

**IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Meeting**  
**April 17, 2012**  
**MINUTES**

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**Members Present:** Deane Denney, Theresa Wright, Ellen Rollins, Janie Whiteford, Dennis Schneider, JoAnn Disbrow

**Members Absent:** Brian Miller, Jim Ramoni (ex-officio)

**COA Staff Present:** Leticia Sabadin, Mary Tinker

**Guests Present:** Merina Yeung, SEIU Local 521 Internal Organizer; Sylvia Sanchez, SEIU Local 521 Internal Organizer; Senon Hernandez, Potential AB member; Ashley Partch, IHSS IP

**Approve Minutes:** March 20, 2012 minutes approved as written.

**Announcements & Public Comment:** Mary Tinker announced the official resignation of Elissa Young and Cindy Faulkner from the advisory board.

Mary also distributed two flyers: One from *The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care* seeking consumers of long term care services to participate in a phone interview or complete it online. Information gathered will be used to write a report for policymakers with recommendation about how to make home care better in California.

The second an article from the Health & Welfare Daily Report titled *Health Plan prepared to pay to resolve Medicare, Medi-Cal fraud probes*.

**CAPA Report:** Mary Tinker indicated that there most likely will not be any real budget actions until after the Governor releases the May revise. After its release the process will move rapidly as legislators will seek to have their budget passed by the constitutional June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to prevent loss of pay this year.

**Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 hearing April 11<sup>th</sup>:**

- Rejected domestic and related cuts
- Rejected 20% across the board hours reduction (Will Lightbourne indicated it was included in the TBL due to the litigation—it had to be included) State has indicated they will appeal the court decision
- Approved extension of the sales tax to homecare services—this is regarding the provider tax approved last year, still working with the feds on this

- Approved repeal of the medication dispenser pilot project
- Left open Public Authority rate setting methodology—we are still gathering data, having some trouble getting claims information for some counties PAs
- Left open proposed TBL on giving PAs authority to provide CORIs to state for appeals (clean-up from last year)

***Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and will address:***

- Dual pilots
- Managed care
- IHSS

Mary reported she participated in a meeting with Myesha Jackson, Senator Stineberg's staff, UDW, SEIU, CUHW, DRC and CAPA's Executive Director March 28<sup>th</sup>. The purpose to see if we could come to a compromise on the push for a statewide bargaining unit with standardized mandated training, statewide registry and one statewide public authority. Nothing was resolved.

Mary also reported she (as the CAPA president) and Karen Keeslar met with SEIU, UDW and CHUW (*California United Homecare Workers*) April 12<sup>th</sup>. The unions requested the meeting to discuss their intentions regarding one statewide bargaining unit. The unions changed their position regarding the following:

- Changed on timing—ready to slow it down and link to integration over 3year period
  - Implementation would be gradual—as pilot counties come up they transition under the umbrella agency
  - 4 pilot counties begin the transition—as counties move into dual integration the local PA moves under the statewide Public Authority umbrella who becomes the employer of record for collective bargaining
- Would have a board of appointed members, needs to be determined, probably 11 or 13 members. Appointments would be made by the Gov, Legislators, and designated agencies/groups such as DRC, AARP, etc. all would need to be worked out.
  - Nominations to the board would begin in the fall of 2012
  - Senate conformation January to March 2013
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new PA board
  - Quasi governmental agency with local PAs reporting to it
  - Statewide PA would not perform program functions (would not have statewide registry)
- Defined a statewide PA that would be an umbrella agency with the local PAs still in place but reporting to the larger agency.
  - Oversee an audit of PA services—what are PAs currently providing, nothing that currently exists would be eliminated
  - Define PA responsibilities, what becomes state-wide standards what would remain local decisions/flexibility
- Unions will retain current jurisdictions with 5 bargaining units. There will be regional variations with one master contract.
  - Current contracts would remain in place until they expire and a successor agreement is negotiated

- No changes to wages and benefits

Unions have been discussing this change with DOF, CDSS and the governor's staff.

