



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

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES - 4/13/2018**

Committee Members Present: Linda White Janet Ward
Don Bak Naomi Manke
Marie Cochran Rose Martin

Committee Members Absent: Valerie Mitchell – Prior Notice Given

Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren

Dignitaries and Guests: None

OPENING REMARKS by Don Bak

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- March 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes approved.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has reviewed violations statewide and rescinded violations for individuals that work for only one Recipient which removed 84 violations for Stanislaus County Providers.
- CICA Monthly Calls—All IHSSAC members are welcome to participate in the calls. If you want to participate and receive emails, provide Jeff with your request and he will work with CICA to have you added to the meeting notifications list.
- Connie Mueller has resigned from the IHSS Advisory Committee. Her health is not good and she is unable to participate any longer. Jeff has sent the information to the Board of Supervisors.

BUDGET UPDATE

- The Governor's May Revise Budget is the next point in the budget cycle, until then there is no new information.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- **AB237 (Gonzalez-Fletcher)**—Converts the pay periods from twice per month every 2 weeks (bi-monthly), 26 pay periods in the year. **Update:** State continues to say that this option is too costly. It doesn't appear that this bill is going anywhere.
- **AB2329 (Oberholte)**—Similar to AB 237. This bill would align pay periods to be bi-monthly, 26 pay periods in the year. **Update:** Turned out to be a “gut and amend bill”. Language regarding IHSS was removed and it became about Board of Trustees and payments for their meetings. Jeff will keep an eye if it has anything to do with IHSS.
- **AB2872 (Carrillo)**—This bill would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to designate the hours, per county, to compensate providers of IHSS for educating other providers, using peer-to-peer training. **Update:** Bill was heard 4/10/2018 and passed out of Assembly Human Services and is now referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **AB3200 (Kalra)**- This bill would increase SSI/SSP benefit payment and would reinstate the Cost of Living Adjustment as of January 1, 2019 and continue to provide COLAs annually. **Update:** Raise based on cost of living. Hasn't been a COLA since 2011. Currently with the Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1040 (Dodd)**—This bill came out of last year's tragic flooding and fires. Would expand the definition of “supportive services” to include all needs and services required during a natural disaster resulting in a declared state of emergency, and authorize, under those same circumstances, as county to allocate additional hours of supportive services. Counties could allocate additional hours for affected Recipients and expedite replacement of Provider warrants that could not be delivered or retrieved. Counties could expedite the replacement warrant process. Current warrant replacement process is typically 6 weeks, but depending on circumstances could take 6-9 months or longer.
- **21st Century Cure's Act**—(Handout Electronic Visit Verification Frequently Asked Questions)—States have until January 2019, to comply with the new Federal requirements, failure to comply could cause financial penalties imposed upon the State. The handout address some of the Recipient's concerns about them not being fully engaged; concerns about being home bound, about the potential use of GPS, real time check-in /out and the level of detail about the Recipient's condition that would be required to be reported. The State has issued a Request for Information (RFI) from different vendors to see how they would implement EVV. **Update:** CDSS does not think they will be able to implement this by January 2019. They are involved in lengthy stakeholder meeting and working with Federal Health & Human Services and Center for Medicaid/Medicare for a waiver.

IHSSAC WEBSITE UPDATE

- IHSSAC website is back up and working properly. The header information has been updated to reflect the current meeting location.
- Marie provided an article for the newsletter about a recent cruise she was on.
- There Committee discussed and approved the combining of the Public Authority and IHSSAC newsletters. The new combined newsletter would be posted on both the IHSSAC and Public Authority websites.
- IHSSAC Profiles—only one change needed. Jeff is waiting for Don's profile info.

OFF-SITE MEETINGS

- The Committee discussed options regarding off-site meetings. One option that had been previously suggested, Supervisor DeMartini's Ranch, was not available. The Committee discussed the purpose of off-site meetings; which would use as a way to get out in the community with the hope of obtaining more input from the community and possible recruitment of new Committee members. There was discussion about forming a sub-committee to explore offsite locations; some suggestions were discussed but no action taken.
- The Committee discussed an idea to have a caregiver of the year award and a fashion show to raise money for awards. Fundraising is another issue that would need to be researched prior to any activity. The Committee discussed the caregiver award idea, some questions were: who/what group(s) would be eligible, what criteria would be used to evaluate, who would be part of the evaluation process. The Committee agreed the idea has merit but how the Committee would develop and publicize the award. It was decided that more discussion and planning would be needed if this something the Committee would like to undertake as a project.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2018 meeting
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Website Update
- Retreat Planning
- Committee Members Report
- Next meeting June 8, 2018

Recorder
Alyssa Grayson