

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 21, 2018

Attendees: Francisco Godoy, Deborah Hibbler, Leoma Lee, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, Carolyn Rose, Auriel Taurone, and Suisan Weinheimer-Boyle

Absent: Denise Blockmon, Kimberly Lathrop, Antoinette Lopez-Coles

Staff & Guests: Josh Anderson (ASL interpreter), Ana Gallegos, IHSS Provider, Yolanda Johnson (DHHS), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Bonnie Newman (Calaveras County), Brandee Reimers (InAlliance), Teresita Perez-Godoy (Provider), Christie Powell (ASL interpreter), Rick Simonson (PA), and Colleen Tinling (ASL interpreter).

- I. Called to Order at 1:00 pm by Chair Deborah Hibbler;
- II. Introductions: A quorum was present.
- III. Consent Calendar
 - A. Agenda: As Drafted (Lee/ Taurone) Unanimous Approval
 - B. Minutes: September 2017 Minutes (Lee/Weinheimer-Boyle), Unanimous Approval; November 2017 Minutes (Lee/Godoy), Unanimous Approval.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Chairs' Report: Present Deborah Hibbler – From CICA Call: Home Care Now is a program ran by Yolo County that serves as an urgent back-up caregiver program for IHSS consumers. The program is available to consumers who:
 - May be at risk of harm as a result of not having an available caregiver.
 - Who need their authorized IHSS Tasks performed daily (i.e. Personal Care, Meal Preparation/Clean-Up, Medication Reminders, etc.).
 - Have authorized IHSS hours available for that month.
 - Are in good standing with the Yolo County Public Authority.

Caregivers who participate in the Yolo Home Care Now program must:

- Be approved as an IHSS Provider
- Pass the Public Authority criminal background & reference check.

- Pass a drug & alcohol test
- Maintain a valid CPR/First Aid certification
- Maintain negative tuberculosis status
- Have a minimum of two years of caregiving experience working with elderly and/or individuals with disabilities (clinical or private setting experience is acceptable).
- Maintain a valid driver's license and have the right to work in the United States

Benefits for caregivers to participate in Home Care Now:

- Schedule flexibility and control
- \$20 stipend on the first day of each assignment (provided by Yolo)
- Mileage reimbursement each day of assignment (to and from consumer's home, paid by Yolo).
- Extra gloves provided by Yolo.
- Free CPR/First Aid training.
- Help make a positive difference in the lives of consumers in the community.

The provider submits mileage claims and other documents to Home Care Now coordinator. The cost for this program for Fiscal Years 16/17 and 17/18 is within its budget of \$6,000 per year.

Many counties have back-up care providers. Sacramento County has Urgent Care program available when a recipient has critical personal care services and their provider unexpectedly does not show up for work.

B. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2015: Not present

C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Senior and Adult Services, Yolanda Johnson, IHSS Supervisor:

No change in County budget. The IHSS Program is still unable to hire at this time. We still have several vacancies social workers, office assistants, payroll clerks, etc. Currently, we are not behind on annual assessments but we are working on ways to work around this problem. We are still at 95% renewals on time, 90% in compliance

for new cases in 30 days. On June 30, 2018, the fiscal year will end and we will have a status on filling vacancies.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Payroll - Charlene Draper: Electronic timesheets can be approved over the telephone if a consumer does not have a computer. When a consumer signs up for electronic timesheets, a letter is sent the consumer asking them "Did you enroll in electronic timesheets?" Sign up for direct deposit of paychecks is now available through the electronic timesheet system. IHSS cannot provide tax information. Please call the IRS or Franchise Tax Board. If you need to change your tax withdrawal amount, you can complete a new W4 form.

Auriel suggested the State add the ability for recipients to see used hours in the electronic timesheet system.

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

Currently, IHSS Provider Orientation is on a walk-in basis. Provider's complete paperwork, which clerical staff reviews, scans and processes into a database. IHSS Provider Orientation will be moving to an online signup format. Providers will complete information for their enrollment documents online and schedule an orientation date. At the completion of orientation, the provider will sign their forms electronically and the documents will be saved in a database. Walk-in providers and providers who do not use computers will be accommodated by completing paperwork at the front desk or over the telephone and then going to the orientation.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) – stakeholders meeting will be held March 9, 2018, 1-3 p.m., CDSS 744 P St., Sacramento, OB 9, Room 205 (CDSS auditorium).

IHSS Public Authority has the same budget issues and started their hiring freeze a year ago. We have 3 vacant positions a registry specialist, a social worker and a registry/education supervisor. There was a 26% cut in the State's participation in PA funding, which will require local support or significant program cuts. The County has to fund a new IHSS Maintenance of Effort (MOE) which will have significant increases in two years.

I will be retiring on March 31, 2018

V. Committee Matters:

A. CICA Call:

Cindi Caldaron is concerned about the impact of the EVV program on IHSS. Will the cost of implementing and maintaining the program outweigh the benefits. EVV written with a mental health bill which was enacted into

statute. When will tracking of the EVV program start? How will violations be tracked? Who will monitor the EVV program?

VI. New Business: - None

A. Motion was made by Francisco Godoy and Seconded by Leoma Lee to provide Stormaliza para-transit tickets for the EVV stakeholders meeting. Unanimous approval.

VII. Old Business: None

A. Supportive Life Conference –May 4-5, 2018 conference, Leoma Lee made a motion to send Stormaliza and Auriel to the Supportive life conference seconded by Francisco Godoy. Unanimous approval.

VIII. Questions:

- Stormaliza – received a letter that IHSS in in trouble. She is concerned about hours when she is home alone who will help her?
- Bonnie – Do you anticipate cuts to IHSS for Sacramento County?
 - No, Cuts are not expected for IHSS in the current fiscal year because we have left the vacant positions in IHSS and PA.
- Unsure of Federal money and the numbers of years left in the Affordable Care Act.
 - What may happen is a Block Grant which gives money to the state and makes the state responsible to determine how those funds are dispersed.

IX. Public Comment: None:

X. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Next meeting is March 21, 2018, 9750 Business Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827