

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

Minutes

March 14, 2014

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

Shasta County Staff: Tim Brendler, Brandi May, Debbie Cowan

Absent Members: Jennifer Church

Guests: Louanne Lusso, Kelley Sewell

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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. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evan LeVang
II. Public Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An announcement was made that April 2014 is autism awareness month. A description of the activities during the month was discussed. ➤ An announcement was made concerning the Partnership HealthPlan Consumer Advisory Committee that meets quarterly and any Partnership HealthPlan member can attend. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wendy Longwell ➤ Kelley Sewell, Partnership Healthplan
III. Member Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A presentation was given on the services offered by Golden Umbrella. A discussion followed. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Louanne Lusso, Golden Umbrella
IV. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes from the September 20, 2013 meeting were presented in written form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approved the September 20, 2013 minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shyrle De Haven (Motion)/Wendy Longwell (Second)
V. Announcements and Review of Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were no announcements. 		
Vi. IHSSAC Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There is nothing specific to report at this time. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evan LeVang

their choice of provider(s) as well as the responsibility to hire, fire, and supervise the work of their provider; recipients and providers will be required to complete a workweek agreement; a statewide provider back-up system will be implemented in each county to ensure IHSS recipients do not experience a gap in services due to 40 hours overtime limitation; providers will be required to submit provider timesheets timely; and new requirements will be established for recipients who receive Advance Pay to address overtime reconciliation. A provider will receive a warning for the first occasion for claiming overtime, and then will be suspended for one year for claiming overtime on the second occasion.

A key element of this proposal is the development of a Provider Back-up System to be implemented in each county. This Back-up System is intended to allow IHSS recipients to continue to live in the most community-like setting appropriate for a recipient's needs. The basics of the Back-up System include: IHSS will be provided for extraordinary circumstances, when a recipient's usual provider is unavailable due to the 40 hour overtime limitation and the recipient is at risk of immediate harm; the purpose of the Back-up System will be to provide a back-up provider within 2 hours following the notification of the extraordinary circumstance; a county may contract with a public authority or other entity to provide back-up services; and the back-up provider may receive a higher wage than a regular IHSS provider.

- The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) has analyzed the governor's proposal and has determined that restricting overtime raises a number of policy issues such as erosion of consumer choice, and recipients experiencing difficulty in adjusting to a new provider. Other concerns include whether there will be enough IHSS providers to meet the need, whether the "right" provider will be available to meet the need, and the governor's proposal generally lacks flexibility.

The LAO recommends the following adjustments: provide targeted exemption for provider for certain recipients who would find themselves in particularly disruptive situations; provide a limited allotment of OT hrs to certain IHSS providers; authorized overtime when other providers are unavailable; consider "cash and counseling" model for IHSS recipients with live-in providers; revise the enforcement of overtime restriction to 1 month for the first suspension for claiming overtime on 2 occasions, and then 1 year suspension for the third time. A discussion followed.

- Services Employees International Union (SEIU) is gathering signatures to place an initiative on the ballot, called the Fair Wages and Training for Home Care Workers

	<p>Act of 2014. This initiative would require that IHSS providers would receive a wage supplement equal to any increase in the minimum wage.</p> <p>It also would require that beginning January 1, 2016 all providers would undergo 75 hours of basic training. New providers would have 6 months to complete the training and existing providers would have 5 years to complete the training.</p> <p>Fiscally, the state cost for this initiative would be \$600 million, assuming federal participation in the costs. A discussion followed.</p>		
VIII. IHSS AC Members Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were no member reports given. 		
IX. Ad Hoc Committee Reports	<p><u>Ad Hoc Publicity Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee will be meeting to complete the newsletter. The topics for the newsletter will be an article addressing provider overtime, information for an upcoming provider training, and an article discussing scams against seniors. <p><u>Ad Hoc Training Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee met on January 29, 2014. A training will be held in September 2014 on nutrition which will include healthy plate, food groups, reading food labels, salt and sugar content, hydration, food safety, choking hazards. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2014 to finalize the training in September 2014. Another training is planned for January 2015. The Public Health Nurses will be utilized in conducting these trainings. <p>In January 2014 the state finalized the provider training curriculum and can be accessed on the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) website. (Attachment B)</p> <p><u>Ad Hoc Appeals Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The appeals committee met in December to hear an appeal from an IHSS recipient that was suspended from using the Public Authority registry. A discussion followed on the process involved. <p><u>Ad Hoc National Caregiver Appreciation Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The California United Homecare Workers (CUHW) held an open house at their office in November to recognize the care providers. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Linda Roberts ➤ Wendy Longwell ➤ Shyrle De Haven ➤ Wayne Bruinsma
X. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consider authorizing the Ad Hoc Publicity Sub-Committee to approve the IHSS newsletter when completed. If approved, consider authorizing the use of IHSS Advisory Committee funds for newsletter printing and distribution. 	Approve authorizing the Ad Hoc Publicity Sub-Committee to approve the IHSS newsletter when completed, and authorize	Linda Roberts (Motion)/ Wendy Longwell (Second)

		the use of IHSSAC funds for newsletter printing and distribution. Motion carried unanimously.	
XI. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Election of IHSS Advisory Committee officers. ➤ Approve the meeting schedule for 2015. ➤ Authorize the Ad Hoc Training Committee to finalize the training to be held in January 2015. ➤ Discussion on Ad Hoc Committees that are needed in the future. 		
XII. Adjournment		➤ Meeting adjourned (3:10pm)	Shyrle De Haven (Motion)/Wendy Longwell (Second)

Evan Le Vang, Chair

Tim Brendler, Committee Coordinator