

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 15, 2012

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

Absent: Denise Blockmon and Melissa Kinley,

Staff & Guests: Alberta Barnhard (IHSS), Matthew Call (Interpreter), Elise (IHSS) Caregiver, Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Caleb Lopez (Interpreter), and Rick Simonson

I. Call to Order 1:10 by Chair: Leoma Lee (a quorum was present)

II. Introductions

III. Consent Calendar

A. Agenda: Reviewed/Approved

B. Minutes: Reviewed/Approved with additions: Blymer/Godoy

C. Chair's Report: Leoma Lee, IHSS Advisory Committee Chair
Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports that Healthcare Reform may leave 1.4 million children without medical insurance.

Quality Evaluation Demonstration Work Group: state will withhold money will be set aside for doctors and healthcare groups that provide good services (incentive withhold).

DHCS/DMHC – Coordinated Care Initiative (Dual Demonstration project); Eight pilot counties are part of the demonstration. There are two proposed enrollment strategies. Choice is to either enroll everyone at one time or do a staggered enrollment. Under the staggered approach, recipients would change to Medi-Cal first. Then letters would be sent stating recipients must enroll in Medicare under the second group. The staggered approach would have multiple letters going to beneficiaries prior to enrollment into each program. A non-staggered approach with one notice may be less confusing for beneficiaries.

IV. Reports

- A. IHSS Social Services: –Alberta Barnhard, Acting Program Manager, IHSS: Senior and Adult Services: There is one vacant IHSS intake position, one employee on leave and one new intake supervisor. Intake social workers have an average of 100 cases and are currently working on the May 2012 cases. IHSS has been approved to hire an Eligibility supervisor and then eight eligibility workers. Ruth MacKenzie filled the Adult Protective Services Program Manager position vacated by Elizabeth Foster-Ward. IHSS Program Manager interviews concluded on Monday, August 13, 2012 and a hiring decision should be made by early September.

3.6% IHSS hours reduction was repealed on 7-1-2012 and then reinstated on 8-1-2012, currently no end date for the 3.6% IHSS reductions. Case carrying social workers have an average total of 400 cases each. There are 48 continuing social workers. Each case carrying continuing social worker is required to work on the 40 oldest cases every month. The Medical Certification form must be received before the intake worker will come out to do a home evaluation. Under special circumstances, clients and applicants who are bed bound and are in need of assistance with completing the medical certification form can be seen by an IHSS nurses. If a Medical Certification form is not received in 45 days, there is an immediate case closure. Clients will receive an additional 30 days grace period to get the paperwork completed and turned in to IHSS. If the Medical Certification form is not received within the 30-day grace period then the recipient must re-apply for IHSS services.

- B. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director, Rick Simonson – State budget: has been adopted with a 3.6% cut to IHSS and the need to find additional savings. A cut to domestic and related services has been taken off the table. There is no change in the County Budget for the IHSS Public Authority. IHSS PA continues to have a MOU with DHHS to perform provider enrollment services and background investigations.

The Advisory Committee spent \$4,465 out of \$5,916. The Advisory Committee budget is for the fiscal year from July 1st through June 30th.

All Advisory Committee members are required to complete Ethics Training every two years. Please schedule yourself for one of the classroom days or take the Ethics training online (email regarding this requirement sent to IHSS Advisory Committee members on 8-14-12).

Two members of the disbanded DA Fraud Task Force were IHSS social workers. These two social workers, a State fraud investigator and support staff will continue a smaller fraud unit within the IHSS program.

The Department of Health Services started terminating providers who have not been paid hours for 12 or more months (called 86'ing providers). A notification process was created that permits in IHSS recipient to stay as an active provider even if he/she has not been paid in 12 months. This is helpful to the IHSS Public Authority which receives subsequent arrest reports on all providers who have fingerprinted for IHSS. Once a provider no longer works for IHSS, the subsequent arrest reports are no longer needed. This process will allow the IHSS Public Authority to notify the DOJ to no longer send the subsequent arrest reports. The 86'ing program is now on hold due to the transition from CMIPS Legacy to CMIPS II and the inability for both systems to concurrently track the information.

Senate Bill 411 (handout) will have no impact on IHSS. This Senate Bill is directed at homecare agencies and individual caregivers, requiring background screening and training programs for all caregivers statewide. The program would also require 5 hours per year of training and, for agencies, supervision of provider staff. This bill is still being considered by the legislature.

Statewide IHSS Collective Bargaining. The Fiscal Year 2012-13 state budget adopted that at the close of enrollment into the Coordinated Care Initiative (for beneficiaries' eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal), responsibility for IHSS collective bargaining will move to a statewide Public Authority. At this point, this applies only to the eight pilot counties for CCI (Sacramento is not part of the eight). Legislative authority will be required to expand beyond the eight counties. No other IHSS Public Authority responsibilities move to the statewide Public Authority under the current legislation.

V. Committee Matters

A. CICA – Today's conference call was canceled

VI. New Business

A. Senior Fall Prevention Event – Saturday, September 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register early if interested.

VII Old Business

A. None

VIII Public Comment

A. None

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