



**Sonoma County IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 11, 2013**

Present: Joann Keyston, Chair
Nancy Hall, Secretary

Absent: Stan Gow, Vice Chair

Staff: Michael Humphrey, Manager – IHSS Public Authority
Franchesca Mendieta, SOA – Adult & Aging Division

1. Call to Order

Joann Keyston called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Staff Reports/Updates

Michael Humphrey reported on the following items:

- A. Registry Activity: For January, there were 80 caregiver requests; 46 client/caregiver matches; and 11 new caregivers added to the Registry. The focus is to get the numbers up and have more caregivers available.
- B. Provider Enrollment Update: For January, 166 Department of Justice background check packets were mailed to applicant providers; 101 applicants attended orientation, and 105 were deemed eligible providers.
- C. Online Caregiver Training: Humphrey reported that he is collaborating with the UCSF College of Personal Assistance & Caregiving to offer a pilot online caregiver training. The online training will be provided to about 20 IHSS providers in Sonoma County. There are 9 other Public Authorities participating in this pilot.

3. IHSS Program Updates

- A. CMIPS II – The start date for Group 1 counties was delayed until March 4, 2013, due to significant difficulties experienced by the 3 pilot counties. Sonoma County is in the Group 4 counties, which is scheduled to go live in November of this year. The State has

developed an online video to help educate providers and consumers on the changes for completing and processing timesheets.

- B. Consumer Videos – The State has developed 3 online videos to help consumers understand how the program works, as well as information about hiring and supervising providers. We are currently reviewing the content of these videos and may decide to include links to them on our website. The videos will be accessible to the general public.

4. IHSS Litigation: *Guerrero v Weber*

The County and Public Authority have submitted a petition for a re-hearing to the Court of Appeals. If a re-hearing request is not granted, the next option is to request that the case be heard by the California Supreme Court.

5. Budget and Legislative Update

- A. Budget – Humphrey reported that there are no new IHSS reductions in the Governor's proposed 2013-14 budget. The current 3.6% reduction in hours expires on June 30th. The Governor assumes the State will prevail in the lawsuit that prevented the 20% reduction in consumer hours from happening in 2010-11. The budget proposes this reduction to take effect on November 1, 2013. With regard to the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), the Governor proposed moving the start date for the 8 pilot counties from to June 1, 2013 to September 1, 2013.
- B. Legislation – There were a few non-substantial bills related to IHSS introduced in the current legislative session. An analysis of these bills is forthcoming and will hopefully be available for the March 25th Advisory Committee meeting.

6. Review Draft Minutes

- A. Members accepted the minutes for the March 4, 2012 Executive Committee meeting as presented.
- B. Members accepted the minutes of the April 2, 2012 Advisory Committee meeting as presented.

7. Review Draft Agenda

Members accepted the agenda for the March 25, 2013 Advisory Committee meeting as presented,

8. Membership Update & Election of Officers

- A. Humphrey reported that all the current members have a little over 3 years remaining before their appointments need to be renewed. There remains to be 3 vacancies for current or previous users (consumers) of personal assistance services.
- B. Humphrey reported that we need to do officer elections at the March 25th Advisory Committee meeting. A nominating committee consisting of Fontenot, Williams, and Hall will present a slate of proposed officers.

9. Other

Keyston reported that she and Gow attended the Tech Expo and the Sonoma County Fair.

10. Adjournment

- J. Keyston adjourned the meeting at 3:05.

Submitted by Franchesca Mendieta, Senior Office Assistant