

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 18, 2015

**Attendees:** Denise Blockmon, Francisco Godoy, Leoma Lee, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, Carolyn Rose, and Joe Samora

**Absent:** Bob Blymyer, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Chandra Livingston-Blanks, and Jacqueline Spagner

**Staff & Guests:** Cynthia Gilbert (Guest), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Teresita Perez (Caregiver), Rick Simonson (PA) and Michael (Taps) Taporco (Caregiver)

- I. Called to Order at 1:05 by Vice-Chair Leoma Lee
- II. Introductions
- III. Consent Calendar
  - A. Agenda: – Approved: Godoy/Blockmon
  - B. Minutes: – Approved with date correction: Godoy/Blockmon
  - C. Chair’s Report: - Chandra Livingston-Blanks resigned (later requested a leave of absence). Leoma Lee chaired the meeting.
- IV. Reports
  - A. DHHS Senior and Adult Services: Currently, there are still a few social worker positions with offers out. IHSS timesheet workshops ended 2/13/15.
  - B. Public Authority: Rick Simonson, Executive Director, IHSS Public Authority- First meeting of the Statewide Authority bargaining committee is scheduled for February 23, 2015. The Statewide Authority will be responsible for bargaining with labor unions after the close of enrollment of dual-eligible beneficiaries into managed care under the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI). The first meeting will introduce the Statewide Authority Directors comprised of two County representatives appointed by the Governor, the Director of the State Department of Social Services, the State Director of Finance, and the State Director of Health Services. If you are attending and need special accommodations, please contact the meeting’s organizers.

Overtime, travel time and wait time while at medical appointments scheduled to be effective on 1/1/15 have been halted by court order. A federal court judge held that the language changes made in the Fair Labor and Standards Act required legislative authority (and could not be done by Department of Labor staff). The changes were vacated, meaning they never took place. Unions has raised

objections and are asking the governor for money that was already in his January Proposed Budget to be used in California to pay overtime to IHSS providers. Department of Labor staff have indicated they will appeal the judge's decision.

1115 Waiver was discussed on the CICA call. The 1115 Waiver is financial support for underserved populations and disproportionate share hospitals (to enhance staffing and services). The 1115 waiver renews every five years. A union based Education Center has proposed 1115 waiver language to pay for 75 hours of voluntary (initially mandatory) training for IHSS providers. The Education Center is asking for \$239 million in funding. A study in San Bernardino and Riverside County showed recipients used less healthcare services after their providers attended the mandatory training. Disability Rights California is concerned that the training will become mandatory and providers will quit. When mandatory training was initiated in other states there was significant loss of providers who did not or could not complete the training. The proposal supports the provider would be involved in the client's healthcare decisions. This is not the IHSS model which is client driven (not provider driven). CAPA and CICA object to the addition of IHSS mandatory training be added to the 1115 waiver. CAPA and CICA's concerns include: 75 hours of lost IHSS recipient care, language barriers, medical focus (rather than social services model), availability of education in rural areas or for isolated recipients, liability of training non-professionals to provide para-professional services. If the waiver funding is successful, there are to be focus groups to outline what will be taught in classes.

IV. Committee Matters

A. CICA Conference Call Report – Leoma asked Joe if he would be willing to participate on the CICA conference calls. Joe agreed.

V. Public Comment -

A. Cynthia Gilbert (Guest) - Anyone on the In Home Operations waiver program and IHSS can work 12 hours per day CICA Conference Call Report. Suggestions for the Core Classes:

- a. Have a provider help facilitate classes.
- b. Recipient participation as well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.