Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

February 10, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

2445 Carmichael Drive, Willow Room (Butte Community Employment Center-CEC)

Chico, California

1. Call to Order- Vice Chairperson, Mark Gordon

The meeting was called to order by Mark Gordon at 10:33 a.m.

1. Establishment of a Quorum- Vice Chairperson, Mark Gordon

A quorum was established.

Members in attendance were: Committee Members: Mark Gordon, Dorothy Churchill, Patricia Anthony, Domenic Console, Sarah Okumbe, and Laura Loriano; staff and support: Eva Stafford and Margie Ruegger.

1. Minutes of November 18, 2014: Review and approval- Mark Gordon (Action)

Motion to approve November 18, 2014 minutes – M/S/C: Domenic Console/Dorothy Churchill Passed unanimously

1. IHSS Advisory Committee Membership- Mark Gordon

Two membership positions are vacant on the Committee: one recipient and one advocate. The advocate position is held by the D.E.S.S. Program Manager for A.S.D. This county position is vacant at this time.

1. State and Local Update- Eva Stafford, IHSS Public Authority Supervisor

* FLSA update-IHSS Implementation halted
  + The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) sent a letter to Recipients and Providers explaining that two court orders put a halt to the implementation of over-time travel and wait time compensation that was scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, 2015. It explains that the rules for services to recipients as well as pay and hours worked by providers will be as they were in 2014. A copy of the letter was provided to all members. The new timesheets will continue to be used. The state had already printed about 6 million new timesheets prior to the FLSA halt. The new timesheets will be used with some modifications. Sample timesheets were provided to all members. County has received calls stating the timesheet envelopes provided to use when mailing the completed timesheet to the Timesheet Processing Facility is too large for many of the community mailboxes. A smaller one would cause the timesheet to be folded which can delay pay.
  + New forms related to the FLSA implementation have been removed from the CDSS website and county is back to using forms used in 2014.
  + Reminder: pay comes from the State Controller’s Office and timesheets are sent out about 3 days later from the Employment Development Department.
* Governor’s proposed budget-IHSS

Proposed restoration of the 7% reduction in IHSS service hours effective July 1, 2015 with proceeds from the proposed revised Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax.

Senate and Assembly deliberate then:

May 2015- Governor’s May Budget Revision

June 2015- Deadline for Legislature to approve final budget

July 2015- Governor signs the budget

Managed Care Initiative- is a pilot program operating in seven California counties.

To find out more information on the Managed Care Initiative contact: HICAP call 898-5923 or [www.cahealthadvocates.org](http://www.cahealthadvocates.org). Provided by Laura Loriano.

1. IHSS Public Authority (PA)- Eva Stafford

* New Timesheet trainings have been canceled due to halt of FLSA implementation. If any providers need assistance with timesheets they are encouraged to contact IHSS payroll.

1. CICA Activities Update- Eva Stafford reported that CICA has been providing information on an ongoing basis about the FLSA implementation halting and other pertinent information as it relates to IHSS.
2. Suggested Agenda Items for next meeting:

It was suggested that information on local resources to help visually impaired and hearing impaired recipients be investigated and discussed during the next meeting. What accommodations are available for recipients in Butte County?

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1. Public Comment – None

12. Adjournment- Vice Chairperson Mark Gordon

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Next meeting: Date: May 12, 2015

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: 2445 Carmichael Drive, Willow Room, Chico, CA