

IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Meeting
April 16, 2013
MINUTES

Members Present: Theresa Wright, Janie Whiteford, JoAnn Disbrow, Deane Denney, Senon Hernandez, Dennis Schneider

Members Absent: Ellen Rollins, Jim Ramoni (ex-officio)

COA Staff Present: Mary Tinker, Leticia Sabadin

Guests Present: Merina Yeung, SEIU Local 521 Internal Organizer; Robert Stroughter, potential AB Member; Richard Rangel, Potential AB Member

Announcements & Public Comment: Janie Whiteford, Vice Chair facilitated the meeting in Ellen Rollins absence.

Theresa Wright reported that she and Janie Whiteford attended the Parents Helping Parents Fair on March 21, 2013. They both distributed information and pamphlets on IHSS and their services as well as the COASV Public Authority Services. There were approximately 1000 people in attendance and over 50 organizations with informational booths at this venue.

Janie Whiteford announced details for two upcoming meetings/tele-conferences scheduled in the next few weeks:

- Duals Program @ Sobrato Center on April 18, 2013—Guest Speakers are Kevin Prindiville of the National Senior Citizens Law Center and Sylvia Yee
 - Main focus is CCI and how it relates to Santa Clara County
- Health Plans Overview, focus on the Duals Program, on April 29th—Guest Speaker is Jane Ogle, Head of Health & Human Services

Mary Tinker announced Brian Miller indicated he would be submitting his letter of resignation from the AB.

Approve Minutes: March 19, 2013 minutes approved as written.

CAPA Report: Mary Tinker reported CAPA met March 28 in Sacramento.

IHSS litigation settlement: All parties signed the agreement and submitted it to the court. Court scheduled to review it April 4, 2013. It then needs to be put into bills for the Assembly and Senate be reviewed and approved and signed by the Governor.

As part of the settlement agreement counties and PAs will be required to post the information on their websites and offices. New 8% reduction the current 3.6% reduction in hours drops at the same time the 8% is implemented making it seem as if only a 4.4% reduction is new. As before unmet needs will be subtracted first to come to the full reduction in hours. After 12 months then 1% of hours will be restored and in October of 2014 DHCS will submit a request to CMS to get a Managed Care tax to eliminate the remaining 7% reduction.

Janie Whiteford asked about “un-met needs” and the whole issue with the County not doing any assessments for this. There was a consensus to have this topic on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Programs Report Mary Tinker reported:

Benefits Administration: There were 8,287 IPs enrolled in the Valley Health Plan and 8,829 IPs enrolled in the Dental/Vision plans during the month of March.
Staff issued 306 Eco Passes

Registry Services: There are 385 active IPs on the registry. The registry:

- Completed 50 new consumer intakes
- Attained 35 matches that were reported by consumers/IPs
- Provided 202 interventions

The **Urgent Care Registry** authorized 33 hours of service for the month of March.

Provider Training: There were nine training sessions held in March training 210 IPs.

Mary stated that if the new Overtime Regulations from the Department of Labor are implemented as currently expected the Public Authority will need to triple the number of providers on the registry to meet the increased demand from consumers. If this goes through it will be a administrative nightmare and a very difficult task to educate consumers and providers on this change.

There is a lot of controversy and push back from ADAPT and others to delay the OT Regulations but it could go into affect as early as June 15th. The IPs should get overtime but there is not sufficient funding to pay for it. This will hurt family providers and will cause the state to implement new statutes limiting providers from working OT except in dire circumstances.

Mary reported Public Authority will publish a consumer newsletter around mid to late June to provide the critical information they need with all of the changes taking place.

California IHSS Consumer Alliance Report (CICA): Janie Whiteford distributed information/handouts:

- The CICA Annual Report was distributed to those present. This will be presented at the CICA Annual Meeting on April 17, 2013.
- The information for the monthly CICA conference call scheduled for April 17th at 10am. Karen Keeslar, Executive Director California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) will be on the call and giving an overview and update on current IHSS issues. Also following the monthly call in CICA will be conduct their Annual Meeting. The member counties will be electing Regional Vice Presidents, and presenting the annual and financial reports.
- Information on an upcoming meeting –State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) scheduled for April 23 & 24 in Riverside, California. This is an opportunity to comment on how federal money allocated for Independent Living programs will be spent.
- Disability Capitol Action Day (DCAD) is scheduled for Thursday, May 22 from 10am to 4pm. This is the 10th Anniversary! Please try to attend this very informative event with focus on disability awareness.
- Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) Free Webinar scheduled for April 22 at 2pm PST. The National Senior Citizens Law Center (NSCLC) is sponsoring a free webinar “What Advocates Need to Know – Basics.” This is a very good meeting in which one can become very knowledgeable and involved with all the most current IHSS issues, etc.

Report from Social Services Agency: On behalf of Jim Ramoni, Mary Tinker reported that the CMIPS II Go Live Date is still scheduled for May 1st. Mary reminded everyone that for the entire month of May, the automated telephone system for IHSS Payroll will not be available. The call volume and visits to IHSS will dramatically increase but hopefully with the mass mailer that was just sent out, IPs will follow directions that lead them to the IHSS website on how to complete timesheets.

With the assistance of the Union, they still have scheduled some workshops for IPs on how to complete new timesheets. The website is very helpful and shows IPs sample timesheets and how to properly complete them. At this point in time Jim and staff have only one focus and that is the transition of the new CMIPS II and new timesheets.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

1. “Un-Met Needs”
2. AB Budget, Janie to present ideas on how to spend down
 - a. Janie mentioned that there needs to be a committee on how to spend next years’ money/budget

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 21, 2013** from **11:30-1:30PM**, at the Council on Aging Silicon Valley main office located at 2115 The Alameda, San Jose, CA. 95126.