**Dual Eligibles Demonstration Stakeholder Work Groups (Mary provided a handout with the list of workgroups and proposed schedule of meeting.)**

Held first workgroup meeting Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> the Beneficiary Notification, Appeals, and Protections Work Group Mary participated in this workgroup.

Deane Denney voiced his concerns about Managed Care and how this will all play out, how and who will pay for these services when we are not in a position to be spending more money with these economic times.

**PROGRAMS REPORT**

**Benefits Administration:** There were 7,570 IPs enrolled in the Valley Health Plan and 8,071 IPs enrolled in the Dental/Vision plans during the month of March. Staff issued 272 Eco Passes. \_

**IP Enrollment Sessions:**

Number of IPs in March: 390 (REVA)

**Registry Services:** There are 384 active IPs on the registry. The Registry completed 37 new consumer intakes, 50 matches and provided 120 interventions.

**Urgent Care Registry** authorized 23 hours of service for the month of March.

**Provider Training:** The Public Authority provided eight training sessions training 207 IPs.

- Have been having issues with no shows for training sessions—10 or 12 for one class, particular issues in the Spanish classes
- Preparing schedule for next session that starts in August

The number of requests for information regarding the Job Development fund continues with a total of 11 inquiries in March.

**California IHSS Consumer Alliance Report (CICA):** Janie reported that CICA has a new administrator—John Stansbury. Janie also announced that CICA is finalizing their Regional Training to take place after the May Revise, possibly the first week in June. No set date yet. This training will be held at the Ed Roberts Center in Oakland; Janie will forward more information regarding this training at a later date. The training will be available to Advisory Board Committees, Consumers and Providers. The locations will be finalized as well, for now they are looking to hold the trainings in the following locations: Sacramento, Southern California, Shasta, and Humboldt. Some of the topics of discussion will be:

- Duals Program
- Developing a Speakers' Bureau (in order to testify on panels, hone in on interview skills)
- How to speak to Legislators

Janie announced that the monthly CICA conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., and recommended all members to try to participate. This is a great venue to get up-to-minute information on what the current issues are and other pertinent information.

**Report from Social Services Agency:** Jim Ramoni was not available to attend this meeting. Mary Tinker gave a brief, oral report from Jim. Per Jim, let the record reflect in the SSA report that IHSS is the sole program at the 1888 Senter Road site, Public Administrator/Guardian assumed the old IHSS space at the Julian office.

Payroll is up-to-date with the assistance of the four extra help staff. This brought up many comments and concerns regarding issues around late timesheets, rude staff on the phone and trouble reaching IHSS by phone. Mary stated that she would make sure Jim is aware of the comments and concerns expressed in the meeting.

**Outreach Activities Report:** Janie Whiteford reported that she and Mary Tinker have had some recent conference calls with various organizations such as SARC, SVILC, PHP, Alzheimer's Assoc., Catholic Charities, and Health Trust along with Karen Keesler. These conference calls are "Agency Representatives Serving Seniors and Persons with Disabilities" and the main goal is to discuss the proposed changes to IHSS and what the potential impact to consumers and their families will be, and to seek a partnership in educating the consumers and their families in a concerted effort. For the people that these organizations represent and work with everyday this may be of grave concern.

We hope that by informing these various agencies, they could ensure that the information they have is well suited to their clients/families and can be shared. They can continue to advocate on behalf of their clients/families, educate them on what lies ahead and what they can do from their homes to help protect their loved ones.

This is not a long term commitment, none of us have time for that but we want to build partnerships locally to enhance those we have statewide. There is another call setup for April 20 to develop next steps. Janie invited AB members to participate in this effort.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 15, 2012** from **11:30-1:30PM**, at the Council on Aging Public Authority Services Office at 2115 The Alameda, San Jose, CA. 95126.