



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

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
2/20/2015**

Committee Members Present: Linda White Marie Cochran  
Joan Blackwell Rose Martin  
Mohamed Rashid Alma Avina

Committee Members Absent: Connie Muller (advanced notice given)  
Valerie Mitchell (advanced notice given)  
Carmen Morad

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren

**OPENING REMARKS by Linda White**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No public in attendance.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- Meeting minutes from the January 16, 2015 meeting were accepted.

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE**

- Handout, "Revised IHSS Individual Provider Timesheet." As mentioned at our previous meeting, the State had ordered 6 million of these timesheets preprinted with all the overtime instructions on them. They have now blacked out anything related to overtime on both sides of the timesheet. Dates which do not apply to the specific pay period will be automatically zeroed out by the computer on the columns at the bottom. At the bottom of the previous timesheet, it would show what was claimed in the week prior to the current pay period. This confused providers who thought that this figure was all the hours they either were authorized for or had left to claim. This information is now also blacked out. Detach, do not fold, and mail in new envelope. Make sure the timesheet is signed and dated. The State is proposing to get a work group together to do a revised timesheet. One of the proposals is to put the total monthly hours back on the timesheets for the first pay period, and the remaining hours on the 2nd half. The other issue has been the new process wherein the timesheets now come separate from the paycheck/advice.

- Handout, “California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) Statewide Call.” This was held on Wednesday, February 18th. We are a member of CICA and we can listen in on the call and participate. Linda is our designated representative but anyone can participate if interested. You can get on mailing list, and they would advise you when the calls are scheduled. Use the toll-free phone number to call in, and enter the pass code.
  - AB-11; Paid Sick Days for IHSS Providers. This is a re-introduction of a bill which was introduced in California last year by Assembly Member Gonzalez. IHSS Providers were removed from the original bill.
  - SB128; End of Life Act. This bill would enact the End of Life Option Act authorizing an adult who meets certain qualifications, and who has been determined by his or her attending physician to be suffering from a terminal illness, as defined, to make a request for medication prescribed pursuant to these provisions for the purpose of ending his or her life.
  - Medi-Cal 1115 Waiver.
  - Training Information.
- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has been working with Disability Rights to create a modified timesheet for the visually impaired and/or blind. They are going to pilot a telephonic system. If the person is visually impaired and could not review the timesheet, they would call a number and provide certain personal identifying information, a computer voice reader would provide needed hourly information and the caller would then either approve or reject by voice. Testing for this process will begin in March. The pilot counties will be Sacramento, Santa Clara, and Alameda. CDSS is proposing to expand the size of the font to 18 points. CDSS is also working to develop a Braille timesheet and envelope for blind IHSS Recipients.
- Nothing new has occurred on the court action that stopped the implementation of overtime. The Department of Labor has filed an appeal; the case should be heard sometime in April. Should overtime be approved in the future, there will be no retroactivity per CDSS.
- Handout, “Cycle of Legislation.” Colored chart showing the process and timeline of bills which are introduced and how they go through the appropriate committees for amendments/approval before reaching the Governor’s desk for review.

## **BUDGET UPDATE**

- Handout, “Senate Subcommittee No. 3 Report.” Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax. If you recall from our previous meeting, the Governor has proposed to restore the 7% reduction. One of the key components of doing this is getting a new Managed Care Tax passed. This handout provides a description of the Managed Care Tax. It gives a history of the old Managed Care Tax which, per the Federal Government, was not in compliance with Federal requirements. It needs to be broad-based, uniform, and there has to be a no hold harmless clause for the MCOs. The goals of this proposal would raise the same amount of non-Federal funding for the Medi-Cal program as the current MCO tax (\$1.13 billion), plus raise an additional \$215.6 million in revenues (to be matched with Federal funds) to fully restore the 7% reduction in IHSS hours. Additionally, the handout explains different tiers of taxing for managed care organizations as well as providing information on Coordinated Care Initiative. The ultimate goal is getting individuals who are on Medi-Cal, Medicare, the poor and elderly enrolled in the program.
- Nothing really occurs between the Governor’s January budget and the May revise. The bills that have a cost often get delayed to ensure that there is sufficient funding. The budget pass date is supposed to be June 15.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- Previously discussed above under Public Authority Update.

## **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

- IHSS Advisory Committee By-Laws. This is our election year. We elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for a two-year term. The Vice-Chair serves in the Chair's absence. If neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair is in attendance, then one of the Committee Members would serve as Chair for that meeting. Linda was re-elected as Chair. Mohamed was elected as Vice-Chair.

## **FURTHER ACTION PLANNING FOR 2014-2015**

- We have an increase in the IHSSAC budget of \$60. The only items currently budgeted for the next year are the stipends. \$360 is budgeted this year for each committee member for stipends. Our total budget is \$5,976 minus the stipends. Jeff encourages a member or members to possibly attend the upcoming CICA Conference in Sacramento. This is usually held in May. The IHSSAC budget could pay for transportation, hotel room, and the conference fees. It would be a good opportunity to network with other Advisory Committee members. More to come.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT**

- None.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2015 meeting
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Further Action Planning for FY 2014-2015
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

*Stephy Tracey, Recorder*