



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

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
3/15/2013**

Committee Members Present: Linda White Valerie Mitchell
Joan Blackwell

Committee Members Absent: Anand Magoon Rose Martin
Connie Muller Marie Cochran
Carmen Morad

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren Alyssa Grayson

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from January 25, 2013 meeting could not be accepted due to lack of quorum.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- The new IHSS computer system, the Case Management, Information and Payrolling System II (CMIPS II) is tentatively scheduled to be implemented on March 4th. If this dates falls through, then the next date would likely be in May 2013.
 - Mailers will be sent out to Providers (IPs) and Recipients informing them of the changes with a sample of the new time sheet. The notice also explains that timesheets now are to be sent to the Time Sheet Processing Facility (TPF) in Chico.
 - The new system is not expected to decrease the timeframe for IPs to get their checks; however, the system is expected to provide more system capabilities for record-keeping.

- The new system will create a change in the procedures for health insurance deductions for IHSS Providers. Currently, information regarding the health care premiums for Providers is sent from the County to the Union who then sends the health benefit data along with dues information to the State Controllers Office. With the new system, CMIPS II, the County will submit the health insurance information directly to the State. The Union will send a separate file to the State for union dues deductions.
- IHSS staff has previously received CMIPS II training, refresher training prior to “go-live” will be provided.
- The Public Authority is still in negotiations with United Domestic Workers (UDW).
- Due to the expiration of the 2012 American Tax holder Relief Act, the Social Security Tax withholding are now 6.2%, which is up from what it has been at 4.2%, Providers may notice their paychecks are a little bit less due to the change in the tax rate.

STATE BUDGET & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Combined)

- The State is projecting a budget deficit of \$830 million. This is much improved over previous years when the State budget deficit was multiple billion of dollars.
- Healthcare Reform Act—
 - California Medi-Cal expansion would increase the income limits to 138%-200% of Federal Poverty Level of existing eligible. Optional expansion would provide coverage to adults that are not disabled and have no children. The county will have two options for program administration:
 - County could return the funding and responsibility to the State.
 - County could accept the funding, follow the requirements, and run the program.
- Stanislaus County did not get the Health Exchange Call Center. Contra Costa was selected.
- Information about Covered California, which is the new name of health exchange:
 - Those with pre-existing conditions could get healthcare coverage.
 - 10/01/2013-All pre-enrollment is done
 - 01/01/2014-New coverage begins
 - 01/01/2015-Funding for Administration
- Fiscal Year (FY) 13/14 Projections for IHSS program put caseload growth at 2.7%.
 - Over the last couple of years, caseload growth has been flat or slightly negative.
- The 3.6% IHSS Hour Reduction is due to sunset on 06/30/2013. The hours are scheduled to be restored. However, the State assumes they will win the 20% hours reduction lawsuit. Severely impaired and protective supervision cases would be excluded from a 20% reduction, should the State prevail in the lawsuit. The next scheduled court date is March 13, 2013.
- CCI:
 - Transitioning to Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)/ Dual Eligibles—meant to better coordinate the care for Medi-Cal and Medi-Care recipients. In the 8 Pilot counties (Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo and Santa Clara) they are beginning the process. The various entities are meeting and discussing plan designs. The health care entities have questions about the reimbursement rates they will receive. The IHSS program is an integral part of the CCI.

- Once a County's Dual Eligible population is fully enrolled the negotiations for wages and benefits would transition to a Statewide Public Authority.
- Maintenance of Effort (MOE)—The IHSS/PA financial model is changing for counties; the sharing formula will transition to a MOE, Counties would have a fixed cost and costs above that level would be picked up by the State.
- The MOE would provide more local flexibility, allowing the County to move money from funding pots, which could enhance the ability to hire more staff. Costs above the County's MOE would be picked up by the State. The concept is new and counties are waiting for further clarification from the State.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- None

FURTHER ACTION PLANNING FOR 2013

- Jeff received information on California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA) membership cost; the cost to join CICA is \$500 per year. Committee members would have the ability to participate (via conference calls) with various Advisory Committees throughout the State. Conference calls are held once per month via a toll-free 800 number.
- A newsletter is only an option if it is provided on-line, as it is too costly to print and mail. There is no cost to the Committee to publish and on-line version of a newsletter. Jeff would need content, articles and items of interest, from the Committee in order to make an on-line newsletter.
- Having presenters/speakers is another option for the Committee to consider. The Committee would need to provide input in what topics are of interest so that presenters could be arranged.
- After a discussion the Committee voted to join CICA.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- Linda and Bill White were interviewed for the State's upcoming Recipient training video. As a "thank you" for participating in the video they received 2 gift cards from the filming staff. This video is more about the consumer side of the program (i.e., hiring providers, etc.) Linda was told that they will send her a copy.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from January 25 and March 15, 2013 meeting
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Action Planning
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting