

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
March 21, 2018

**Attendees:** Francisco Godoy, Deborah Hibbler, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord

**Absent:** Denise Blockmon, Kimberly Lathrop, Leoma Lee, Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Carolyn Rose, Auriel Taurone, and Suisan Weinheimer-Boyle

**Staff & Guests:** Juanita Butler (ASL interpreter), Ana Gallegos, IHSS Provider, Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Josh McHolt (ASL interpreter), Bonnie Newman & George (Calaveras County), Teresita Perez-Godoy (Provider), and Rick Simonson (PA)

I. Called to Order at 1:08 pm by Chair Deborah Hibbler

II. Introductions:

III. Consent Calendar

A. Agenda: No Quorum

B. Minutes: February 2018 Minutes No Quorum

IV. Reports:

A. Chairs' Report: Present Deborah Hibbler – Home Care Now is a program ran by Yolo County that serves as an urgent back-up caregiver program for IHSS consumers. – Response from Rick: Homecare now is not a program mandated by the State of California it is an option offered by Yolo County. Sacramento County Public Authority uses Accent Care for to cover urgent back-up care.

B. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2015: Not present

C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Senior and Adult Services – Not Present

D. Public Authority: Rick Simonson, Executive Director, IHSS Public Authority: Budget for IHSS Advisory Committee – still in good standing. CICA Dues need to be paid by the end of the fiscal year.

The county has started the process to fill the IHSS Public Authority Executive Director position. The Budget for IHSS Public Authority – is in good standing. Public Authority does not expect any additional cuts within the next budget 2018-2019. To offset the budget we are not planning any other current vacancies. Public Authority is currently being supplemented out of the general fund \$300,000 plus matching federal money to offset the loss of the MOE funding.

V. Committee Matters: None

A. CICA Call:

Christine Hamilton discussed Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) which currently does not have an implementation date. The state is still waiting on federal guidelines. It is believed the process will take more than 9 months to implement statewide. Providers and recipients, who have concerns, need to attend the budget meetings to ask questions. Currently 18 companies have sent bids to monitor the EVV program. Why is program being outsourced? What is the cost for implementation? These are some questions recipients and providers should consider asking during the budget hearings..

SB1040 – Emergency account bill seeks to access the 2 billion dollars set aside for emergencies to offset cost for homecare workers, recipients. This emergency account was designed to assist with recipient needs during a catastrophe. The bill will be presented on April 10, 2018. Anyone who has accessed these emergency services should come to the presentation and give their stories.

Is the EVV implementation related to fraud?

No the EVV implementation is based on being in compliance with the Federal government.

How can we reduce fraud?

EVV was not designed due to fraud but it does hope that the program will help reduce fraud, make providers and IHSS a better program.

VI. New Business: - None

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. Public Comment: None:

IX. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Next meeting is April 18, 2018, 975 0Business Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827