



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

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
7/17/2015**

Committee Members Present: Linda White Marie Cochran
Joan Blackwell Valerie Mitchell
Rose Martin Alma Avina

Committee Members Absent: Mohamed Rashid (advanced notice given)
Connie Muller (advanced notice given)
Carmen Morad

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Guest - Jim DeMartini, Supervisor District 5.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from the May 15 and June 19, 2015 meetings were accepted.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- IHSS Recipients received the 7% restoration of their hours effective July 1, 2015. The 7% cut was part of the settlement of a lawsuit filed against the Schwarzenegger Administration and various other State officials. At this point, the 7% restoration is in effect for one year and is contingent upon the State figuring out the Managed Care Organization Tax.
- Provider wages increased effective July 1, 2015 from \$10.10 to \$10.20 per hour.
- Notices have been sent out to Providers who have not had any payroll activity for over one year. If we receive no response from the Provider after 30 days, then they will be terminated out of the system. In the future, should they want to become a Provider again, they would have to re-do the fingerprint/livescan process and attend orientation. If they respond to the notice that they want to remain active we will keep them active and, at some point in the future, they can be reinstated as an active Provider. If there are changes to the IHSS program, the Provider would probably have them come back to orientation so they can be updated on the changes, however, they would not need to do the fingerprint/livescan process again. Each month the payroll system will generate

a list of Providers who have become inactive. Per a State Regulation change, we started this process in June. We sent out approximately 113 mailings and have received 5-6 responses indicating the desire to remain an IHSS Provider. This will be an ongoing activity. We also inform the Providers at orientation that this is the process.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Per our previous discussion, the budget has passed. A Special Session has been called by the Governor to meet and discuss health care options; specifically the Managed Care Organization Tax. Before this, the State had a tax on managed care organizations that conducted Medi-Cal activities. The Feds said that this was not compliant with their requirements because it needs to be across-the-board. The monies that are generated from the Managed Care Organization Tax would help sustain the Recipients' hour's restoration going forward in the future as well as help with the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and the County's Maintenance of Effort (MOE). It is a high priority item and the Governor is highly motivated to see the success of the CCI.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- AB11 (Gonzalez) – Paid sick days for IHSS Providers. In Appropriations Suspense File; don't expect any action on it.
- AB 97 (Weber) – Mechanism to pay IHSS Providers for additional hours worked through CCI. In Senate Suspense File. It could possibly be brought back.
- AB 199 (Beal) – Reading Assistance for the Blind. Authorizing up to 2 hours/month for reading assistance for blind individuals. Awaiting policy committee assignment in the Senate.
- AB 211 (Gomez) – Delink CCI and Statewide Authority. In Senate Appropriations Suspense File. Governor is opposed.
- AB 470 (Chu) – Create an IHSS fingerprinting account to improve services to IHSS Providers. Bill modified and now a two-year bill.
- AB 1436 (Burke) – Authorized Representative to be able to sign documents for other individuals with certain exceptions. Still under consideration.
- AJR 8 (Brown) – 50th Anniversary of Older Americans Act. Signed into law on June 2nd.
- SB 3 (Leno) – Minimum Wage Bill. This would increase the minimum wage to \$11/hr. on January 1, 2016 and \$13/hr. on January 1, 2017. Administration has expressed its opposition.
- SB 128 (Wolk) - End of Life. Two-year bill.
- SB 196 (Hancock) – Elder Protective Order for Dependent Adults. Awaiting policy committee assignment in the Assembly.
- SB 199 (Hall) – Reading Assistance for the Blind. To Assembly; will be taken up this summer.

FURTHER ACTION PLANNING FOR 2015-2016

- We have begun a new fiscal year. The Committee has a budget of approximately \$6,000 and additional funding might be available under the County MOE. Some possible suggestions could include various activities, trainings, and presentations. We previously helped host events with the Commission on Aging and also conducted surveys regarding the program. Outreach activities to reach new members. Jeff would like an authorization from the Committee to do a survey with the Area Agency on Aging. (Authorization approved by the Committee). Currently our Committee roster has 8

members. We have the ability to have 11 members. The appointments are through the Board of Supervisors and are a two-year term. Members can be reappointed. We need to have a consumer majority.

- The Annual Healthy Aging and Fall Prevention Summit will be held on Friday, October 16th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Modesto Centre Plaza. The Public Authority will be participating in this event. We will have a table there should any Committee members wish to participate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- Alma attended the 12th Annual Disability Capitol Action Day on May 20th. It was a good outcome. We were not able to speak with any of our local representatives. Lots of different resources were available; although they were mainly for the local Sacramento area.
- Per Alma, the Ability Resource Fair and Assistive Technology Expo will be held in September at the Howard Training Center. There will be different vendors and resources at the event. She will bring the flyer with the information to our next meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2015 meeting
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Further Action Planning for FY 2015-2016
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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