

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 21, 2025
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Attendees: Gena Bellino, Francisco Godoy, and Suzanne MacDonald

Absent: Deborah Hibbler, Carolyn Rose, and Joseph Wilson

Staff & Guests: Arturo Bustos (PA), Sandy French (Provider for Gena), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), John Kozitza (PA), Amy Lee (PA), Melis Ramirez (Provider for Francisco), Veranda White (DCFAS/SAS)

- I. Called to Order at 1:35 pm by Acting Chair – Francisco Godoy
- II. Introductions:
- III. Consent Calendar
 - A. Agenda – Motion Suzanne MacDonald, 2nd Gena Bellino - all in favor - approved
 - B. Minutes – Motion Gena Bellino, 2nd Suzanne MacDonald- all in favor – approved.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Chairs Report: – None:
 - B. SEIU2015 – Non-attendance
 - C. DCFAS – Department of Child, Family and Adult Services – Veranda White, Social Worker Supervisor –
 - a. 1 billion dollar proposed budget cut from the State of California. MediCal is federally funded. If a recipient is terminated from medical, the state will no longer kick-in the loss of services and IHSS services will be lost.
 - b. Undocumented adults 19+ no medical no IHSS.
 - c. Community first funding re-certification for IHSS must be every year. Currently IHSS is behind due to understaffing. IHSS will be penalized for any overdue cases.
 - d. Medical access test limit changed to \$2000 for singles and \$3000 for couples. Limits the amount you can have in your savings.
 - e. April 237 available and 19 adds.
 - D. DCFAS - Public Authority – John Kozitza: Increasing staff to complement the needs of the program. Education expanding classes: Dementia Dialogue, CPR, and the state offered career pathways. We will be moving to a new location on

Tech Center drive. We believe this move will make our office more efficient. The building will have recording ability, larger front counter with six stations, a window for: Provider enrollment, provider enrollment, registry, and payroll. The security will have an office. In the past we rarely had 1-2 incidents a year, then increase to 1 incident a quarter and now we have security guards in the lobby. Orientation for providers is on-line and in person. Providers need to watch the videos online, completes the forms SOC426 and SOC846 online, may need to livescan, then attend 90 minutes in person class, which includes the union, to complete the orientation process. We have one employee dedicated to the DOJ process. DOJ backgrounds are posted to the providers BOUNDS portal page: results can be pass, a delay notice, TIER I, or a TIER II which would cause a slowing down of services. IHSS now has Tagalog (new), Russian, Spanish, Persian (new), culture workers. We also had a walk-in registry open house – we had 70 applicants.

E. Old Business: None

F. New Business: None

G. Questions and Answers:

a. Francisco: Will providers lose sick leave hours?

i. Veranda: - Unsure? I will find out and get back to the group.

b. Suzanne: Recipients rely on their providers for daily living. How are recipients impacted by an inefficient provider?

i. John: We agree this is a concern. Providers will leave if they aren't able to survive. They will have to seek out other employment opportunities.

c. Suzanne: Can we make training mandatory for providers?

i. John: We can only require mandatory training for registry providers. Originally this program was Grant money and only to assist in living but now that the needs of the recipients have grown the program has grown.

d. Gena: Extremely hard to find a worker.

i. Corrie: Yes, a member who does not respond three consecutive times.

e. Cap: What is the new CAP?

i. John: From 66 hrs. per week and 7 hours of travel time to 50 hours per week including travel.

f. Francisco: Reach out to the legislature. Is this federal level?

- i. John: As soon as we get numbers to call, we will provide the information to the AC. We really don't know the answers, most of this is at the federal level.
- g. Suzanne: Recipients rely on their providers for daily living. How are recipients impacted by an inefficient provider?
 - i. John: We agree this is a concern.
- h. Francisco When is the last day to claim sick time? Can you send information about the legislature contact numbers?
 - i. Deanna: I will check with IHSS payroll. I sent the number out with the information from the CICA call in April...
- i. Suzanne When is the last day to claim sick time?
 - i. John: I will check with IHSS payroll.

V. Committee Matters:

- A. CICA Conference Call Report – Deanna Jekayinfa – Discussed the proposed 25-26 State of California and the impact on IHSS consumers and caregivers. Discussed the exemption gap in relations to the 360 waiver.

VI. Old Business

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.