



SONOMA COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of September 27, 2010

Present: Joann Keyston, Chair
Gary Fontenot, Ex-officio member
Stan Gow, Vice Chair
Sachiko Williams

Absent: Mary Bodily
Nancy Hall, Secretary
Richard Ruge
Herb Willsmore

Staff: Michael Humphrey, Manager – IHSS Public Authority
Lorna Schreck, Secretary – IHSS Public Authority

Guests: Bob Williams

1. Call to Order/Review Agenda

J. Keyston called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

2. Public Comments – none

3. Approval of Minutes

Committee Members tabled approval of the minutes for the May 24, 2010 Advisory Committee meeting until a quorum is present.

4. Statistics and Updates

A. Response to Statistics Review and Program Updates

- 1) G. Fontenot and M. Humphrey gave a brief overview of the statistical report.
- 2) G. Fontenot explained that there are more recipients without providers than there were last year at this time.
- 3) M. Humphrey explained that the Registry is using three home care agencies for the Urgent Substitute Provider Program. The Registry uses *At Your Service Homecare* for its after-hour service as well as holiday/week-end service.
- 4) The Registry staff continues to focus on the enrollment process.
- 5) The Registry staff is gearing up to re-open the Registry to new applicants.

- 6) The Public Authority is working collaboratively on training issues with other community partners to continue to make training available to providers.
- 7) M. Humphrey reported that the State extended the enrollment deadline for existing providers 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.
- 8) The Public Authority mailed out approximately 1,500 Orientation Packets before the end of June, in order for those caregivers to complete at least one-step.
- 9) Staff provided “drop-in” dates for caregivers to come in and complete the remaining enrollment process.
- 10) At the end of August, about 800 people had not completed the enrollment process. Of those caregivers, approximately 400 had not completed their Department of Justice background check.
- 11) Staff is still scheduling “drop-in” dates each month.

5. Budget and Legislative Update and Advocacy

- A. M. Humphrey reported that the “Big Five” (leaders of both parties and the Governor) reached a budget framework over the weekend.
- B. The State is discussing new revenue sources including a provider tax, which will generate Federal matching dollars.
- C. The State is also discussing a reduction of \$60 million to the IHSS program, using a stakeholder committee to identify the specific reductions.
- D. Members commented on the recent news stories regarding IHSS caregivers who have criminal histories.

6. IHSS Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives

- A. Staff distributed the 2010 Accomplishments with the meeting materials. J. Keyston reviewed each goal and its objectives and the resulting accomplishments.
- B. Staff distributed a draft of the 2011 Goals and Objects with the meeting materials. J. Keyston reviewed each goal and its objectives.

- 1) J. Keyston pointed out that S. Gow, M. Bodily, N. Hall and J. Keyston are members of the Partnership Health Plan Managed Medi-Cal Consumer Advisory Committee.
- 2) M. Humphrey suggested that the Committee get updates on the County's disaster preparedness.

7. Public Comments – None at this time

8. Executive Committee Report

- A. J. Keyston reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the agenda for today's meeting and discussed the consumer and caregiver vacancies. Staff will use press releases and social worker input for recruitment.
- B. J. Keyston reported that S. Gow, and J. Keyston assisted Public Authority staff the August 3 Sr. Day at the Fair.
- C. J. Keyston reported that she is unable to attend the annual CICA meeting, being held on a weekend. No other members volunteered to attend.
- D. J. Keyston reported the Tech Expo is on Saturday, October 27. Stan Gow, Joann Keyston and Michael Humphrey will staff the Public Authority booth.

9. Nominations of Officers

- A. The workgroup consisted of G. Fontenot, R. Ruge, and S. Gow. G. Fontenot announced the following slate of officers for nomination: Chair, J. Keyston; Vice Chair, S. Gow; Secretary, N. Hall.
- B. Nominations were opened to the floor, and hearing none, closed. The election will be held during the January meeting. New officers will begin their duties in February.

10. Correspondence; Announcements & Community Meeting Reports

- A. S. Williams asked if other members were aware of a provider identification card. No one was familiar with the issue.
- B. S. Gow reported on the Partnership Health Plan (PHP) Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC), which was a joint video meeting with PHP, and their Sonoma County and Fairfield CACs.
- C. *J. Keyston attended the Disability Services and Legal Services' annual fundraiser event on September 26 at DeLorimer Winery.*

11. Agenda Topics for the next meeting, which will be held on Monday, January 24, 2011

- A. Regular Reports, including Statistics and Program Updates
- B. Budget and Legislation – Governor’s Budget Proposal
- C. Finalize 2011 Legislative Platform
- D. Update on New Provider Enrollment Requirements
- E. Election of Officers

12. Adjournment

- J. Keyston adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Lorna Schreck, Secretary