

IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Meeting
February 17, 2015
MINUTES

Members Present: Janie Whiteford, Deane Denney, Dennis Schneider, Theresa Wright (via tele-conference), JoAnn Disbrow, Senon Hernandez (via tele-conference)

Members Absent: Ellen Rollins, Robert Stroughter, Terri Possley (ex-officio)

COA Staff Present: Mary Tinker, Leticia Sabadin

Guests Present: N/A

Announcements & Public Comment:

1. Janie Whiteford announced the Press Event – Book Release regarding Social Security in Oakland on 2-25-14. It is all about Social Security and the importance of protecting and expanding for future generations. A very important issue particularly now with this Congress looking at Social Security reductions and or changes.
2. Janie Whiteford distributed cards in support of Medicare for individuals to complete. The cards request Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and the signer's appropriate Congressperson to vote no on any cuts to Medicare, and includes a card asking President Obama to veto and cuts to Medicare.
3. Janie also announced that the Annual Parents Helping Parents Transitions Faire for Santa Clara County will be on Thursday, April 23, 2015. Janie will be attending and is asking for more volunteers to attend. Dennis Schneider will also attend and assist Janie is representing the Public Authority and provide information.
4. Mary Tinker announced the first meeting of the IHSS Statewide Authority February 23rd in Sacramento 1:00 to 5:00. It can be joined in person and via teleconference and webcast. All are invited to attend and Mary will send out more information via email to AB members.
5. Mary has the SCAN Foundations California Coordinated Care Initiative January Update Report and will email it to AB members.
6. Janie announced that Peter Harbage from Harbage Consulting passed recently and this was very sad and unexpected news.

Approve Minutes: January 20, 2015 meeting minutes approved as written. Motion by JoAnn Disbrow to approve minutes, seconded by Janie Whiteford, vote was unanimous.

CAPA Report: Mary Tinker reported CAPA met in Sacramento January 22, 2015.

Governor's Budget Proposal: Released on January 9th with restoration of the across the board 7% hour's reduction. No cuts to IHSS.

SB 878: CDSS released the final version of ACL 14-102 regarding SB 878 addressing new program rules and requirements for IHSS provider enrollment orientation. The new requirements for enrollment orientations must include 30 minutes for the union to present to prospective providers.

The Public Authority is currently in discussions with Labor Relations and SEIU Local 521 on a side-letter agreement to implement this portion of provider enrollment.

1115 Medicaid Waiver Renewal –Workforce Development in IHSS

SEIU is asking the state to include IHSS provider training in the “Bridge to Reform” 1115 waiver. The 1115 waiver is primarily used as the means to enhance FFP for hospital and managed care services under Medi-Cal.

Anastasia Dotson from DHCS, Eileen Carroll from CDSS and other staff conducted a stakeholder meeting/call with CAPA, CICA, DRC, and the Consumer's Union to discuss the 1115 waiver specifically the workforce development section that includes the IHSS training component from SEIU. Janie Whiteford and I were part of the call it was interesting to hear their perspective.

Anastasia and one of her staff will be attending the February CAPA meeting to discuss this and hear from PA Directors regarding training already in place.

CAPA and DRC submitted separate letters recommending that DHCS exclude IHSS training from the final waiver. CICA signed on the CAPA letter and the Consumer's Union has sent their own letter as well.

Legislation:

February 27th is the last day for introducing bills.

CAPA is co-sponsoring Older Americans Act Resolution, Assembly member Brown.

CAPA sponsoring a bill to provide spending authority for DOJ as a way to address the delays we are all experiencing due to too few staff at DOJ.

Programs Report: Mary Tinker reported:

Benefits Administration: There were 9,400 IPs enrolled in the Valley Health Plan with 8687 of those in the Classic Plan and 702 in the Preferred Plan. There were 10,000 IPs enrolled in the Dental/Vision plans during the month of January. There were 167 Eco Pass Clipper Cards issued in addition to the renewal of 13,492 already in the hands of IPs from last year.

Enrollment Session:

Number of IPs in January: 411

Registry Services: There are 521 active IPs on the registry.

The registry:

- Completed 52 new consumer intakes
- Attained 62 matches
- Provided 354 interventions

Urgent Care Registry authorized 16 hours of service for the month of January.

IP Trainings Provided: Public Authority provided 1 training sessions in January with 25 participants being trained.

California IHSS Consumer Alliance Report (CICA): Janie Whiteford reported the monthly CICA conference call scheduled for Wednesday, February 18 at 10am. She encouraged members to please try to attend. One very important topic is the 1115 Waiver and they will be discussing this hot topic.

Janie also reported CICA is working on organizing trainings for Advisory Committee members. They are working on different levels of training and partnering with CFILC. They will be held regionally in order to encourage more participation. CICA is looking into a central location to hold some sessions. They are also planning to hold one-day training before the Disability Capital Action Day event in Sacramento. This will be focused on training on how to make visits to legislators for CICA members and others so they are prepared to make visits the following day.

Ad Hoc Budget Committee Report: Janie Whiteford and Mary Tinker reported the recommended budget proposal from the ad-hoc committee is:

\$5916.00

CICA	\$1000
Travel, Seminars, etc.	\$2000
Annual Report	\$2000
Miscellaneous	\$916

Motion by Janie Whiteford to approve budget, seconded by Deane Denney, vote was unanimous.

Report from Social Services Agency: Terri Possley was not in attendance but sent her report via email to Mary Tinker:

- Jim Ramoni and I will be appearing at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on 2/24/15 to request 7 new positions to create a new CCI Unit (1 Social Services Program Manager, 1 Social Work Coordinator II, 4 Social Workers, and 1 Office Specialist). If they are approved, we will be able to post the positions internally as early as March. By the time we finish the hiring process, we are expecting the new staff to arrive July-August 2015. Space is an issue, so we are working to create new office spaces in our already crowded environment.

- IHSS will be having Araceli from Public Authority speak at our monthly All Staff Meeting. We have not had a representative speak to our staff for quite some time and we look forward to the presentation. The All Staff is scheduled during the time of the Board of Supervisors Meeting on 2/24/15.
- IHSS is being reviewed (audited) by CDSS 2/24/15 – 2/27/15. Busy week! They'll be reviewing previously identified case files for accuracy, completion, timeliness, etc. They will be also looking at documentation in CMIPS II.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 17, 2015** from **11:30-1:30PM**, at the Sourcwise main office located at 2115 The Alameda, San Jose, CA. 95126.