

Previously, cuts have been directed at the Providers of the program, but this year it is directed at Recipients. This would still have a ripple effect to providers due to cut in hours, and thus pay, as well as a decrease in the amount of insurance funds available.

- The SSI/SSP COLA was discussed at a recent legislative update meeting, and it is felt that these cuts will be accepted. The State COLA will not be available, but the Federal COLA remains unaffected.
- A proposal to change re-assessments from 12 to 18 months is expected to pass, but will probably not result in a large savings on a practical level. Waiver clients will not have an extended re-assessment, just PCSP and Residual IHSS cases.
- APS funding is expected to be cut by 10%. County personnel are working with the CEO's office to try and find alternate sources of funding to help this program.
- The proposed Health Care Reform bill has been shelved due to the major budget deficit. Good concepts were presented in the plan, but the ability for implementation was just not in place. CAPA opposed this plan due to poor implementation on a practical level. There are other health plan proposals still making their way through the Legislature, and they may be presented in the future.
- 4000 surveys were mailed to IHSS Recipients and Provider (2000 to each group) and we have received a good return from these. Enough surveys have been returned to have a statistically valid sample, so the surveys will be given to Strategic+Marketing to analyze the results. Jeff will report back when the results are received.
- Direct deposit information will be mailed to IHSS Providers on March 15th. Jeff contacted local credit unions, and they are interested in partnering to do presentations. The union is also interested in partnering with Link2Care and the Advisory committee for workshops relating to direct deposit. Providers must submit paperwork for each Recipient they work for, and there are time limits that must be met to qualify for the direct deposit option. The implementation of direct deposit is seen as a plus for the Providers due to increased convenience and security.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- No updates are available due to the fiscal emergency. The legislature is not able to act on any other legislation until this issue is resolved, and a balanced budget is presented to the Governor.

ELDER JUSTICE COALITION

- At the retreat last month, Anne Danhoff requested the Committee consider sending a letter to the State supporting the Elder Justice Act. The Committee also discussed sending a letter to the State regarding the proposed cuts to the IHSS program. Connie Muller made a motion to draft two letters to the State regarding these issues. Marie Cochin seconded, motion passed.

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- Connie moved to elect Mary Burch as the Committee Chair, Robbyn Ferraro seconded, no opposition. Mary Burch was elected as the new Committee Chair.
- Robbyn Ferraro volunteered to serve as the Vice-Chair. Joan Blackwell moved to elect Robbyn as the Vice-Chair, Jose Cisneros seconded, no opposition. Robbyn Ferraro was elected as the new Vice Chair.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Connie Muller questioned when the IHSS Advisory Committee would meet again with the Adult Services Advisory Committee (ASAC). Maria Childers stated the Chair of the ASAC was going to speak with Egon Stammer and then propose meeting dates. Maria will keep the IHSSAC committee updated.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:42 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder