

**Solano County IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee
MINUTES - DRAFT
Board Meeting
Monday June 11, 2012, 11:00am to 4:00pm
2101 Courage Dr Fairfield CA Multipurpose Rm.**

Members Present: D. Brown; S. Hilton; J. Metzler; K. Mitsopoulos; S. Stacy, T. Tomei-Klaman; K. Wellner

Absent: N. Fernandez; S. Rotchy; T. Stacy

Public Present: Sadie Wilson

Staff present: Teri Ruggiero, PA Administrator

Item/Description

1 Open Meeting/Welcome

The meeting convened at 11:15am.

2 Distribute Updated Handbook

Teri distributed the new handbook and went over the new sections.

3 AB 1234 Ethics & Brown Act Review

Lauren Rolfe provided a pre-test, review of the Brown Act and Ethics, and post-test (Jeopardy game format) of the information.

4 BREAK for Potluck Lunch

5 Meeting reconvened at 2:01pm.

6 Public Comment

Teri Ruggiero shared a flyer from AAOA about a presentation from the SCAN Foundation to be held on Tuesday, June 19 at 1pm at the Florence Douglas Senior Center in Vallejo. The SCAN Foundation staff will be discussing the impacts of Governor Brown's budget proposals on the Long-Term Care system.

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7 Action Items

A – Approval of Agenda: Motion made by K. Mitsopoulos, seconded by K. Wellner to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

B – Approval of Minutes from March 2012: No changes were suggested. Motion made by J. Metzler, seconded by K. Mitsopoulos to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

8 PA Administrator Report:

A – Administrator Report: T. Ruggiero went over the written Administrator report provided in the agenda packet. PA is currently working with the Union regarding a change in the health benefits plan. The waiting list for health benefits continues to be a large concern for caregivers, it is about a 2-year wait to receive benefits.

B – Upcoming Discussions with Yolo County: T. Ruggiero distributed a memo to the Board. Yolo County has asked Solano County to investigate the possibility of combining Public Authorities for administrative services. Each Public Authority would continue to be a separate entity for employer of record purposes. Solano will be taking the lead on discussions and implementation of this proposal beginning July 2012. If discussions and research prove to be favorable to both Counties, it is expected that implementation of the combined structure would be complete by October 2012.

9 SEIU-ULTCW Union Report

Sandi Hilton was only Union member present, and he reiterated that they are working with PA on health plan changes.

10 Advisory Committee Member Reports:

A – Spring Outreach Event: 66 people attended, 38 evaluations received. Two complaints (presentation hard to read, room too cold). We received 10 requests from Fairfield caregivers to start a support group. Teri reported that the PA will be working with Area Agency on Aging to try to get this started up.

B – Solano Transportation Committee/CICA: S. Stacy reported on CICA happenings and passed around a flyer for an upcoming training. CICA would like more advisory committee members to attend their trainings. STA will be meeting this week. S. Stacy provided copies of the agenda and minutes from 5/17/12.

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C – Independent Living Resources: K. Mitsopoulos reported that ILR has been working on strategic planning for last 3 months.

D – Senior Coalition/Area Agency on Aging: T. Ruggiero reported that the Senior Coalition is working on an upcoming event to engage legislators in issues relating to aging. Area Agency on Aging has submitted their four-year plan and T. Ruggiero is hopeful that we will see more coordination between partners in the future.

11 Discussion Items (potential action items):

A -- Advisory Committee 2012/2013 Budget: T. Ruggiero went over the budget memo provided in agenda packet. The Advisory Committee budget is now part of the Public Authority budget. The 12/13 budget request had to be in to the Board in May 2012, so T. Ruggiero ensured that the stipend amount approved in 11/12 of \$6,600 was included, \$1,250 for training and travel (to be shared with PA staff) and \$500 for the Spring Outreach event. The 12/13 total request is \$8,350, which is less than 11/12, but T. Ruggiero said that money could be moved around in quarter 2 if we believe more money is needed for the outreach event. In 11/12, no training and travel was spent.

B -- Update on Duals Demonstration Project: T. Ruggiero went over the memo provided in the agenda packet. This project is now called the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and there are two different proposals for how to implement. The State proposal is what is listed in the memo. The Unions (SEIU, UHW, and CUHW) also have a proposal contained in Senate Bill 1503 for CCI which would move some of the Public Authority functions under State Control. We do not know what proposal will be adopted in the budget.

C -- Governor's Budget Proposals – May Revise update: Proposals to cut IHSS in the State budget include 7% across the board hours cuts, domestic and related service hour cuts, and the introduction of managed care (CCI) for 4 counties. The budget must be passed by the Legislature by June 15 or their pay will stop.

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D -- 5/30 Visit with Linda Seifert regarding Advisory Committee meetings:

D. Brown reported that she and K. Mitsopoulos visited with the chair of the Board of Supervisors, Linda Seifert. They told Ms. Seifert that given the large changes being discussed for IHSS, the whole committee felt the current 6 meetings a year were not enough. They requested that the Board consider returning to 12 months a year with PA Administrator support, and reducing the stipend to \$50 per meeting to match the budget. Ms. Seifert said she wanted to do some follow-up before they approach any other Board members. T. Ruggiero stated she was concerned about the proposal because of the amount of staff support that would be required. It was mentioned that in 3 of this year's 6 meetings, she has had to continue to provide support to ensure the minutes were completed.

12 Added Agenda Items and Member Concerns

There were no additions to the agenda.

13 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm. The next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2012 from 2pm to 4pm at 2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield (Multipurpose Room).