



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

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
03/16/2012**

Committee Members Present: Joan Blackwell Rose Martin
Linda White Connie Muller
Carmen Morad Anand Magoon
Valerie Mitchell Marie Cochran

Committee Members Absent: None

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren Alyssa Grayson
Anjelica Arauza

Dignitaries and Guests: Kim Nevel

OPENING REMARKS by Chair - Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Accepted the Meeting Minutes from the November 4, 2011 and January 20, 2012 meetings.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- Jeff reported that:
 - There is a new IHSS Individual Provider (IP) Training video. The length of the video has been reduced to 30 minutes and Dan Shively (from Channel 3 News) is the host. The video is now in DVD format. There have been many positive comments from IP in response to the new video.
 - Letter regarding Yes on Letter "T" (Library Funding) given to each of the Committee members, as addressed.
 - Public Authority (PA) has a temporary volunteer worker from Alliance Worknet; she is helping the PA with an imaging project.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

- Multiple Handouts were provided to Committee members
 - An IHSS Coalition Letter to Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Chair of Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 opposing the Governor's Budget Proposals on IHSS, dated March 13, 2012, and was provided to the Committee. The Governor is re-proposing a 20% across-the-board cut to IHSS Recipient's hours. Additionally, the Governor proposes to



eliminate Domestic and Related services from IHSS Recipients who live with another person.

- Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) IHSS Budget Update (March 13, 2012) was provided to the Committee. The report provides background information and status updates for prior-year reduction, describes the Governor's budget proposals for IHSS and outlines issues for legislative consideration.
- A letter to members of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 and Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care dated March 2, 2012, requesting opposition to the proposed Dual Demonstration Expansion and Moving IHSS into Managed Care was provided. Organizations opposing the budget proposal have requested that the State conduct the pilot project with the 4 counties, originally authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 208 (Steinberg, Statutes of 2011) and not the expanded 10 counties as proposed by the Governor. The letter also opposes the mandatory enrollment of dual eligibles into Medi-Cal managed care. The letter raise many serious concerns on how the program would be run through a managed care entity and suggests that it would be wise for the State to review the results of the pilot counties prior to any such move.
- Different groups are looking at how the possible changes to the IHSS program would impact them. The major IHSS Provider unions are seeking to get collective bargaining for wages and benefits moved to the State in the hope of getting better wages and benefits for IHSS Providers statewide. Consumer groups are seeking to slow down proposals to shift IHSS into Managed Care. Other organizations want to go slow so that things are handled with caution and not rushed in to, as over the past 4 years the program has seen great turbulence only to have the courts step-in an enjoin the State's actions. Those having concerns should contact their elected officials to voice their concerns and/or opinions.
- Kim (Nevel – United Domestic Worker's Union representative) provide information on the Union's prospective; she stated that as the Governor has already proposed managed care, the unions are now getting on board to learn to work with it. She also stated that the unions feel strongly that the Providers, as well as the Recipients, need to be involved in the managed care teams.
- CA Watch Handout, dated March 9, 2012, provided information about concerns of needless patients suffering as a result of being forced into Medi-Cal managed care plans.
- A joint letter from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) dated December 14, 2011, to the Director of the California Department of Social Services and the Director of the Department of Health Care Services regarding County Recommendations on Dual Integration Demonstration Projects was provided. The letter discussed a number of concerns regarding Person Centered planning, IHSS Provider Wage and Benefits, the Relationship to County IHSS Agencies and Financing. The letter pointed out that there were many unanswered questions that should be discussed fully prior to mass movement into Dual Integration Delivery.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- New legislation will start to occur soon. There is no legislative report today.

ELECTIONS

- All members were present and there was a motion by Connie to elect Linda to continue as Chair and Valerie to continue as co-chair. Second by Rose. Motion was carried. All in favor. This will be the second consecutive term for both Linda and Valerie. Each term is 2 years long. Officers may be re-elected to the same office for two consecutive terms.

ACTION PLANNING FOR 2012

- As discussed at the January 20, 2012, Committee meeting there is a request from the Fall Prevention Coalition for funding for the "Stanislaus County Fall Prevention Resource Guide." The Committee has funding of \$5,916 to help with the production of this guide. The pamphlet would be handed out at various senior health events, doctor's offices, and to people who have had falls. As many of the individuals who would receive this guide are potential or current IHSS Recipients or Providers this would be an excellent vehicle to promote the IHSS Advisory Committee. The plan would be for the Committee to pay for the cost of reproducing the brochure in sufficient quantities to last throughout the year and also produce a version in Spanish. The Committee would add pages that explain the purpose of the Committee.

- Some suggestions made by Committee members include increasing the font, and decreasing the border width; adding a description of the IHSS program (Who, What, When, Where, Why, and general eligibility requirements); adding a personal story to explain the benefits of the IHSS program.
- The production of the Fall Prevention Guide is an allowable Committee expense, as it falls under outreach, which is an allowable (CFL -08/09-10) activity.
- There are 4 sides of the page to use to add information of the Committee's choice.
- Discussed various options of how to approve the final draft of the extra content to be added to the pamphlet. It was decided by all that Jeff will be the one to make the final decision on the final draft.
- Valerie agreed to put her story and picture in the pamphlet to help others see how IHSS has helped her.
- Jeff will email a picture to Valerie for approval for use in the pamphlet.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- We will be meeting in Room 4 for the rest of the 2012 schedule.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- Valerie—Social worker (SW) came for reassessment and brought a medical certification form, which is now required by the State for all cases. The form is required initially to get on services for intake cases and is also required at reassessment for on-going cases. Her SW informed her that it is important that everything is done within 45 days.
- IP of the month—Last meeting, a discussion was held regarding the committee being able to select an IP of the month. Jeff has done some follow up and it was determined that there are some legal questions that would come up and it would have to be discussed more in-depth. The Committee can explore further at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

- Friday, May 18, 2012 at 1:00 PM at County Center III in Room 4.

Meeting adjourned @ 3:05 PM.
Alyssa Grayson, Recorder