

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 21, 2012

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

Absent: Denise Blockmon, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord

Staff & Guests: Scot Braithwaite, (IHSS Fraud Task Force), Teresita Godoy (Caregiver), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Samantha Love (Caregiver), Sharon Rehm (IHSS), and Rick Simonson (PA),

I. Call to Order 1:08 by Chair: Melissa Kinley

II. Introductions

III. Consent Calendar

A. Agenda: Reviewed/approved (Wade\Francisco)

B. Minutes: Reviewed/approved (Wade\Francisco)

C. Chairs Report, Melissa Kinley, IHSS Advisory Committee Chair
No report.

IV. Reports

A. IHSS, Program Manager, Sharon Rehm –Sharon stated she will be retiring, her last day is March 23, 2012. IHSS Social Worker Supervisors will rotate through the vacant position until a new Program Manager list is available to permanently fill the position.

IHSS is still filling vacant positions from the last budget year. Interviews are being held today and tomorrow for some supervisor positions. Delays include positions have to be offered to re-employment list first then human resources can send the regular employment list. There are 12 vacant positions and a new intake unit. The current Social Services Supervisor position interviews are to supervise the new intake unit.

Currently, there is a 3-month wait for the intake worker to come out to the home on a routine intake. Priority cases receive immediate response.

B. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director, Rick Simonson – The proposed 20% IHSS cuts are now under a permanent restraining order, the State is planning to appeal. The Governor's 2012-13 budget includes 20% IHSS reductions. The Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) suggests that instead of 20% cuts, the current 3.6% IHSS cuts extend beyond June 30, 2012 (current end date). The LAO also suggests limiting State participation in IHSS wages rather than other program cuts. The

governor's proposed budget also calls to eliminate domestic and related IHSS services when a consumer lives with a non-IHSS recipient

The Community First Choice Option (CFCO) State Plan Amendment (SPA) was submitted on December 1, 2011 to the Federal Government. The federal government responded with additional questions. Once the questions are answered, the federal government has up to three months to respond.

The current year's budget provides that four counties establish managed care (HMO) pilot programs for Dual Eligible individuals (eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal). The HMO's would receive payments representing federal and state money for both Medi-Cal and Medicare. The Request for Solutions (RFS) state that in the first year of operations, there will be no change from the current IHSS program. . By the second year, IHSS will be brought under the HMO umbrella. Under the HMO, it is expected IHSS will be better coordinated and may allow appropriate patients to go straight home from hospitals instead of going to a skilled nursing facility. The current budget calls for four county pilot programs but the governor and State Department of Healthcare Services want to expand the pilot programs to ten counties

The unions representing IHSS providers have been encouraging moving IHSS recipients to the managed care/HMO plans. The unions also want to establish statewide registry services, standardized education requirements and a single employer of record to negotiate wages and benefits.

Would anyone like to write an article for the June 2012 newsletter, would need the article within the next 2 weeks.

Bob Blymyer, Melissa Kinley and Stormaliza Powmacwizalord's committee appointments expire in July 2012. Melissa and Stormaliza are termed out (may not re-apply to be on IHSS Advisory Committee), so the Committee will need to fill one recipient position, and one provider position. If Bob Blymyer does not reapply, there will also be one general public position. The IHSS Advisory Committee will also need to elect a new Chair and Vice-chair.

Capital Action Day is coming up in May.

C. IHSS Fraud Task Force, Scott Braithwaite - IHSS Fraud Team is working with partner agencies to find money need to keep their program open. Need to come up with the 50% loss of state funding.

V. Committee Matters

A. CICA Conference Call – Assembly Bill 1841 Tier I Adult Abuse, Child Abuse, Fraud against a government entity; Tier II – Waivable crimes. This bill wants to make all Tier II crimes non-waivable. On March 22, 2012, state budget hearings will be held to consider the Dual Eligible Pilot Programs.

CICA is against a statewide bargaining unit, registry, orientation etc. You should let your unions know if you are against these changes as part of next year's budget bill.

The newly formed IHSS Consumers union is trying to keep IHSS out of managed care. In 1993 Tulare County chose managed care and costs went up 65%.

Voted to change IHSS meetings back to monthly. 6 for /1 opposed/ 1 abstain. Next meeting now scheduled for April 18, 2012

VI. New Business

A. Discuss meeting with the Aides to the County Board of Supervisors.

VII Old Business

VIII Public Comment – none