

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 16, 2016

Attendees: Denise Blockmon, Francisco Godoy, Kimberly Lathrop, Deborah Hibbler, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, Carolyn Rose and Joe Samora

Absent: Leoma Lee and Antoinette Lopez-Coles

Staff & Guests: Jenny (River City Medical Group), Sandra Deutsch (DHHS), Cameron Eggers (Interpreter), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Bryanna Horn, Gordon Marshall (Adult and Aging Commission), Bonnie Newman (IHSS Advisory Committee Calaveras County), Auriel Palomar (Inalliance), Cristie Pell (Interpreter), Terisita Perez, Rick Simonson (PA), and Shalisa Turner

I. Called to Order at 1:00 pm by Chair Joe Samora

II. Introductions

A. New Advisory Committee members introduced:

- Deborah Hibbler
- Kim Lathrop

III. Consent Calendar

A. Agenda: – Approved with correction (Blockmon, Godoy)

B. Minutes: – Approved with corrections (Blockmon, Rose)

C. Chair's Report: None

IV. Reports

A. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2015- Deborah Hibbler – three timesheet trainings were presented in February. An additional FLSA/Timesheet/Appeals training will be held on March 18 at 6:00 pm. SEIU Local 2015 has a new office: 681 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

B. Adult and Aging Commission – Dr. Marshall Gordon: Adult and Aging Commission is currently going through a redesign to provide better communication and assistance to the Adult and Aging community. The Adult and Aging Commission sponsored a community town hall meeting which provided information about services offered in the County of Sacramento. The event was held at the Carmichael Community Center.
<http://www.sacramentoadultandaging.org/>

C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Senior and Adult Services, Sandy Deutsch, IHSS Supervisor

- New IHSS Staff Changes:
 - New Supervisor: Courtney Washington
 - New Social Worker: Lyudmila
 - Yolanda's Intake unit has vacancies (staff moved to Courtney's continuing case worker unit)
 - Courtney now has 7 continuing case workers. Fair Labor and Standards Act (FLSA) Unit has 3 workers, 1 supervisor – requesting more positions from the board before July. There will be continuing FLSA support through IHSS (916) 874-9471, select Payroll.
 - Jeannette Johnson's former position going to the board week of 3-14-16 to request reallocation from ½ time to full-time.
- Other Changes:
 - Debra Morrow retired; Debbi Thompson is the new Senior and Adult Services Division Manager.
 - Mike Andreozzi, IHSS Program Planner, retired and is replaced by Cindy Wang.
 - Ethane Smooth, IHSS Program Secretary, retired, replacement pending

March is National Social Worker Appreciation month. A breakfast was held to recognize the contribution of IHSS Social Workers. The focus of recognition was empowerment, enrichment, appreciation.

D. Public Authority: Rick Simonson, Executive Director, IHSS Public Authority-

Budget report is in meeting materials.

The Governor has signed into law a new Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax which will generate between \$1.3 to \$1.7 billion in additional revenue for California. The current MCO tax expires in June 2016. The implementation of the new MCO tax will assure that the 7% in reinstated hours for IHSS recipients will remain in place.

FLSA – changes are rolling out. These changes include overtime over 40 hours a week, wait-time at medical appointments and travel time between IHSS recipients, all with limits. A letter from the IHSS Coalition (in meeting materials) expresses some concerns and make recommendations about the FLSA rollout. There are two organizations that regularly update about IHSS/FLSA matters where up-to-date information can be found: Marty Omoto – advocate for seniors and persons with disabilities (www.cdcan.org); and Disability Rights California (www.disabilityrightsca.org).

IHSS Public Authority will continue to provide timesheet information during new provider orientations. There is also a state video online explaining FSLA changes at: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/agedblinddisabled/PG3154.htm>.

The IHSS Coalition is asking for reinstatement of the IHSS share of cost buy out. Medi-Cal has a threshold amount of \$889.40 in income; if a recipient has more than the income threshold then they will have a Medi-Cal share of cost paid down to the IHSS share of cost amount of \$600. When a recipient has a Medi-Cal share of cost, the recipient must pay the provider out of pocket for the share of cost. The share of cost buyout would reinstate a program that paid the difference between the Medi-Cal (\$889.40) and the IHSS (\$600) share of cost (handout in meeting materials).

The State of California budget hearings are being held in March and April. They are televised at: www.calchannel.com.

The 13th annual Disability Capital Action Day (DCAD) is May 26, 2016, and will be held at the State Capital. The California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) will hold a summit the day before on May 25, 2016 in Sacramento. (NOTE: Since the IHSS Advisory Committee meeting, both of these events are being rescheduled in the fall.)

Thursday March 24, 2016, bargaining begins with SEIU 2015 toward a successor labor agreement.

V. Committee Matters - None

VI. CICA Conference Call -

A. CICA is creating a list of questions for the Statewide IHSS Bargaining committee the list will be compiled from questions from various counties.

New Business – Denise Blockmon – Motion that the committee has representatives attend the Disability Capital Action Day event on May 26, 2016. Motion seconded by Kim Lathrop. Unanimous support. (Joe Samora will attend both events, Denise will attend DCAD if she can get off work, Stormaliza will attend DCAD, Francisco will attend DCAD for ½ day.)

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next meeting is 4/20/16 at 9750 Business Park Drive, Suite 104, Sacramento, CA 95827