

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

February 20, 2013

Attendees: Denise Blockmon, Bob Blymyer, Francisco Godoy, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Chandra Livingston-Blanks, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, and Cordia Wade

Absent: Leoma Lee, Melissa Kinley, and Carolyn Rose

Staff & Guests: Alberta Barnhard (IHSS, Matthew Call (Interpreter), Cari Carter (Interpreter), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Caleb Lopez (Interpreter), Rick Simonson (PA), and Michael (Taps)Taporco (Caregiver)

- I. Call to Order 1:15 by Chandra Livingston Blanks
- II. Introductions
- III. Consent Calendar
 - A. Agenda: Wade/Godoy - Approved
 - B. Minutes: Wade/Godoy- Approved
 - C. Chair's Report: None
- IV. Reports
 - A. In Home Supportive Services - Alberta Barnhard, Supervisor: Three Social Services Workers have promoted to Social Services Supervisors (1 intake and 2 continuing). Currently, there are 10 social workers openings. When a recipient needs to contact a social worker, they must still call the Worker of the Day (WOD). In January the intake back log was cleared with the diligent work of a new intake unit. Intake process: (1.) Potential recipient calls the intake number and is given a pre-approval or denial over the phone, (2.) Medical form is mailed to client, client has 45 days to get the form signed and returned to IHSS, (3.) IHSS receives medical form, and then a determination is made either the case will be denied or assigned to a social worker, (4.) Worker then goes to the home and completes a home visit/assessment, (5.) Case is then given to supervisor for approval or denial. (6.) If the provider is not already an IHSS approved provider, then the provider attends mandatory state orientation, completes all paperwork, and does DOJ/background check.

- B. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director Rick Simonson – Spending report is in your packet with the budget adopted in the December meeting.

The Case Management Information and Payrolling System (CMIPS) II implementation in pilot counties has some timecard issues. Wave 1 has been delayed from December 2012. If Wave 1 implementation is delayed past March 4, 2013, the State of California increased cost will be \$13 million.

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has agreed to pay any county additional costs to make sure that Wave 1 goes forward on March 4, 2013, expecting these costs will be less than \$13 million. Originally there were ten counties in Wave 1. Two counties opted out because key personnel were not available.

There are anticipated changes in federal regulations that would require overtime pay for IHSS providers. IHSS providers are currently exempt from federal and state overtime under the companionship clause. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has 90 days to decide on the proposed labor regulations. If the regulations are supported, then IHSS workers will be eligible for overtime in 30 days. The cost at the state level for IHSS overtime will be \$250 million. . This could happen as early as May 15, 2013. It is not yet known if the state will support overtime or insist on limiting IHSS hours to 8/day or 40/week.

The State Office of the Inspector General must make an additional provider eligibility check of the Medi-Cal Suspended and Ineligible List. State owes the federal government \$4 million dollars for payments to IHSS providers who were on the Medi-Cal Suspended and Ineligible List. It is expected this check will be done in the background as a computer data match.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) will require that employers of 50 or more employees provide health insurance to employees and their families who work 30 hours or more. Not certain yet who will be considered the employer for purposes of IHSS. Could be the individual consumer, in which case there will be no requirement to offer benefits. If the employer is found to be some other entity in IHSS, the ACA requirements may apply. The penalty for non-compliance is \$2,000 for all employees (not just benefits-eligible employees).

V. Committee Matters

- A. California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA): The county's share of IHSS costs are now under a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and there is an opportunity for increased reimbursement. Advisory Committees are encouraged to go to governing boards to ask for money, but

cautioned to not do so prematurely. The MOE is a fixed amount tied to fiscal year. 11-12 actual costs. The California Association of Counties (CSAC), California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) are preparing a joint recommendations about accessing these funds. .

Debra Doctor was on the CICA call; they discussed the waiver information, Community First Choice Option Funds. There will be timesheet training for providers and consumers.

- VI. New Business
 - A. None

- VII Old Business
 - A. None

- VIII Public Comment
 - A. None