

San Bernardino County IHSS Advisory Committee



784 E Hospitality Ln
San Bernardino CA 92415

April 3rd 2019

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

IHSS Conference Room

Minutes

Members Present

Carolyn Medina
Kristie Sepulveda-Burchit
Greg McDermont
Randy Schlecht
Barbara Chastain
Sheila Johnson

Members Absent

Mary Gillion
Linda Higgins

Members of the Public

Chris Tarr
Crystal Nones
Elizabeth Caballero
Jocelyn Feazell Sanders

Public Authority Staff

Rosa Hidalgo
Myette Christian
Tannya Munoz
Rodney Irvine

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – 09:09 A.M.

2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM January 9, 2019 meeting

- Motion to approve minutes by Randy Schlecht, 2nd by Barbara Chastain
 - All members vote to approve minutes

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

- No additions or changes to agenda

4. IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS AND MEMBER REPORT

Randy Schlecht

- Community Advocate
- Attended March CCI stakeholder meeting and PWD meeting with IHSS

Carolyn Medina

- Attended the Disability conference at the Fontana Library
- Attended the Family Voices of California meeting in Sacramento
- Was on the CICA conference call
- Was on the CDSS call regarding the IHSS sexual harassment bill
 - Concerned with clients making improper requests and withholding signatures on provider's timesheets.
 - Sheila notes that any dispute should be brought to the attention of the IHSS social worker, as they can help mediate and address issues between providers and clients.

Kristie Sepulveda-Burchit

- Attended the Family Voices of California meeting in Sacramento
- Attended hearing regarding AB 605 bill in process to allow students to keep augmentative learning devices with them, and up to 6 months after a transition, not just during school hours.
- Was on the CICA conference call
- Submitted comments to Assembly members handling budget in the Assembly and Senate to keep EVV protections permanent, and to keep the 7% hours reduction permanent.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jocelyn Feazell Sanders

- Concerned about the social workers ability to recognize clients with dementia and how that information is taken into consideration when assigning hours and ability to interact with providers.

6. IHSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY REPORT

Rosa Hidalgo

- The Senate Subcommittee hearing is looking at next year's budget and examining EVV issues.
- Public Authority is having Electronic Timesheet Fairs to help sign local providers up for electronic timesheets. PA is looking to sign up as many providers as possible to avoid a surge when EVV discontinues paper timesheets. Currently 32.6 % of providers are signed up for electronic timesheets.
- For clients who have issues using computers a phone option is available to approve electronic timesheets.
- ACL released revising Tier 1 and Tier 2 convictions. Additional codes added to the Tier 2 conviction list.
 - New and returning providers will have to fingerprint under new criteria.

Myette Christian

- The Public Authority registry is now open and accepting applications.
- New processes are being created to ensure providers are able to complete enrollment requirements within the new 90 day enrollment deadline.

7. DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Sheila Johnson

- Reports
 - Average recipient hours are 109.3 per month
 - Total number of cases for San Bernardino County is 31,267. Average caseload is 392 per social worker. IHSS receives an average of 39 new applications each month.
 - During February APS received 1,286 new referrals.
 - CDSS issuing flyer for social worker to give out to clients and providers regarding new EVV requirements and how to register for electronic timesheets.
 - SOC321 is a new form with a more refined list of what licensed practitioners are able to authorize the need for paramedical services.
 - Homesafe Initiative is a San Bernardino County grant program targeting APS clients who are or are at risk of being homeless. Program is to be up and running by July 1st, 2019. APS clients do not need to be receiving IHSS services to be eligible for the Homesafe program.
 - Senior Nutrition program is working with additional agencies to provide funding and keep services available to provide congregate and delivered meals.
 - Under DAAS, the Agewise program provides clients in home clinical therapist visits. This program is not exclusive to clients receiving IHSS services.

8. SEIU Update and Report

Elizabeth Caballero

- SEIU update
 - Currently bargaining with San Bernardino County to receive wages for care providers.
 - 19 counties in California have negotiated more than minimum wage for providers.

- IHSS is funded by State, Federal and County. Having more providers helps the local economy by bringing in more funding money for the county, and by the providers investing money back into the local economy.
- Care providers are facing problems with homelessness; many providers are living with their clients. Any additional wages or health care can benefit providers in these situations.
- Union has a pre-paid card option for providers to receive direct deposit payments. Can refer providers who do not have a bank account to the union for information regarding pre-paid card.

9. CICA

- Carolyn Medina
 - CICA has previously discussed the displacement of recipients during emergencies such as the paradise fires.
 - Working with CICA to be more hands on

10. Old Business

- W-2 for live in providers
 - Some live in providers are not receiving W-2s this year due to the IRS 2014-7 notice. Notice went into effect 2014 but this is the first year results are visible.
- Thank you card
 - Thank you cards have been submitted to IHSS and Public Authority.
- County Counsel Invoices
 - Public Authority will be paying for County Counsel invoices regarding the bylaws process.

11. New Business

- Finance Report Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30 2019
 - Approximately \$3800 available left in budget after stipends are processed.
 - Tannya notes that committee budget can be spent on trainings, or supplies: such as portfolios, pamphlets, guest speakers. Advisory budget can be used for approved travel for committee purposes with at least a 3 week advance notice.
 - Myette asks if committee is interested in attending the APS MDT conference on May 20th. Can use available funds to pay registration, basket or giveaway item for donation.
 - AC would like to donate to CICA to cover future trainings.
 - PA will verify request
 - Committee requested the following items be purchased: business case/suitcase, pamphlets, and portfolios for all committee seats, business cards, highlighters and pens for meetings.
 - Carolyn motions to approve use of funds in order of: Stipends for an additional meeting, registration fees and items for MDT conference, printing pamphlets, additional committee stationary and supplies, and a CICA donation (if possible). Greg seconds motion.
 - All members approve, none opposed

- Legislative bills/Letters of support
 - AB 1434 – Board of Supervisors supported last year. Reinstates the cost of living adjustment beginning Jan 1, 2020. Increases social security to the federal poverty level.
 - AB 426 – Requires reduction in authorized number of service hours based solely on documentation of specific changes.
 - Carolyn motions to support AB 1434, Barbara seconds motion.
 - All members approve, none opposed.
 - Randy motions to create letter of support for AB 1434, Barbara seconds motion
 - All members approved, none opposed
 - Kristie will draft letter and send to committee for review
- Approve Bylaws
 - Removed section regarding members being removed if appointing board member is removed
 - If a quorum is not present the committee ‘may’ adjourn or continue to have informal meeting.
 - Bylaws and procedures can be revisited at any time when a major change occurs.
 - Bylaws are overall rules. Procedures are more detailed guidelines.
 - PA will work on drafting committee procedures prior to next meeting.
 - Randy motions to approve bylaws – Carolyn seconds
 - All members approve, none opposed.
- May Meeting
 - Meeting in may (date to be determined) to go over procedures once completed
- Recruiting members/alternates
 - Committee must have 50% member ratio of clients and providers
 - Committee needs to recruit clients.
 - PA recommends committee focus on recruitment

12. Adjournment

- Next meeting set for July 10th 2019
- Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am