



**THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
9/18/2015**

Committee Members Present: Connie Muller Marie Cochran
Valerie Mitchell Alma Avina
Joan Blackwell Linda White
Rose Martin

Committee Members Absent: Mohamed Rashid (advanced notice given)
Carmen Morad

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public in attendance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from the August 21, 2015 meeting were accepted.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- DRAIL – Ability Resource Fair & Assistive Technology Expo to be held on Friday, September 25th at the Howard Training Center from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- The Healthy Aging Association is conducting a fundraiser for Young at Heart Older Adult Fitness Classes. These classes are free to seniors and offered at various locations throughout the County. It will be held at Tahoe Joe’s Steakhouse on Pelandale Road on Wednesday, September 23rd or Thursday, September 24th from 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. Dine-in or Take-out for lunch or dinner. Tickets are \$16.00 each.
- Handout from CDSS, “IHSS Consumer Characteristics Report for Fiscal Years 2000/01 through 2011/12.” The number of IHSS consumers increased by 81%, from 243,000 to nearly 440,000 statewide. The program currently serves over 500,000 recipients. The average number of hours authorized per consumer per month increased by 4% from 82.7 to 85.8. The number of IHSS consumers identifying English as their primary language decreased from 58% to 49% of the

caseload. A significant increase was noted in consumers identifying Asian languages. The number of IHSS consumers with a “Disabled” aid code more than doubled. IHSS experienced a significant increase in consumers at either end of the age spectrum. The average length of time an IHSS consumer remained in the program was 13.63 years. Discussion followed regarding various statistics, charts, and Appendix A – IHSS Historic Timeline.

BUDGET UPDATE

- None.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- The Legislature returned from Summer Recess on Monday, August 17th and took up final action on all bills that are not two year bills. The Governor then has until Sunday, October 11th to take action on pending bills.
- There was no agreement on the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax. This is the tax that was supposed to help fund the restoration of hours for the IHSS program. The temporary 7% restoration of recipients’ hours went into effect July 1st with the hopes that the MCO tax would pass and the restoration of hours would become permanent. So there is still the issue of funding the program; alternate revenue sources such as an alcohol and tobacco tax were proposed to fill the void but no agreement could be reached. This bill will continue to be discussed in the new Legislative session.
- SBx15 (formerly SB 128). End of Life Options Act sent to the Governor for action.
- AB 1436 (Burke) – Authorized Representative to be able to sign documents for other individuals with certain exceptions. Sent to the Governor for action.
- SB 3 (Leno) – Minimum Wage Bill. This would increase the minimum wage to \$11/hr. on January 1, 2016 and \$13/hr. on January 1, 2017. Awaiting hearing in Assembly Appropriations – held by Assembly Appropriations.
- SB 196 (Hancock) – Elder Protective Order to dependent adults. Sent to the Governor for action.
- SB 199 (Hall) – Reading Assistance for the Blind. Sent to the Governor for action.

FURTHER ACTION PLANNING FOR 2015-2016

- Jeff met with the Senior Coalition and various other partners interested in working with our committee to present a training forum in order to discuss and prepare for the anticipated implementation of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) in our County. Have a follow up meeting scheduled on Thursday, Oct 1st to start the planning process. We previously discussed having a training regarding CCI at our August meeting; this information would be valuable to the group as well as the partners. The one year anniversary of the CCI enrollment process is approaching. Many people are not enrolling or opting out due to lack of outreach, some doctors have not enrolled in this plan, and the anticipated savings to the State has not been cost-effective. Fiscal review of this model will be done later in the year in preparation for the January budget.
- 13th Annual Healthy Aging & Fall Prevention Summit to be held on Friday, October 16th, from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Modesto Centre Plaza. There will be various presentations, health screenings, flu shots, and interactive booths. The keynote celebrity speaker will be Lou Brock, who will discuss Living with Diabetes. Adult Services will have a table for outreach.
- Our next IHSSAC Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 16th. Due to Jeff’s attendance at the Summit above, the IHSSAC Meeting has been rescheduled to Friday, October 9th, per the agreement of the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- Jeff got an article from Marie for the Newsletter. We still need some more items to include in the Newsletter.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2015 meeting
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Further Action Planning for FY 2015-2016
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Stephy Tracey, Recorder