

SHASTA COUNTY IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)

Minutes

September 20, 2013

Members: Evan LeVang, Shyrle De Haven, Linda Roberts, Wendy Longwell, Craig Graham, Wayne Bruinsma, Sheri Henderson,

Absent Members: Jennifer Church, Elizabeth Slosson

Shasta County Staff: Tim Brendler, Brandi May, Amparo Buck, Donnell Ewert

Guests: Dolores Jioia

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Individual(s) Responsible
I. Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The acting chair extended a warm welcome to all attendees. ➤ Board members and audience members introduced themselves if they chose. 		➤ Evan LeVang
II. Public Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were no public comments made. 		
III. Member Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training was provided on Roberts Rules of Order. A copy of the Committee's rules was distributed and discussed. (Attachment A) 		➤ Tim Brendler
IV. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes from the March 27, 2013 meeting were presented in written form. 	➤ Approved the March 27, 2013 minutes.	➤ Linda Roberts (Motion)/Sheri Henderson (Second)
V. Announcements and Review of Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Independent Living Services of Northern California is having their annual Pirate Palooza fund raiser at Win River Casino on Friday October 25, 2013. ➤ A fund raising dinner is being held on October 19, 2013 to support Triple Creek Ranch, a program that does therapeutic riding. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evan LeVang ➤ Wendy Longwell
Vi. IHSSAC Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are a lot of changes coming with a lot of turmoil in our government. We need to stay involved and make our voices heard. 		➤ Evan LeVang
VII. Shasta County's IHSS and Public Authority Division Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IHSS has hired some new Social Workers and we are now fully staffed. ➤ Los Angeles County went live on the CMIPS II payroll system on September 3, 2013 and so far the system has been able to handle the additional volume. A discussion followed. ➤ The number of providers that attended orientation in July 2013 was 67, with 59 in August. Providers now have to show that they have completed their fingerprinting for their background check before attending the required orientation. ➤ The Public Authority has 133 available providers, and 510 total working providers. The Public Authority is currently helping 1296 IHSS recipients. ➤ The May Revise for the 2013-14 budget projects IHSS caseloads will increase 1.2%, for an average monthly caseload of 44, 225. The budget proposed \$1.876 billion General Fund (GF) expenditures for the IHSS Program in 2013-14. The May Revise budgets and additional \$120 million GF for 2013-14, as a result of a combination of caseload increases, increased costs per case, and an erosion of savings due to more recipients securing the required health certifications in order to qualify for IHSS benefits. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amparo Buck ➤ Tim Brendler ➤ Tim Brendler

