



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

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES - 3/9/2018**

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

Committee Members Absent: Connie Muller—Advance Notice Given

Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren

Dignitaries and Guests: None

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- February 2018 Meeting Minutes approved. Naomi motioned to accept and Marie seconds the motion.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- The Public Authority (PA) is losing one of its Social Services Assistant, she has promoted.
- Provider Violations—Discussed handout, State of California Provider Violation Report. Violations increase in the month of February. State mailed out information to Recipients & Providers to explain how to claim the hours in a short month.
 - 1st Violation, Provider receives a warning
 - 2nd Violation, Provider has a one-time option to complete a self-certification to null the violation.
 - 3rd Violation, Provider is suspended for 3 months.
 - 4th Violation, Provider is suspended for 1 year and must recomplete the Provider enrollment process.
- California's Changing Demographics from C4A (Handout) is the first in a series of 5 infographics sharing the needs of older Californians discussed.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Focus for coming budget year—working on getting Administrative Funding restored for the Public Authority. Next major check-in will be the Governor’s May Revise Budget.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- **AB237 (Gonzalez-Fletcher)**—Converts the pay periods from twice per month every 2 weeks (bi-monthly), 26 pay periods in the year. State continues to say that this option is too costly. Assembly bill is with the Senate right now.
- **AB2329 (Oberholte)**—Similar to AB 237. This bill would align pay periods to be bi-monthly, 26 pay periods in the year.
- **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.
- **AB3200 (Kalra)**- This bill would increase SSI/SSP benefit payment and would reinstate the Cost of Living Adjustment as of January 1, 2019. Raise based on cost of living.
- **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. IP could be from a neighboring county.
- **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 will 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.

IHSSAC WEBSITE UPDATE

- IHSSAC website is currently down and the reason is not exactly known. Information has been moved around or removed. Public Authority website is working but contains incorrect information. Jeff is working with IT staff to get the issue resolved.
- Jeff has Naomi’s data and Don is working to get his information to Jeff.

OFF-SITE MEETINGS

- Don mentioned that Supervisor DeMartini has a facility for a potential off-site meeting. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons for an off-site meeting location. Discussion included the need for adequate notification public attendees, adequate ADA accessibility needs. Consideration will be made when more information is provided. The Committee has authorized the Chair to explore potential locations for a future off-site meeting.

TRAVEL POLICY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- (Handout) Per the County's Travel Policy, IHSSAC falls under Non-salaried Boards and Commissions. Members may be reimbursed expenses incurred while attending meetings or while on authorized trips. Therefore, an IHSSAC member, we would need the ability to pay travel costs and then be reimbursed by the county. There is no mechanism for the county to pre-pay.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- Linda been previously participated in California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA) calls, but is no longer able to participate in the conference calls. Don will take over the responsibility. Jeff will add Don to CICA participant list. No costs related to participation, association dues pay for it.

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
- Offsite meeting – report back from the Chair
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Recorder
Alyssa Grayson