

IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Meeting
January 15, 2013
MINUTES

Members Present: Theresa Wright, Janie Whiteford, Dennis Schneider, JoAnn Disbrow, Ellen Rollins, Jim Ramoni (ex-officio), Deane Denney – via teleconference

Members Absent: Brian Miller, Senon Hernandez

COA Staff Present: Mary Tinker, Leticia Sabadin

Guests Present: Merina Yeung, SEIU Local 521 Internal Organizer; Mandy Lu, SEIU Local 521 Internal Organizer, Robert Stroughter, potential AB Member

Announcements & Public Comment: Mary Tinker distributed a memo from SVILC/Sarah Triano. This will be added to the February agenda for discussion.

Approve Minutes: September 25, 2012 minutes approved as written.

CAPA Report: Mary Tinker reported CAPA did not meet in December.

CAPA continues work regarding development of all facets if CCI/Dual Eligible transition to managed care and the collective bargaining shift to the state.

The legislature began the new two year legislative session in December but not a tremendous amount of work was done regarding IHSS or the CCI/Duals Demonstration plans.

BUDGET: Governor released his budget January 10th. Good news- no new cuts proposed for IHSS. The budget contains language regarding the 20% across the board hour's reduction from last year's budget that is currently enjoined from being implemented.

Excellent news is the proposal is to push the start date for CCI to September 2013. It's likely the legislature will go along with this since there has been tremendous push back on the accelerated time frame for the project. Also, included is an 18 month roll out for LA which seems like a much improved idea.

The state still needs to obtain approval from CMS for passive enrollment and their desired six month lock-in that thus far has not gone well for other states. Ohio and CMS have signed off on an MOU for the state's duals demonstration. The demonstration area includes 29 counties in which there are approximately 115,000 people eligible to participate.

Subject to readiness review, opt-in enrollment in the demonstration will begin in September 2013, with passive enrollment in November and December 2013. While the state had proposed a 90 day lock in on the Medicare side, this was not approved. Like California, Ohio also proposed mandatory Medicaid managed care, but the MOU makes clear that it will need to request a separate waiver from CMS to get approval for this.

Programs Report:

There were 8,117 IPs enrolled in the Valley Health Plan and 8,656 IPs enrolled in the Dental/Vision plans during the month of December.

IP Enrollment:

Number of IPs processed in December: 200

Registry Services: There are 402 active IPs on the registry. The registry:

- Completed 27 new consumer intakes
- Attained 20 matches that were reported by consumers/IPs
- Provided 79 interventions

Clyde Taniguchi, Registry Manager is retiring the end of January.

Urgent Care Registry: authorized 6 hours of service for the month of December.

Note to clarify Benefits and enrollment: The Public Authority does not automatically enroll IPs in benefits they are mailed information when they first become an IP informing them of what benefits they may become eligible for and with instructions to call benefits staff to request and apply for Benefits. The Public Authority mails out monthly Introduction Letters to all new IPs in the IHSS CMIPS database. IPs pay \$25.00 monthly portion of the premium for Healthcare Benefits once they are enrolled. There is no fee for dental or vision benefits.

Union dues vary. IPs can contact the SEIU Local 521 Union office to obtain dues/service fee information.

Provider Training: There were nine training sessions held in December training 208 IPs.

The number of requests for information regarding the Job Development fund continues with a total of 6 inquiries in December.

California IHSS Consumer Alliance Report (CICA): Janie Whiteford reported that CICA did not meet in December 2012. There is not much to update at this point. Janie asked that members attend the CICA State wide conference call scheduled for Wednesday, January 16th. Karen Keeslar will be on the call. CICA is currently recruiting Regional VPs. Janie also mentioned that 20 out of 56 counties have paid members in the CICA organization.

Report from Social Services Agency: Jim Ramoni reported that CMIPS II Go Live Date has been pushed back to March 4th. The new CMIPS II system remains in the pilot stage. They are dealing with a lot of issues that pilot counties have encountered during the transition to the new system. There are multiple issues with the timesheets, re-routing them to the new facility, and at this point Santa Clara County IHSS is not quite ready for the new rollout without first trying to handle the issues at hand. Jim also mentioned that they are getting ready for another mass mailing to IPs and clients to make them aware of the new system changes to timesheets which will hopefully include some examples on how to fill out timesheets. They are hoping to have a website in which IPs can be directed to and get some instructions on how to do the new timesheets and a Q&A section. Jim is asking for assistance from both the Public Authority and the Union, any help that they can supply will be greatly appreciated. Jim states that they do not have the luxury of time nor funds to be able to handle such a great change, and the State has not provided additional resources for IHSS to make this a simpler transition. They are in a tough situation trying to meet a deadline without the proper due diligence and resources. Jim is not very optimistic with the updated GO LIVE date of March 4th but they will do their best.

At this point Jim stated that IHSS was authorized some “over time” in order to catch up from the holiday season and also in preparation for the upcoming GO LIVE date of March 4th.

Next Meeting: Due to scheduling conflicts there was consensus of the group to change the next meeting date from February 19 to February 26. The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 26, 2013** from **11:30-1:30PM**, at the Council on Aging Silicon Valley main office located at 2115 The Alameda, San Jose, CA. 95126.