

IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Meeting
May 21, 2013
MINUTES

Members Present: Theresa Wright, JoAnn Disbrow, Deane Denney, Senon Hernandez, Dennis Schneider, Ellen Rollins, Robert Stroughter

Members Absent: Janie Whiteford, Jim Ramoni (ex-officio)

COA Staff Present: Mary Tinker, Leticia Sabadin

Guests Present: Lee Pullen, Director of Aging and Adult Services; Jim Dale, Board Aide for Supervisor Yeager's D-4 Office; Merina Yeung, SEIU Local 521 Internal Organizer; Richard Rangel, Potential AB Member; Dolly Clemente, Advisory Committee Member for San Mateo Public Authority, Myrna Bravo, Advisory Committee Member for San Mateo Public Authority; "Florita", IHSS Consumer; Ashley Partch, IHSS IP

Announcements & Public Comment: Mary Tinker announced the following:

- Welcome newest AB Member Robert Stroughter Sr. who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2013.
- A quick reminder to members who received letters from the Board of Supervisors Clerk of the Board Office in regards to the June 2013 term expirations. Please make sure you call the COB office to request reappointment.
- There are updates to the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Handbook which will be sent to all members via email. Please read through these updates and if you wish to print them out, please do so and insert in your handbook.
- Updated and distributed the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Phone Roster.

Approve Minutes: April 16, 2013 minutes approved as written.

CAPA Report: Mary Tinker reported that CAPA met April 28 in Sacramento.

IHSS Litigation Settlement: Lawyers representing IHSS consumers, unions and the State of California on March 19th reached a court settlement preventing implementation of devastating cuts to IHSS. It also prevents wage reductions for IHSS workers making more than \$9.50 an hour. The Senate and Assembly accepted the settlement agreement as written and passed bills that contain the statutory provisions to implement the IHSS Settlement Agreement. The bills

will now be sent to the Governor for signature and the court is scheduled to review it for final approval.

The settlement:

- Replaces a permanent 20% cut in IHSS hours with a *temporary* 8% cut in July 2013. (This is an additional 4.4% on top of the current 3.6% cut.)
- Reduces this temporary cut to 7% in July 2014.
- Restores the hours lost from the 7% cut as early as the spring of 2015 if the State obtains federal approval of significant new revenue for California (through a “provider fee” transaction).

CCI Update: The feds signed the MOU the capitated rate May. The MOU was written by finance and the question is whether there is savings; more clarity is needed. The initial date of enrollment has been changed from October 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014.

Universal Assessment: CDSS is working on the framework to prepare for a June meeting and Eileen Carroll, Deputy Director, Adult Programs Division emphasized the need for consistent participation from people who can bring the whole picture together at the end. Looking for participants who understand risk assessment. CAPA members suggested having recipients on the work group. Eileen suggested at least two recipients.

CFCO: CDSS sent a draft SPA on April 5, 2013. CMS will in turn provide feedback so the state can send a formal SPA, final version. The new SPA addresses eligibility; certain criteria must be met in nursing level of care, intermediate and skilled. Hoping the feds will approve the risk assessment piece. The state is also asking CMS to allow the CFCO enhanced 6% match for social workers admin.

Federal OT Regulations: The administration is preparing statute language to put to the legislature in the event the OT regulations are implemented. If implemented it has the potential to dramatically change IHSS.

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 April. There were 296 Eco Passes issued in April.

IP Enrollment:

Number of IPs in April: 392

Number of IPs completely processed as of April 30: 23,802

Number of IPs partially done: 180

Registry Services: There are 382 active IPs on the registry. The registry:

- Completed 54 new consumer intakes
- Attained 23 matches that were reported by consumers/IPs
- Provided 166 interventions
- Updated 194 IP profiles

The **Urgent Care Registry** authorized 15 hours of service for the month of April.

Provider Training: Public Authority provided seven training sessions with 174 individuals attending.

Mary also reported that the Public Authority is mailing a Consumer Newsletter the first week of June, 2013 to all IHSS Consumers.

AB members asked for clarification on the difference between the Provider Enrollment and joining the Registry. All IHSS providers are required to complete the provider enrollment process which includes DOJ background check.

Joining the registry is a completely separate process and includes completing the provider enrollment process. Acceptance on the registry requires participation in a 3 ½ hour orientation training, completion of a job application, providing three good references, (all of which are checked) and a one-on-one interview with registry staff. An individual can be enrolled as an IHSS care provider but never be on the Registry.

Jim Dale asked Mary about the challenges that lie ahead with the Overtime Regulations and meeting the requirements for the Registry. There isn't sufficient staffing in the registry at this time to meet the increased demand that will come if the OT regulations are implemented. The registry would need to triple the number of providers on the registry and this would take staff and time to complete.

California IHSS Consumer Alliance Report (CICA): Janie Whiteford was not in attendance to give report. Get update next month.

Report from Social Services Agency: On behalf of Jim Ramoni, Lee Pullen, Director of Social Services reported that he approved the \$5,900.00 AB budget for next fiscal year. The major topic of discussion was the Go Live Date of May 1st for the new CMIPS II conversion in Santa Clara County. Lee stated that everything was going pretty well, the transition more smooth than expected. There are some issues being handled and of course the automated phone system for timesheet and payroll information will be down for the months of May and June. Lee also thanked the Union and Public Authority for their support and assistance during these tough transition times.

A few questions were asked regarding timesheets. Lee asked that they call him or Zephyr with specific questions.

Mary mentioned to Lee that there was a need to address the “un-met needs” issue within Santa Clara County. Lee stated there is no “clear” definition of “un-met needs”. He does agree that there should be a uniform practice among all Counties when it comes to this issue. He stated that he would somehow address this and speak to Jim Ramoni.

AB Budget: Janie Whiteford was not in attendance to give report. Get report next month.

Elect AB Vice Chair: After a brief consensus, the members confirmed from the previous meeting that Janie Whiteford was elected as AB Chair and Dennis Schneider as Vice Chair.

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, June 18, 2013** from **11:30-1:30PM**, at the Council on Aging Silicon Valley main office located at 2115 The Alameda, San Jose, CA. 95126.