



## Placer County HHS County IHSS Advisory Committee Meeting

May 15, 2014  
1:30 - 3:00 pm

**Members Present:** Eldon Luce, Eula Marshall, William Reed, Ann Sharpan, Michael Fletcher, Richard Gold, and Tim Cooper

**Members Absent:** Carol Thompson and Danielle Loftus.

**Placer County Staff Present:** Cheryl Trenwith, Margaret Chambers, Cheryl Wiker, Melinda Lacey, Debbie Faia, and Pauline Moreno

**Public Present:** Angie Anderson, Provider

Eldon called the meeting to order at 1:46 P.M.

**Roll Call and Introductions:** Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

**Excused Absences:** No action taken; revisit in July

### **Member Reports/Announcements/Questions:**

- Michael reported that MediCal redeterminations have been delayed. Workers are having to do double now; two months each month (January with June, February with July, etc.). They are not processing renewals right now; cases have been set to not discontinue in view of the backlog.
- William reported on an IRS notice received; IHSS earnings are not taxable. Providers can amend their taxes back to year 2009. Discussion ensued.

**Public Comment:** No public comment offered.

**Approve 3-20-14 Meeting Summary: Action:** A motion was made by **William** and seconded by **Michael** to approve the 3-20-14 minutes as presented. **The motion carried.**

**CICA Report:** William reported on the CICA conference call:

- Capital Action Day will take place at the Capital all day on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Unknown how overtime issue will play out. Governor has already stated he would not allow overtime.
- CICA is trying to increase their membership. Not all counties are able to pay their dues.

**Advisory Committee Recommendations to IHSS/PA Supervisors:**

- Cheryl T. paid tribute to Debbie and her upcoming retirement. She praised the work that Debbie has done for the Public Authority.
- IHSS is a very expensive State program and politicians are always trying to cut its funding; this makes it always changing.
- Cheryl W. reported on the three orientations and one large registry orientation that have taken place over the last month. The PA is considering opening the Registry full time starting in July or August.
- Margaret stated we are waiting for the tsunami of work... depending on the over-time issue. We currently have about 2200 Consumers and anticipate an increase due to expansion of ACA.
- Melinda provided an overview of the Placer County Senior Peer Counseling program. Counselors go the client's home for one-hour sessions once a week. She also reported on Older Adult services.

**PA Managers Report:** Cheryl Trenwith, Public Authority Manager

- Cheryl commented on the Supreme Court case that is being reviewed: Harris vs. Quinn (parent/provider) lawsuit and how it will have an effect on Unions.
- Over-time issue mandated by the Federal Government: All providers will not be allowed to work more than 40 hours/week. There will be a four-page form sent to all providers to explain the consequences of working over-time. Providers that work overtime could face a one-year suspension from working for IHSS. Once suspended, the provider would have to requalify to be a provider by having to apply; this would include a new application, new background check, and attending an orientation class.
- Travel and Medical wait time: This could cause a provider to run into an overtime issue. How to determine?
- The 8% cut that was implemented in July 2013 terminates June 30 and will be re-implemented July1, 2014 at 7%.

- There were no IHSS funding changes in the Governor's May revise; remained the same as when released in January.
- If the provider has anything on their record, the results of their life-scan may be delayed. These files get flagged by the DOJ and must be individually examined, which is very time consuming.
- In the Works: Development of an IHSS Help Line; quick call-backs to improve customer services.
- Eldon added that there will be lots of work to do to educate this population (Older Adults) which is expected to increase some 300% over the next few years.

### **Items for /Future Agenda**

- **Report:** CICA

**Action:** A motion was made by **William** and seconded by **Eula** to adjourn the meeting. **The motion carried.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.**

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting**

**July 17, 2014**

**The Domes, Conference Room A, Fulweiler**