

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 17, 2010

12:00-3:00 P.M.

Draft Minutes

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

Absent: Koleen Blegacki, DeAnga Hills, Donald Prange (resigned), Carolyn Rose

Staff & Guests: Carrie Bernard (DA Fraud Task Force), Denise Blockmon, Caregiver, Teresita Godoy (Mr. Godoy's caregiver), Renita Graves, (Ms. Lopez-Coles' caregiver) Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Bernadette Lynch (SAS-IHSS), Mary Pham (Interpreter), Rick Simonson (PA), Marcella Rojas (Interpreter)

I. Call to Order .

Lyle (chair) called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Introductions

III. Consent Calendar

- A. Agenda Kristen – accepted by board.
- B. Minutes (review/accept) – accepted by board
- C. Chairs Report
 1. Thanked Francisco Godoy and Bernadette Lynch for the great job they did representing IHSS on KCRA. Video can be seen on Channel 3, website: <http://www.kcra.com/video/22190055/index.html>
 2. Donald Prange resigned from IHSS Advisory Committee. We wish him well in his pursuits.

IV. Reports

- A. Bernadette Lynch, Chief, Senior and Adult Services. SAS is developing three optional budgets for the CEO as additional cuts to the FY 2009-10 budget effective April 1, 2010, are required. . IHSS is currently waiting to hear what scenario the CEO will make as part of mid-year budget reductions. IHSS lost many workers in September.

Payroll staff currently in each office will be consolidated to a single location to maximize efficiency. , Timesheet drop boxes will be closed on April 22 as part of consolidating payroll (timesheets can be mailed in provided envelopes) the payroll help desk has only one employee to answer telephones.

Either the Broadway or Watt Avenue IHSS office will be closed with staff from that office consolidated into the two remaining offices (the Rancho office has a lease until 2018). It is unknown at this time which office will close.

An intake unit is being created that will process all new IHSS service requests. This will standardize the intake and authorization processes, but take five social workers off existing caseloads. There will be increased caseloads for remaining workers, but those social workers will not be handling new intakes.

- B. SEIU-UHW – not present
- C. IHSS Public Authority, Rick Simonson, Acting Executive Director: We call to remind 2000 caregivers a week about the new provider enrollment requirements. On Tuesday, February 16 staff handed out provider enrollment checklists to caregivers at the Broadway and Watt Avenue IHSS locations. There is still general confusion about the new process. The IHSS Public Authority should be getting equipment to fingerprint clients in about 30 days.

Provider enrollment statistics for November 2009

Provider Enrollment Report:

Start Date	10/01/2009	End Date:	02/16/2010
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Provider Enrollment Statistics		
Orientations		3090
Existing		2241
New		849
SOC 426 Forms Signed		4647
Existing		3744
New		903
SOC 846 Forms Signed		3294
Existing		2452
New		842
DOJ's Processed		3477
Existing		2723
New		754
ID's verified		3723
Existing		2845
New		878
Total completed		2427
Existing		1846
New		581
Total sent to IHSS		2336

Existing	1835
New	501

Because IHSS Public Authority funding is tied solely to realignment and not the county general fund, the mid year cut is minimal and able to be managed without impacting staff. It was ruled that the felony and certain misdemeanor criminal convictions that would preclude someone from being a caregiver exceeds the authority in statute. Therefore, only welfare fraud, elder/dependent adult or child abuse within the past 10 years will be the standard (this could be changed in the future).

The IHSS task force is proposing a new standard for registry exclusion in Sacramento County. This standard would preclude someone from being an IHSS provider if convicted of a serious felony listed in Penal Code 1192.7. A provider, who has any other felony conviction within the last 5 years or any misdemeanor conviction within 3 year, could not be a caregiver. Family members would have the exclusion time reduced to 3 years for a felony and 1 year for a misdemeanor.

As the DOJ sends subsequent arrest notifications (and not subsequent conviction notifications), staff must manually monitor subsequent arrests to determine if a conviction follows. Sacramento County has court records available on line, but monitoring other counties would require hiring a service. Conviction date is easier to get then date of release from incarceration. The Task Force recommendation does not contain an appeal process. The term family members are not defined nor are costs addressed in the Task Force proposal. If the IHSS Advisory Committee has any concerns about this proposal, they should take those to tomorrow's IHSS Task Force meeting (1:30, same location as IHSSAC).

IHSS social workers being encouraged to give out safety out kits. The Department of Water Resources is funding the kits for distribution to IHSS recipients as part of their charitable mission.

- D. Carrie Bernard, DA IHSS Fraud Team Task Force Representative.
The IHSS Fraud Task Force filed 9 new cases representing \$33,000 in lost funds (7 jail cases, 1 nursing home/fraud/death case, and 1 check splitting case). 2 active cases going to court tomorrow. Community outreach included to foster care licensing and the medial community. . Laura West will be writing an article for Catholic Healthcare West and contacted Molina about planning a presentation. It is perfectly legal to have respite provider on stand-by.

V. Committee Matters

- A. CICA 2010 Conference participants are to provide a written report at the March 17, 2010, Advisory Committee meeting. Not all counties (58) are part of CICA, currently only 42 counties are CICA members. CICA website has transcripts from January 2010 conference. Some counties are suggesting that any fraud under \$500 be remanded back down to the counties to handle not to the fraud team.
- B. Can IHSSAC funds be used to pay a portion of the Secretaries salary? Yes.

- C. Capital Action Day May 22, 2010, Riverside County has purchased billboard space to “Save IHSS.” NAPA IHSSAC is holding community advocacy forum in April.
- VI. New Business
 - A. None.
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Public Comment: Members of the Audience - 2 Minutes Each.
- IX. Adjournment 2:35 p.m.

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