



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

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
07/20/2012**

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

Committee Members Absent: Anand Magoon Carmen Morad

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren Alyssa Grayson
Sheila Spiegel

Dignitaries and Guests: None

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from the March 16, 2012 and May 18, 2012 meetings were accepted.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- Jeff's Report:
 - Current Events
 - The State has decided to continue with the 3.6% cut in hours for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Recipients. Due to the late decision, the hours will be restored for the month of July and then the 3.6% cut will be reinstated beginning August 1, 2012. The State started mailing notices on July 16, 2012. Inserts inform consumers about the reduction and also informs them that a hearing cannot be requested based solely on the 3.6% reduction. Cases that have needs in excess of maximum hour allotment (283 hours) will have the reduction applied to their unmet need hours first before any actual reduction.
 - Merced is scheduled to go live in July and Stanislaus is scheduled to go-live December 4, 2012. Payroll will no longer be processing the bulk of timesheets locally after the December 4, 2012 Go-live for Case Management Information and Payrolling System (CMIPS) II. Timesheets will all be processed in a central processing center in Chico. Only timesheets



with issues will be sent to the counties for additional review and processing. With the conversion to CMIPS II time will now be counted in hours and minutes, not in tenths (where 0.1 tenth of an hour is equal to 6 minutes). Notices will be sent to Individual Providers (IP) and IHSS Recipients approximately one month prior to the CMIPS II go-live date and will include timesheet samples and instructions.

- To help mitigate the large number of subsequent arrests notices the Department of Justice has to generate for all the IP, the State has developed a letter to send to IP who have not worked in the past year. The letter will inform the IP that their status will be terminated due to lack of payroll activity and they will need to repeat the enrollment process (background, fingerprints, etc.), if terminated. Providers will have the opportunity to request to be kept in eligible status by completing the enclosed form sent with the notice.
- IHSS Update
 - Administrative changes have occurred within the Community Services Agency (CSA) in the IHSS program. Children and Adult Services were combined and Jeff now handles IHSS & Public Authority, in addition to disaster preparedness.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

- Budget—(Handout)
 - State Legislators passed the budget on time this year; however, many trailer bills were included with the budget and will ultimately need to be passed for the full budget to be considered final.
 - Safety programs, which include the Adult Protective Services (APS) program, were realigned with the budget. The IHSS program was realigned in 1991.
 - The Community First Choice Option (CFCO) program still has not been approved by the Federal Government, as they want to see that California is in compliance with federal requirements. If approved, it is expected to save \$116M in State General Fund dollars and \$64M in county funds.
 - Coordinated Care Initiative/Dual Eligibles (CCI) is a project which seeks to provide integrated care for individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal. The Federal Government was looking for multiple states to participate in the design and testing of the project and California volunteered. The CCI project was originally designed with 4 counties functioning as pilots, but has now been expanded to 8 pilot counties, which include: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Mateo, Alameda, Riverside, San Bernardino and Santa Clara.
 - A statewide Public Authority will take over the collective bargaining from local Public Authorities in phases as the counties transition to the CCI. Stanislaus County is not a pilot county and is schedule to begin participation in 2014.
 - The statewide Public Authority will negotiate wages and benefits for all IP as the counties transition to the CCI. This will likely be more of a standard process and likely lead to an increase in the cost of the program. Each county will receive a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) which will be based on FY 2011-12 expenditures.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Tracking Bills
 - **SB 1036**— Is the CCI bill, which authorized the transition to managed care health plans and the incorporation of IHSS services as a managed care benefit.

ACTION PLANNING FOR 2012

- The project the Committee sponsored, the Fall Prevention Resource Guides, came out nicely. They will be handed out at the Fall Prevention Summit in the fall. Additionally, copies were provided to Committee members for distribution.
- Funding available for Fiscal Year 2012-13 is the same as last year, \$5,916.00 dollars.
- The Committee should think of possible options to utilize the IHSSAC funding for the current year. Possible options could include training for the Committee or an outreach project, such as the one done with the Fall Prevention Guide. Some of the members mentioned possibly having a trainer come in or scheduling a meeting with Legislators.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- None.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be on Friday, September 21, 2012. If you have any ideas for IHSSAC activities for this year, contact Jeff by phone or email so that he can have an opportunity to bring information to the next meeting as to the possibility to consider the activity/activities.

CLOSED SESSION

- Meeting adjourned to a closed session to review a Registry Provider Suspension Appeal. The Provider never attended or supplied any information to the Committee, so the Public Authority Registry suspension was upheld.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Alyssa Grayson, Recorder