Absent: Denise Blockmon and Antoinette Lopez-Coles,

Staff & Guests: Mike Andreozzi (IHSS), Matthew Call (Interpreter), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Caleb Lopez (Interpreter), Rolando Gutierrez (SEIU-UHW), Rick Simonson (PA) Vita Tsymbol (Fraud Task Force), Floridalma Valencia (IHSS), and Laura West (Fraud Task Force)

- I. Call to Order 1:10 by Chair: Melissa Kinley (a quorum was present)
- II. Introductions
- III. Consent Calendar
 - A. Agenda: Reviewed/Approved
 - B. Minutes: Reviewed/Approved with changes (adding concern that union was not participating in the IHSS Advisory Committee meetings)
 - C. Chair's Report: Melissa Kinley, IHSS Advisory Committee Chair
- IV. Reports
 - A. IHSS Social Services: Floridalma Valencia - IHSS has a new intake unit (8 new staff), hired one additional intake social worker (two more will be hired). Waiting list for intake is about 1000 cases (after 400 cases were reassigned to other staff). 45 medical certifications pending (takes about 4 weeks). Takes about 2 ½ to 3 months for a worker to come out and do the intake home visit. A consumer needing to go home from the hospital becomes a priority case.
 - B. SEIU-UHW, Rolando Gutierrez – The union has been extremely overwhelmed and will make every effort to attend the AC meetings. The IHSS Advisory Committee meeting minutes have been reviewed regularly. A rally was held at the state capital June 4-15, 2012, IHSS consumers were arrested. We are urging providers and consumers to call their legislative representatives to tell them your concerns and to thank them for their support. SB1503, (Statewide Public Authority) moving to a different trailer bill. The union

received input from members about what they think would improve homecare: securing funding for the program, training, statewide contract. Training will be split into to levels – level 1 will require 25 hours of mandatory training, level II (additional 25 hours) will be optional. Question: how this training would differ from the training currently offered? It is expected this training will be broader than that currently offered by some Public Authorities. Comment: This seems like a significant imposition on some providers, particularly parents who have cared for children for many years/decades. The response was that some providers need comprehensive training and better pay to be more universally available to recipients.

IHSS Public Authority and the SEIU-UHW to continue in negotiations.

- C. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director, Rick Simonson – State budget: both the Assembly and Senate budget committees rejected the proposed 7% decrease in IHSS hours but recommended continuing current 3.6% hours decrease. Proposed elimination of domestic and related IHSS hours was rejected by State Budget Hearing Committee at both budget hearings. This requires finding an additional \$31 million in cuts. It is expected this will be negotiated as part of budget trailer bills. . A possible savings will be found from: better coordination of revenue from (a) veterans benefits, (b) provider taxes (c) not hiring staff for administration of the 7% reduction.

Dual eligible (beneficiaries who have both Medicare and Medi-Cal) is now called the “Coordinated Care Initiative.” IHSS will still begin shifting into the Coordinated Care Initiative under HMOs in 2013-2014 (Sacramento will likely be in 2014).

Unions are proposing a statewide Homecare Council that will be responsible for bargaining. The current proposal calls for bargaining responsibility to move to the Council at the close of enrollment into CCI. The first group would likely be January - June 2014. It appears that beneficiaries can opt of the Medicare portion of the CCI, but will still be enrolled in CCI for Medi-Cal benefits.

Packets have handouts with information about how to be a better IHSS employer. This is tied to a CFCO requirement for optional recipient training. These will be distributed via social workers upon request and be available in IHSS lobby. An upcoming IHSS newsletter will have information about the materials.

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 is CORE Class Graduation (5:30 pm). All IHSS Advisory Committee members are encouraged to attend. .

Year-to-date spending summaries are in packets. There is a \$40 credit that is a refund from a prior year.

- D. IHSS Fraud Task Force, Deputy District Attorney, Laura West– Prevention, detection and prosecuting of IHSS Fraud – In Fiscal Year (FY) 09/10 overpayments calculated on fraud referrals totaled \$2, 082,828,\$873,151 in overpayments were calculated from fraud referrals received in FY 10/11, and\$297,154 in overpayments were calculated from fraud referrals received in FY 11/12. Prevention and education have been a large part of the Task Force program to reduce fraud and overpayments.

V. Committee Matters

- A. CICA – All trailer bill information is not completed, unsure if governor vetoed/or signed into law. The start date for dual eligible has moved to June 2013. Hoping that the 3.6% cut will be extended to June 2013 (rather than 7% cut).

CICA does not support statewide Public Authority and would like counties to continue provider enrollment, mandated orientations, and maintaining registry, with only bargaining moving to a statewide entity. There is no commitment in the trailer bill language that providers can't strike. Provider tax is still in place and a possible revenue source.

VI. New Business

- A. None

VII Old Business

- A. None

VIII Public Comment

- A. Attendee, Randette Billings, handed out business cards to all IHSS Advisory Committee members with the comment that she had a problem with IHSS and no one came to her assistance. Ms. Billings did this during a scheduled presentation. She was reminded by the chair that public comment is scheduled later in the meeting. Ms. Billings left before the scheduled public comment time.