



SONOMA COUNTY  
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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes for Monday, March 5, 2012**

**Members:** Joann Keyston, Chair  
Stan Gow, Vice Chair  
Nancy Hall, Secretary

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Michael Humphrey, Manager  
Joanne DeAlejandro, Division Secretary

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Joann Keyston called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**Review of the Agenda**

Members accepted the agenda as presented.

**2. Staff Updates/Reports**

Michael Humphrey reported on the following items:

- A. Registry Activity: For January, there were 51 caregiver requests; 60 client/caregiver matches; and eight new caregivers added to the Registry.
- B. Provider Enrollment Update: For January, 198 Department of Justice background check packets were mailed to applicant providers; 111 applicants attended orientation, and 106 were deemed eligible providers.
- C. Other: Humphrey reminded the Committee of Lorna Schreck's retirement in December. Humphrey explained that the Secretary position has been converted to a Senior Office Assistant, and recruitment is underway. It is hoped the position will be filled by next month.

**3. Budget and Legislative update**

**A. Budget –**

- 1) The Governor's proposed 2012-13 budget released in early January included :
  - a) Eliminating domestic and related services for clients in shared living arrangements - This proposal was rejected by the

Legislature last year. Budget hearings will be held during the next few months.

- b) Reducing IHSS client hours by 20% - There is a court order preventing this from happening; however, the Governor expects the State to prevail in the courts.
- c) Integrating the IHSS program into managed-care programs statewide - The proposal called for 11 counties to implement effective January 2013 and 19 additional managed-care counties in FY 2013-14. All the remaining counties are to convert in FY 2014-15. The proposal has been revised so that now (rather than the 11 counties), only the counties that are selected for dual-eligible (Medi-Cal and Medicare) pilot projects would implement IHSS into managed-care programs. Current legislation allows for four pilot projects; the Governor proposes to expand the number to 10.

Humphrey explained that the proposal specifies that the managed care plans would contract back to the counties and other existing providers in the first year, but thereafter it is unclear how services will be operated. Humphrey noted that unions are very much in support of the Governor's proposal. There was a hearing last week and another one scheduled for March 7.

#### **4. Legislation**

The deadline for introducing legislation was February 24. There are about eight introduced bills that relate to IHSS. Some are spot bills (placeholder) that will later be amended to include specifics related to the expansion of managed care.

#### **5. Discuss Plan to Eliminate IHSS Advisory Committee & Establish Public Authority Advisory Committee**

Humphrey reported the item was on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors in December, but it was postponed until the end of January due to procedural concerns expressed by members of the Board and CAO. It was then decided to bring it back to the IHSS Advisory Committee for another review and recommend action.

Attachment A (background information) was discussed. The Committee's role would remain the same; the name change would align the responsibility with the funding.

Attachment B (ordinance amending the Sonoma County Code Section 2-362) was discussed. Responsibilities would remain the same, but the

change will reduce the number of Advisory Committee members from ten to eight. Consensus of the Executive Committee was to have eight members. Once action is taken by the Advisory Committee, it will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

**6. Review Draft Public Authority Advisory Committee By-laws**

The draft By-laws were reviewed. The term for members of the Advisory Committee is proposed to be changed from two years to four. The Executive Committee agreed with the draft By-laws.

**7. Review Draft Minutes**

- A. Members accepted the minutes for the May 9, 2011 Executive Committee meeting as presented.
- B. Members accepted the minutes of the June 27, 2011 Advisory Committee meeting as presented.

**8. Review Draft Agenda**

Members accepted the agenda for the April 2, 2012 Advisory Committee meeting, correcting one typo.

**9. Membership Update**

- A. Mary Bodily's membership expired in November. Consensus of the Executive Committee was to not renew her membership. Her service on the committee will be recognized in a thank-you letter to be sent to her.
- B. Nancy Hall and Richard Ruge's terms are up for renewal in April.
- C. Humphrey commented that, once approval of an ordinance change occurs, we would do a follow-up item for appointment of members.

**10. Other**

- A. Keyston reported she had attended the Tech Expo and the County fair.
- B. Gow reported he had attended the Tech Expo and noted there were lots of people in attendance.

**11. Public Comment – None**

**12. Adjournment**

Joann Keyston adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by Joanne De Alejandro, Secretary