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STANISLAUS COUNTY IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC) MEETING MINUTES 5/12/17

Committee Members Present:

Connie Miller Marie Cochran Valerie Mitchell Linda White Rose Martin Naomi Manke

Committee Members Absent: None

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

• Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

• Meeting minutes from April 2017 were accepted and approved.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

• On April 25, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved a lease agreement for the Community Services Agency (CSA) for space on 3525 Coffee Road. The site will be the new home for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program. It is estimated the IHSS program will be in the new location in October 2017.

BUDGET UPDATE

• On May 10, 2017 the Governor's May Revision was released. The May Revise Budget includes \$400 million dollars in additional funding for IHSS and the retention of the county maintenance of effort (MOE) for IHSS. The State is committing \$1.1 billion in state general fund contributions to mitigate the cost shift



to counties over the next 4 years and also includes an ongoing state general fund contribution into future years. The May Revise contains a new version of the MOE with a stepped inflator. In year 1, the inflator is zero and a new MOE base is set. In year 2, the inflator is 5%, and it then rises to 7% in year 3. However, there are allowances starting in year 2 for an economic downturn, in which case the inflator would be reduced. The proposal would redirect all 1991 Vehicle License Fee (VLF) growth to IHSS for the first three years, and then 50 percent of VLF growth in years 4 and 5. The state would also fund all county IHSS administrative costs for the current year. The proposal retains bargaining at the local level. The Governor is proposing changes to the state wage participation cap, currently \$12.10 per hour. The new proposal is to allow the state wage participation cap, to "float" \$1.10 above the state minimum wage. For example: when the minimum wage is \$12.00 per hour the state cap would be \$13.10 and when the minimum wage is \$13.00 the state cap would be \$14.10.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Many of the bills the Committee was tracking are currently on the suspense calendar of both the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees. The Appropriations Committee hears and analyzes bills based on their fiscal impact, rather than their policy merits. Bills that cost over a certain dollar amount are placed on the suspense calendar and taken up on one day in late May. Current status of the bills the Committee is tracking:
 - **AB 286 (Gipson)**: Transition from Skilled Care to Community. Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.
 - **AB 432 (Thurmond)**: Expands the PA role and allows PA to be designated to negotiate for WPCS clients. Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
 - **AB 1174 (Harper & Melendez)**: Right to Work. Failed passage of Assembly Labor and Employment now a two-year bill.
 - **AB 1473 (Quirk-Silva)**: Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Pilot. Assembly Health Hearing Pending
 - **SB 177 (Nguyen)**: Cognitively Impaired Adults-Caregiver Resource Center Funding. Senate Appropriations Suspense File.
 - SB 202 (Dodd): Medi-Cal Beneficiary Maintenance of Needs Senate Appropriations – Hearing May 15th

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- On April 25, 2017 the Board of Supervisors appointed Naomi Manke to the Committee.
- A draft of a letter seeking additional members was shared with the Committee. The Committee approved the draft and the letter will be mailed to IHSS Recipients and Providers.

CICA WORKSHOP

• Section 2.1-D of the Travel Policy approved by the Board of Supervisors requires that committees appointed by the Board first request authority from the Board prior to travel and documented in writing, then can members can be reimbursed for expenses. This

process may prove a barrier for Committee members and a strategy will have to be developed to facilitate future conferences or workshops. Advanced planning will be needed to ensure that authorization is obtained timely and the Committee member would have to pay expenses and then be reimbursed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

• None at this time

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2017
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Membership Update
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting