

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 19, 2010

1:00-3:00 P.M.

9750 Business Park Drive, Conference Training Room

Attendees: Francisco Godoy, Melissa Kinley, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Kristen Lyall, and Cordia Wade

Absent: Koleen Biegacki, DeAnga Hills, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord, and Carolyn Rose

Staff & Guests: Denise Blockmon, Renita Graves, Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Bernadette Lynch (SAS), Rick Simonson (PA), Marcella Rojas (Interpreter) Kelley Wilson (DA Fraud Task Force),

I. Call to Order 1:17 p.m. by chair, a quorum was not present.

II. Introductions

III. Consent Calendar

A. Agenda: reviewed

B. Minutes: reviewed

C. Chair's Report & Correspondence

Support Life Conference 2010, October 6-8, 2010, Doubletree Hotel, contacted Deanna if you would like to attend. SCDD Council Meeting, May 27, 2010, 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., Doubletree Hotel. CICA Central Regional Meeting, June 18, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., SEIU-UHW Office – 560 Thomas L. Berkley Way, Oakland, CA 94612-510-251-1250 – conference is across the street from Bart and Laura West, DA IHSS Fraud Task Force will be presenting

IV. Reports

A. DHHS Senior and Adult Services, Bernadette Lynch, Division Manager, Governor, Schwarzenegger's proposed 750 million budget reduction, effective July 1, 2010. The governors of California's budget changes are non-specific for IHSS. 1115 Waiver – wants to move aging and disabled to into a managed care plan. Currently, Cal-Works programs are managed care. Managed care plans are designed to have dollar caps. We do not know how the 1115 Waiver will affect IHSS services. June 16-18, 2010, county budget hearings. IHSS will be losing 66.1 positions. 2 of the position will go to another division. IHSS will be leaving the Broadway location and moving to Rancho Cordova - Business Park and OB-3, move will probably be in July. Currently, the payroll staff at Rancho Cordova – Business Park have been moved to Broadway. Prior to the July move we are

considering moving all payroll to Rancho Cordova. Payroll in one location should help increase payroll services. Currently, we have 21,000 cases which will be 400 case per worker after the July lay-offs. We are looking at how other counties handle cases as well as considering banking cases - workers share cases – no specific worker per case. We received 58 netbooks that will be distributed to social workers after the July move. IHSS is currently looking at the cost of a new telephone system that will free employee time by giving caregivers the options to find out general information on line. Caregivers will put in there social security number and then they can find out the answer to various questions. For instance: was my timesheet received; have I been paid for the month of? System should be implemented by early fall. Social workers unanimously agreed that that the less expensive of the two finger printing machines worked better. Overall the most clients were agreeable with having there fingerprinting done. Three clients refused to fingerprint, a few clients were fiscally unable to fingerprint. Social workers agreed that the fingerprinting interfered with there social worker functions and took up to much of there time as well. When a social worker finger prints a client they must: contact client – ask if they will fingerprint and photograph; check out fingerprinting machine; fingerprint client, return to the office and download fingerprints to data base, then turn in fingerprinting machine. Employee time plus cost of machine are expensive. Social workers noted that they are not investigators they are social workers. A bill needs to be presented to change the law that states that IHSS recipients must be fingerprinted.

- B. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director, Rick Simonson
Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal of 1.4 million in IHSS dollars has now increased to 5.6 million. See the californiachannel.com. IHSS AC Budget Items: We still need to pay for the next newsletter, mileage claims, and CICA Conferences dues. If we have any money left over, then we can consider paying some of Deanna's salary. We will be sending out a provider specific later stating any IHSS enrollment paperwork that the provider is missing. We have heard through the wire that there may be a change to what items a caregiver must have to continue services; for instances a client can't just complete one form on the list and then they will have 6 more months to complete the other forms on the list. As of, May 17, 2010, there are currently, 9, 300, caregivers who have not completed there DOJ background check. Out of the 10,000 completed background checks only 11 caregivers where precluded from providing IHSS services. This is less then half the caregivers. Waiting for approval on 2 on-call employees. The education staff is now training caregivers or getting pro-bono training for trainings that where once outsourced to Eskaton and Cooperative Extension before the budget crisis. We will have 3 new vacancies Kristen Lyall's position, Antoinette Lopez-Coles position and Koleen Biegacki. Currently, I have received a copy of Antoinette's application to re-apply for her appointed to the IHSS AC. The IHSS Task Force will be presenting a Draft and Report to the BOS in August. Because the changes recommended by the IHSS Task Force have price tags associated with the changes it is more likely that the report will be filed and no action taken.
- C. IHSS Fraud Task Force, Para-Legal, Kelley Wilson

Report back on 60 day period of the IHSS Fraud Team Overpayment Recovery Desk. 157 overpayment letters have been sent, with \$24,811 in cash being received. There are 600 case waiting for review by the Fraud Team attorneys. Most care providers have been willing to pay. 44% of the promised money has been collected. Overpayment recovery desk is working

- V. Committee Matters
 - A. CICA
 - B. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair
 - C. Elections

- VII. New Business

- IX. Old Business
 - Additional Help for A.C.

- X. Public Comment: Members of the Audience - 2 Minutes Each
 - Cordia Wade: We should have a representative from the IHSS AC attend the IHSS Task Force meeting scheduled for May 20, 2010, at 9350 Business Park Drive. IHSS AC should input on the proposed recommendations to the BOS.

- IX. Adjournment 2:38 p.m.

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