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The May Revise implements the IHSS Settlement Agreement which will replace the 3.6% across-the-board reduction with an 8% across-the-board reduction in services effective July 1, 2013. This cut will result in total savings of \$387.6 million total funds, with \$114.8 million GF. ➤ Effective July 1, 2012, counties' expenditures in the IHSS program for services and administration, including Public Authority expenditures, are held to a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) based on the 2011-12 fiscal year. Any non-federal expenditures in service and administration that exceed the county MOE shift to 100% State GF. The budget proposes an increase in State GF of \$76.5 million in 2013-14 necessary to maintain its obligations in the IHSS program. ➤ The May Revise estimates that 41% of IHSS recipients will meet the more restrictive Community First Choice Option (CFCO) eligibility guidelines that go into effect in July 2013, increasing federal funding. The May Revise estimates savings to \$134.5 million GF. ➤ There has been a change in the implementation the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI). The enrollment in the eight demonstration counties was to begin in March 2013, but has been delayed. (Attachment B) Trailer Bill SB 94 delinked the CCI into two parts: Cal MediConnect and Managed Medi-Cal Long-Term Supports and Services (LTSS). Cal MediConnect consists of the duals demonstration for Medicare and Medi-Cal beneficiaries to coordinate medical, behavioral health, long-term institutional and home-and-community base services through a single health plan. Managed LTSS will require all Medi-Cal beneficiaries over the age of 21 to join a Medi-Cal managed care health plan to receive the Medi-Cal benefits, including LTSS and Medicare wrap around benefits. The Statewide Authority will be responsible for collective bargaining for counties that are enrolled in the CCI. Delinking allows the two parts to move independently. If Cal MediConnect doesn't proceed, the state can still proceed with Managed LTSS, the duals enrollment into Medi-Cal managed care along with the Statewide Authority. ➤ The CCI will be implemented in the eight counties no sooner than April 2014 with notices mailed to participants in January 2014. The eight counties are Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo and Santa Clara. The state and federal governments are conducting a readiness review to evaluate each health plan's major systems to ensure they are prepared to provide the quality of care, seamless access to necessary services, and coordinate care across LTSS, behavioral health and medical care. Health plans must pass this review before any beneficiary is enrolled. Enrollment will be phased in over 12 months in all counties except for Los Angeles and San Mateo. Los Angeles enrollment is in development and San Mateo enrollment will occur the first month of the program. A total of 456,000 beneficiaries will be eligible for passive enrollment into the Cal MediConnect program, with a maximum of 200,000 in LA County. The Department of Finance (DOF) will make a fiscal determination to see whether the CCI is projected to meet state fiscal saving/budget goals. If the DOF doesn't see the savings, all elements of the CCI are 		
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	<p>eliminated, including the Statewide Authority. The determination will be done 30 days prior to implementation of the CCI and annually thereafter on January 10th of each year. A discussion followed.</p>		
VIII. IHSS AC Members Reports	<p>Wendy Longwell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rowell Family Empowerment received a grant to assist parents with the transition to Medi-Cal managed care. A meeting will be held on October 15, 2013 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, to discuss the progress of the transition to managed care. A doctor from Shasta Community Health Center along with representatives from Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) will be present to address concerns. One of the major concerns is that Shasta Community Health Center is the only provider that is currently accepting new patients. There have been issues with patients being able to see their doctor within the first six months as required. It's important to contact PHC with any problems. PHC has been very responsive in helping patients with problems that arise. On the PHC website, there is a current list of providers in the County. <p>Shyrle De Haven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is becoming more difficult to find a physician or specialist in Shasta County that will accept Medi-Cal and Medicare. A discussion followed. 		
IX. Ad Hoc Committee Reports	<p><u>Ad Hoc Publicity Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The IHSS newsletter was sent out to all IHSS providers and recipients in early August (Attachment C). A discussion of the content of the newsletter followed. <p><u>Ad Hoc Training Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A provider training on communication was held on March 27, 2013 at the Veteran's Hall, along with the CMIPS II timesheet training. The training on communication was held after the timesheet training and many of the providers did not stay following the timesheet training. Consideration should be given to not combing trainings in the future. The recommended topics for future provider training are medication management and infection control. We hope to have our Public Health Nurse conduct these trainings. The state provider training curriculum is set to be released in December. <p><u>Ad Hoc National Caregiver Appreciation Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee is still waiting for more details from California United Homecare Workers (CUHW) concerning the provider appreciation event planned on November 9, 2013 at the Moose Lodge. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Linda Roberts ➤ Wendy Longwell ➤ Wayne Bruinsma

X. Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A discussion was held on how the IHSSAC could help with the provider appreciation dinner. More details are still needed from CUHW. ➤ A discussion was held on the future provider training topics and all agreed the Training Committee has identified the most pertinent trainings to be held. It was also suggested that at the provider trainings, resource information could be given to providers to forward to their respective recipient. 		
XI. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discuss and approve the meeting schedule for 2014. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approve the meeting schedule for 2014: March 14, 2014, and September 12, 2014. 	Wendy Longwell (Motion)/ Linda Roberts (Second)
XII. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Finalize the 2014 IHSS Newsletter and authorize the Ad Hoc Publicity Sub-Committee to approve the IHSS newsletter when completed. ➤ Inviting a guest speaker from one of the service providers, such as Golden Umbrella, to give a presentation during the member training time. 		
XIII. Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting adjourned (3:12pm) 	Shyrle De Haven (Motion)/Wendy Longwell (Second)

Evan Le Vang, Chair

Tim Brendler, Committee Coordinator