

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 20, 2016

**Attendees:** Denise Blockmon, Francisco Godoy, Chandra Livingston-Blanks, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Carolyn Rose and Joe Samora

**Absent:** Leoma Lee and Stormaliza Powmacwizalord

**Staff & Guests:** Steven Baxter (SEIU 2015), Lawanda Beateng (guest), Susan Boyle (guest), Sandra Deutsch (DHHS), Debra Hibler (guest), Brenda Hodges (guest), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Carmen Jones (guest), Gordon Marshall (liaison Adult and Aging Commission), Harriett ? (guest), Bonnie Newman (IHSS AC Calaveras County), Auriel Palomar (Inalliance), Estebon Salcedo (SEIU 2015), and Rick Simonson (PA)

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

II. Introductions

III. Consent Calendar

- A. Agenda: – Approved (Blockmon, Rose)
- B. Minutes: – Approved (Blockmon, Godoy)
- C. Chair’s Report: None

IV. Reports

A. SEIU 2015 – Estebon Salcedo – IHSS provider labor agreement expires February 2016; negotiations will begin soon for successor agreement. SEIU 2015 is organizing a bargaining team and would like input from providers about their concerns and needs. The union is currently offering overtime, travel time and wait time training at their Natomas location in Sacramento. The Address is 2884 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 101, Sacramento, CA 95833. You can contact Estebon at 916-698-1668.

B. DHHS Senior and Adult Services, Sandy Deutsch: February 1, 2016 through March 11, 2016, IHSS is holding workshops on IHSS overtime, wait time, travel time and new timesheet training daily at 10:00 a.m. at 9750 Business Park Drive, Suite 104, Sacramento.

- Overview of IHSS staff:
  - Hiring a new Program Manager (Jeanette Johnson)
  - Intake social workers are housed at OB-3 (3701 Branch Center Rd.)

- Continuing social workers are housed at IHSS (9750 Business Park Drive.
- Amy has 7 workers (3 continuing and 4 intake)
- Office Assistant Supervisor
- Fair Housing Specialist
- FSLA unit – (4 continuing, 4 delegated to FSLA and a supervisor)
- Asking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> FSLA unit in the March budget.
- 8-10 continuing units – 8 employees each
- 3 Intake units – 7 employees each
- Debra – been training and now out on her own in the field
- Stacy – new social worker
- Yolanda – new intake supervisor
- Brent has 8 social workers
- Yolanda has 1 open position
- Amy new supervisor has 7 employees continuing and intake.
- Advertising for Program Planner to replace Jeanette who promoted to program planner.
- Resources:
  - Family Services Workers
    - Assist recipients in interviewing providers
  - Public Health Nurses
  - Adult Protective Services is on-call 24/7
  - Call 916 874-9471 – to ask for the FSLA (Fair Labor Standards Act) Social Worker

Starting February 1<sup>st</sup> – recipient and providers will receive forms to sign in reference to the FSLA changes. Recipients who cannot read or write may contact IHSS before signing FSLA-related forms. Information about the waiver and exemptions are currently in draft form. IHSS hierarchy: Division Chief, Program Managers, Supervisor, and workers. IHSS currently has 24,000 cases and continuing case workers average about 330-340 case per worker.

- C. Public Authority: Rick Simonson, Executive Director, IHSS Public Authority-  
 An IHSS Advisory Committee budget/spending report is in the handouts. IHSS providers who have multiple clients can claim up to 7 hours per week in same day travel time between clients. IHSS will send out travel time information to providers with multiple clients. There are two types of wait time: engaged to wait or engaged to work. Engaged to work will be paid time; for example, waiting in a doctor's office while a client is at an appointment with an unknown length of visit. Engaged to wait is when someone is dropped off and then picked up at a later predictable time; for example a dialysis appointment. This is not paid wait time as the provider is free to do other activities. There is currently no information about IHO (In Home Operations) waiver, overtime, or advanced pay. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is aware that waiver clients have hours exceeding the cap. It is expected some exceptions may be made.

- D. IHSS Advisory Committee – Denise Blockmon
  - Supportive Life Conference – “Ready or Not Change is Coming”
  - Disability Conference Ed Roberts Campus – “Everyone Has A Purpose” Wendy with disability services discussed finding jobs for people with disabilities. Demetrious Belson discussed Bart Ride which was designed for disabled clients
  - Down Syndrome – “Meet Their Needs and They Will Read” – Teaching people with Down Syndrome to read.
  - California Health and Wellness Community Advisory Meeting – Personal Care Provider Services.
  
- V. Committee Matters
  - A. Joe Samora – CICA (California In Home Consumer Alliance) Conference call: - Guest speaker – Jodi Read from CARA (California Association of Retired Americans) discussed SSI/SSP – State has cut their contribution to SSI/SSP CARA wants to add \$1 million but the governor plans to veto. AB1584 (Brown/Thurman) will restore prior cuts to SSI/SSP and add a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment over three years 2018, 2019 and 2020 and reaching \$21 by 2020). Karen Kessler – the Governor’s January Proposed Budget was released last week no IHSS cuts for 2016-2017. The 7% restoration of IHSS hours is tied to a Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax.
  
- VI. Upcoming Conferences/Trainings:
  - A. Cal Tash Conference – February 26-28 2016, Embassy Suites, Sacramento, Riverfront Promenade, 100 Capitol Mall
  - B. Statewide IHSS Authority Meeting – May 6-7  
<http://www.ihssstatewideauthority.ca.gov/PG3717.htm>
  - C. CARA planning a training January 29<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> 2016
  
- VII. New Business – New Liaison from the Adult and Aging Commission – Dr. Gordon Marshall. Currently, the Adult and Aging commission is reviewing their role and what they can do for the Adult and Aging population. They currently have 21 members.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.