

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 30, 2016

**Attendees:** Denise Blockmon, Francisco Godoy, Deborah Hibbler, Kimberly Lathrop, Leoma Lee, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Carolyn Rose, Joe Samora, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, and Suisan Weinheimer-Boyle

**Absent:** None

**Staff & Guests:** Sandy Deutsch (DHHS), Jazmine Forbes, Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Chandra Livingston-Blanks, Rhonda McClanahan, Megan McGeary (Interpreter), Bernadine Middleton, Bonnie Newman, Auriel Palomar (InAlliance), Malisa Ramirea, Rick Simonson (PA), Heidi Skinner (Interpreter), and Vitaliy Tsymbal

- I. Called to Order at 1:02 pm by Chair Joe Samora
- II. Introductions
- III. Consent Calendar
  - A. Agenda: Oct. 19 & Nov. 30: Unanimous approval (Lee/Hibbler)
  - B. Minutes: Sept. 21 & Oct. 19 (with correction): Unanimous approval (Rose/Lopez-Coles)
- IV. Reports
  - A. Chairs' Report: No report
  - B. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2015: Not present
  - C. Adult and Aging Commission: Not present.
  - D. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Senior and Adult Services, Vitaliy Tsymbal, IHSS Supervisor:

Debbie Thomson has been appointed by the governor as the Deputy Director of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Adult Services Division, effective 12/9/16. Ruth Mckenzie is currently the acting Division Chief of Senior and Adult Services (SAS). Five new IHSS supervisors are being hired. Sandy Deutsch is retiring in December.

SAS will start a pilot Telephone Assistance program in 2017. The program is in the developmental stages and has not been modeled after any other program.

Senior Volunteers Services staff will contact recipients by phone to see if they have any needs. Vitaliy will suggest that this new program include services for those with hearing impairments.

IHSS is looking for social workers who would like to participate in the new pilot program that will transition assessments into electronic format by the end of 2017.

CDSS is also developing optional electronic timesheets that are expected to be available by July 2017. Both the recipient and the provider must agree to use the new program. Provider will complete timesheet, then timesheets are electronically sent to the recipient for an electronic signature, then electronically transmitted to payroll.

CDSS mailed IRS income tax exclusion letters in October 2016. If the provider and recipient reside in the same house, then the provider is exempt from having to pay federal income taxes. Providers can choose to opt out of federal income tax withholding.

Letters were sent in October to providers who had not completed the new Provider Enrollment Agreement, form SOC 846 (11/15). Providers must return the completed documents by April 29, 2017. Those providers who fail to do so will be made inactive effective July 1, 2017. If a completed document is received by July 30, 2017, the provider will be reinstated. If received after July 30 2017, the provider will be reinstated back to the post mark date.

E. Public Authority: Rick Simonson, Executive Director, IHSS Public Authority:

New registry and education supervisor should be on board by January 2017.

An upcoming challenge is to develop a backup provider system for when a provider who may be sick. Paid sick leave – should begin in 2018. A California Department of Social Services stakeholder meeting about sick leave is on December 16, 2016. Interested individuals can call in or go in person to participate in the stakeholder meeting, pre-registration is required.

A work group is updating the IHSS provider orientation video. This is important because the new timesheets are not in the current orientation video. New timesheet video is scheduled to come out by year's end.

The Legislative Analyst's Office 2017-18 State Budget projection is for a surplus.

The Legislative Analyst's Office Long Term Services and Supports report distributed.

V. Committee Matters – None

VI. California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) Conference Call: None

VII. Comments:

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Next meeting is January 18, 2017, 9750 Business Park Drive, Suite 104, Sacramento, CA 95827