Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

August 9, 2016

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Chico, California

1. Call to Order- Chairperson, Sarah May

The meeting was called to order by Sarah May at 10:34 a.m.

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

A quorum was established.

Members in attendance were: Committee Members: Sarah May, Mark Gordon, Domenic Console, Sarah Okumbe, Laura Loriano, Dorothy Churchill, and Nanette Gledhill A.S.D. Program Manager: support: Margie Ruegger.

1. Minutes of May 10, 2016: Review and approval- Mark Gordon (Action)

Motion to approve May 10, 2016 minutes – M/S/C: Mark Gordon/Domenic Console passed unanimously.

1. IHSS Advisory Committee Membership- Sarah May

* Motion was made to accept the revised membership list, terms and vacancies; as committee members, we will assist with the recruitment process for three recipient openings on the committee M/S/C: Domenic Console/Laura Loriano passed unanimously.
* IHSS Advisory Committee Membership application is posted on the Public Authority website. Discussion was held and members will contact potential recipients to see if they are interested in serving on the committee.

1. The Medi-Cal Nursing Facility/Acute Hospital Waiver- Sarah May

Five-year waiver which is coming up for reapplication this year. This program pays for services in addition to IHSS for qualified applicants. People who are on Medi-Cal and who qualify for “institutional” care, such as a nursing home are eligible to apply for the Waiver. The Waiver is an agreement between the California Medi-Cal program and the Federal government. Currently, California has 3600 Waivers, but would like to increase that number to 5,000. Butte County is allotted 35 Waivers. Five meetings were held around the state. The Department of Health Care Services administers the program for the state and is responsible for the renewal with the federal government. The new Waiver will start January 1, 2017.

1. State and Local Update- Nanette Gledhill, ASD, Program Manager

* F.L.S.A computer system went live on-line July 1, 2016. ASD pulled 500 providers in May and after review the number was reduced to 135 violations (overtime rule violations). The number dropped to 40 violations in July to none at the current time.
* If a recipient has up to maximum IHSS hours (283 per month) and has one provider that only works for him/her that provider can work up to 70 hours and 45 minutes per week. This is only the case in a one-to-one relationship. If the provider works for more than one recipient the provider can work no more than 66 hours per week for all recipients combined.

1. IHSS Public Authority (PA)-Eva Stafford

* Registry care provider recruitment: The Registry job announcement can be found on Craigslist. Discussion was held to increase outreach via churches, colleges, Chico State and the Housing Authority, laundromats, mobile home parks and service provider newsletters and list serves. The number of providers on the list is at a very low number. The Public Authority is trying to get outreach to new locations to encourage more exposure about the provider positions available.
* All County Letter Number 13-50-Worker’s Compensation is provided by York Risk Services Group. This ACL outlines the contract with York Risk Services Group as the statewide provider for Worker’s Compensation for IHSS providers.

1. CICA

* CICA Questions for IHSS Advisory Committee members (re FLSA changes) tabled as Sarah May was not available to lead the discussion.
* Statewide Call 1-800-309-2350 Pass code: 10282015-CICA calls are available for all members to join in: May 18, held at 10:00 a.m. All members are encouraged to join in to learn about Disability Rights and Advocacy, updates from CAPA and statewide information, as well as receive updates on IHSS.
* CICA 2016 Annual Conference was cancelled.

1. Suggested Agenda Items for next meeting: Helpline discussion. PA Registry Removal Policy and Procedure. Disability Action Center – services they provide.
2. Public Comment –no public comment.
3. Adjournment- Vice Chairperson Mark Gordon

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Date: August 9, 2016

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