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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
4/11/2014**

Committee Members Present: Linda White Valerie Mitchell  
Joan Blackwell  
Connie Muller  
Rose Martin

Committee Members Absent: Carmen Morad  
Marie Cochran (advanced notice given)

Other Guests:

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren Debi Baker

**OPENING REMARKS by Linda White**

- Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Stephy Tracey and Debi Baker will alternate meeting attendance.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- Meeting minutes from the March 14, 2014 meeting were accepted.

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE**

- Handout, "Subcommittee #3: Health and Human Services" dated March 13, 2014. Part 1 gives an overview of the program including budget, background, service delivery, and funding. Part 2 gives an update about the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI). It started April 1st in the pilot counties. Part 3 discusses the litigation settlement which occurred last year. Part 4 discusses the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) – Final Rule. The last part discusses the new computer system we have; CMIPS II.
- Handout, "Public Stakeholder Meeting" dated March 3, 2014. Main topic "Fair Labor Standards Act Regulations Overtime Discussion, New IHSS Workweek Agreement and Statewide Provider Back-Up System". The Fact Sheet included: 1) Background for Federal Overtime Regulations; 2) Governor's Proposal to

- Implement FLSA changes; and 3) Establishment of the Statewide Provider Back-Up System.
- Handout, “Dan Walters: Brown, unions spar over overtime pay for home care aides” article published from the Sacramento Bee dated March 21, 2014. “The US Department of Labor declared in new regulations last year that IHSS workers would be eligible for overtime pay, effective next January, it was a big win for IHSS unions such as California United Homecare Workers. That may have been a short-lived victory. Four months later, Gov. Jerry Brown proposed in his 2014-15 Budget that IHSS workers be legally prohibited from working more than 40 hours a week to prevent the Obama overtime decree from pushing program costs even higher than the estimated \$7 billion projected next year.”
- Handout, “Make History: Value Caregivers, by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, published in the Ventura County Star dated March 30th. “Women’s History Month is an opportunity not just to reflect on how far we’ve come but to look at how far we have to go and check whether we are making progress. Unfortunately, women’s progress is stuck in second gear. The wage gap remains, in fact, it widened in California from 2005-2012 dropping from 90 cents to 86 cents for every dollar men earn for equal work. Women who are middle-aged and older are not sharing equally in the recovery and are struggling in the job market. And women who have chosen a caregiving profession in or out of the home have been battered by budget cuts. Now, the governor is proposing to force tens of thousands of in-home caregivers, 90 percent of whom are women, into poverty by capping the number of hours they can work.”
- Handout, “Competing Objectives, Politics, and the Peter Principle: Concerns about the future of IHSS” offered by Pamela Hoye, March 2014. Main points included 1) Pre-Ramble; 2) Origins and Expansion of IHSS; 3) The Clash: Responsiveness Yields to Standardization; 4) And the “Hits” Keep Coming: Provider “Overtime”; 5) The Knockout Blow” The IHSS Wages & Mandatory Training Initiative #1637; 6) Arnold’s Legacy: Criminalizing Consumer Needs and Provider Kindness; and 7) Reaching Towards “Peter”: Why This All Effects You Too”.
- Handout, Letter from Linda White, IHSSAC Committee Chairperson and IHSS Provider.
- Jeff is working on a letter to be sent to providers notifying them that as of June 1, 2014, they will no longer have insurance. Providers will be given information on ACA plans and may qualify for MAGI.

## **BUDGET UPDATE**

- Included in above.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- None.

## **FURTHER ACTION PLANNING FOR 2014**

- Discussion about outreach meetings at senior centers. After discussion the consensus of the committee was that there were no benefits to moving the meetings.
- Updating the IHSS brochure and distributing to the senior centers in area.
- Possible doing in-services at hospitals for social workers, case managers and discharge planners.
- AB1234 training. Jeff presented “Certificates of Completion” to committee members

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT**

- None.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2014 meeting
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Further Action Planning for 2014
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

*Debi Baker, Recorder*