

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 19, 2015

**Attendees:** Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, and Joe Samora

**Absent:** Denise Blockmon , Chandra Livingston-Blanks, Leoma Lee, Francisco Godoy, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, and Carolyn Rose.

**Staff & Guests:** Sandra Deutsch (DHA), Cameron Eggars (Interpreter), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Edward Knight (Interpreter), Susie Malloy (Guest), Maria (Caregiver), Rick Simonson (PA) and Michael (Taps) Taporco (Caregiver)

I. Called to Order at 1:10 by Acting Chair, Joe Samora

II. Introductions

III. Consent Calendar

- A. Agenda: – Quorum not present: no action
- B. Minutes: – Quorum not present: no action
- C. Chair’s Report: None

IV. Reports

A. DHHS Senior and Adult Services, Sandy Deutsch:

- Overview of IHSS staff:
  - 60 Social Workers
  - 21 Intake Social Workers
- Additional Social Worker unit to be hired
- Adding a Program Manager
- Adding a Program Planner

Current Social Worker caseload is 350 cases (down from 430 cases at one time)

The FY 2015-16 Budget includes a 7% restoration of IHSS services.

IHSS is piloting a Telecommute Program by which much of the Social Worker activities will be handled without reporting to the office daily.

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

Sacramento County IHSS Public Authority Recommended budget has been approved by Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for \$1,794,049.

IHSS Public Authority is moving forward to secure additional space for provider orientations and education. Currently, IHSS orientation room seats a maximum of 50 prospective caregivers, a number regularly exceeded. Additional space has been identified in the current building to provide seats for up to 80 prospective caregivers and an area for prospective caregivers to have orientation who speak IHSS threshold languages (Russian and Spanish in Sacramento County).

Expected time line for Phase I of the new IHSS AC training room is one month to install carpet, complete electrical work, TV installation, and purchase additional chairs. Phase II of the new IHSS AC training room should be completed later in the fall. Over the last three years IHSS provider enrollment has had 40% growth. The additional training room space should accommodate our needs for the next three years if current growth continues. IHSS has plans to renovate 3701 Branch Center Road, across the street from the IHSS Public Authority's current location.

SEIU-UHW sent a Recognition Agreement to the IHSS Public Authority, requesting that SEIU Local 2015 be the new union for all Home Care Workers. IHSS Public Authority consulted with County Counsel and the determination from is that this shift of IHSS Caregivers to SEIU Local 2015 from SEIU-UHW is an internal union matter. The Recognition Agreement was signed and returned.

The federal courts heard on May 7, 2015 an appeal launched by the Department of Labor in reference to the Fair Labor Standards Act (IHSS overtime payment). Between now and December a ruling can be expected from the appeals court. After a ruling, there could be additional appeals with a year or two added before a resolution is reached, likely by the US Supreme Court.

October 8-9, 2015, is the Supported Life Conference. There are a variety of scheduled speakers and workshops for persons with disabilities. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Core Class Graduation – 44 met the graduation requirements and 32 attended graduation. Guest speakers did not show but a video about the importance of caregiving was shown.

Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) seeks to enroll dual eligible beneficiaries (with both Medicare and Medi-Cal) into managed care program. Both funding streams are combined and care managed by a single entity (rather than two). This is being launched in a number of counties as a pilot (not including Sacramento). When enrollment is complete into CCI, wage and benefit bargaining will shift from the county to a Statewide IHSS Public Authority.

IHSS Public Authority purchased Family Caregiving training DVD's from the American Red Cross for \$1.30 per DVD. A DVD is being given to providers completing State-mandated enrollment.

IHSS Advisory Committee brochures were distributed to encourage membership on the committee. Currently, there are five vacant recipient positions, one vacant provider position, and one vacant non-provider position.

#### IV. Committee Matters

##### A. CICA Conference Call Report:

American's Disability Act extended to employees in 1990. 80% of unemployment rate is due to people with disabilities.

*1991 Olmstead decision, according to the ADA.gov, two women, Lois Curtis and Elaine Wilson, who had mental illness and developmental disabilities, and were voluntarily admitted to the psychiatric unit in the State-run Georgia Regional Hospital. Following the women's medical treatment there, mental health professionals stated that each was ready to move to a community-based program. However, the women remained confined in the institution, each for several years after the initial treatment was concluded. They filed suit under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for release from the hospital (ADA.gov). In 1996 the supreme court held that holding Curtis and Wilson constituted discrimination in violation of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, furthermore, public entities must provide community-based services for persons with disabilities when: 1) such purposes are appropriate; 2) the affected persons do not oppose community-based treatment and; 3) community-based services can be reasonably accommodated (ADA.gov) [http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/olmstead\\_about.htm](http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/olmstead_about.htm).*

Currently, there is 6 Months wait to be released from hospital to home or assisted living.

AB 1518 – 25% of people in nursing care desire to go home. Social Workers are supposed to go see and assess people in nursing homes.

##### Waiver Program

- A. Provides parents with disabled children the means to stay home and take care of their children.
- B. IHO Waiver – If a person is receiving IHSS services then it allows their spouse to be paid for domestic services.
- C. Waiver for disabled adults who work but still need assistance.
- D. In Home Operations – provides more hours for a recipient if they have unmet needs and have the maximum number of IHSS hours.
- E. Nursing Home Waiver – Provides recipients with the ability to stay longer in a nursing home.

AB 1518 proposes removing a cap on the number of people who can use the waiver program.

The Legislature wants to know why there was a healthcare tax of ½ billion dollars collected last year.

#### V. New Business – Election (no quorum, so election was not held).

VI. Public Comment – Visitor Susie Malloy made inquiries about the IHSS program. She asked what each area of the IHSS program identifies as needs:

PA Needs

- a. Education – on-line for IHSS
- b. Additional newsletters

IHSS Needs

- a. Staff
- b. Tele-commuting – as opposed to returning back to work after a home visit
- c. Lower case loads
- d. Each client have a worker – no uncovered cases

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.