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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes for Monday, September 13, 2010

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

Absent:

Staff: Michael Humphrey, Manager
Lorna Schreck, Secretary

1. Meeting Called to Order

Joann Keyston called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

2. Review of the Agenda

Members accepted the agenda.

3. Staff Updates/Reports

Michael Humphrey reported on the following items:

A. Registry Activity:

- 1) There were 70 referrals in August, and staff made 48 matches.
- 2) The Registry is still not accepting new applicants; but staff hopes to reopen it within the next month or two.
- 3) The Registry just added a new Registry Coordinator (Sharon Davis), who filled the position left by Cathy Miller in April.
- 4) Currently there are approximately 300 caregivers on the Registry.

B. IHSS Public Authority Update

- 1) Things are status quo.

C. Provider Enrollment Update

- 1) The State extended the deadline to December 31, 2010, as long as the provider had completed one of the four steps before June 30. All but approximately 1,500 caregivers had completed at least one of the steps by the middle of June.

- 2) The Public Authority mailed out approximately 1,500 Orientation Packets before the end of June, in order to show that those caregivers had completed at least one-step.
- 3) Staff provided “drop-in” dates for caregivers to come in and complete the enrollment process.
- 4) At the end of August, about 800 people had not completed the enrollment process. Of those caregivers, approximately 400 have not completed their Department of Justice background check.
- 5) Staff is still scheduling “drop-in” dates each month.

D. Other:

- 1) The Legislature did not fund consumer fingerprinting. Two counties are still piloting the consumer fingerprinting process.
- 2) Many of the IHSS issues are still in the courts.

4. Budget and Legislative Update

A. Budget

The State budget is may not be completed until after the election in November.

- 1) Many IHSS issues are still in the courts and may re-surface:
 - a) Functional Index
 - b) Wages
 - c) Criminal Background Check requirements
 - d) Consumer fingerprinting
- 2) There is discussion about a provider “tax” that gets federal dollars to offset the expense to the caregiver, and saves the State \$1.9 million.
- 3) Legislators are also looking at an “across the board” IHSS cut (reducing hours by a percentage).
- 4) The State has until October 31 to apply for the 1115 Waiver (requires mandatory Medi-Cal Managed Care for seniors and persons with disabilities in most parts of the State; and sets up health care initiatives, preparing for the Federal healthcare program).

B. Legislation

- 1) The request that the Provider DOJ checks be shared by other counties may reappear as a trailer.

5. IHSS Advisory Goals and Objectives

- A. Members will review the 2009/2010 accomplishments
- B. Members will discuss the draft of the 2010/2011 Goals and Objectives.

6. Review Draft Minutes

- A. Members approved the Minutes for May 10, 2010 Executive Committee meeting as presented.
- B. Members accepted the Minutes for the May 24, 2010 Advisory Committee meeting as presented.

7. Review the Work Plan Calendar

Members reviewed the Work Plan Calendar.

8. Review Draft Agenda

Members accepted the agenda for the September 27, 2010 Advisory Committee meeting.

9. Membership Issues

- A. Consumer and caregiver vacancies
 - 1) Press release
 - 2) Notice in caregiver paycheck
 - 3) Notice to IHSS supervisors
- B. Nominating Subcommittee
 - 1) Gary Fontenot will chair and Richard Ruge and Stan Gow will make up the subcommittee.
- C. Executive Committee meeting with Senator Mark Leno

10. Other

- A. Sr. Day at the Fair - Stan and Joann staffed the Public Authority booth with Paul Alexander.
- B. The Tech Expo is on Saturday, October 27. Stan Gow, Joann Keyston and Michael Humphrey will staff the Public Authority booth.
- C. *Disability Services and Legal Services* is holding their annual fundraiser event on September 26 from 1-5pm at DeLorimer Winery. Joann Keyston is one of their volunteers.
- D. CICA – Joann Keyston would consider attending.

E. Partnership Health Plan (PHP) Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) - Partnership Health Plan, their Sonoma County and Fairfield CACs had a joint video meeting. Stan Gow, Nancy Hall, Joann Keyston and Mary Bodily attended the meeting. Discussion points included:

- a) Durable medical equipment delivery and support
- b) Customer Service issues & provider familiarity
- c) Medi-Medi coverage issues
- d) The consensus was that the CAC members provided more detail than PHP was use to hearing. The conversation was good, and PHP was open to the issues and the suggestions pertaining to cost savings.

11. Public Comment – none

12. Adjournment

Joann Keyston adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Submitted by Lorna Schreck, Secretary