

**Olmstead Advisory Committee  
March 16, 2016 Meeting Summary**

Department of Rehabilitation, Room 242  
721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California

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**Committee Members Present:**

Brenda Premo (Chair)	Kathy Kelly (Phone)	Elsa Quezada (Phone)
Valerie Agostino	Eileen Kunz (Phone)	Michelle Rousey
Ebenezer Ampah	Sunny Maden (Phone)	Ellen Schmeding
Tony Anderson	Jim McAleer	Timothy Schwab
Mareva Brown	Peter Mendoza	Robert Taylor
Richard Chambers	Lydia Missaelides	Greg Thompson
Susan DeMarois	Janet Morris	Ed Walsh
Lisa Hall	Marty Omoto	Kate Wilber
Barbara Hanna (Phone)		

**State Staff Present:**

Secretary Diana Dooley  
Sarah Brooks (DHCS)  
Lora Connolly (CDA)  
Elena Gomez (DOR)  
Jennifer Harris (DDS)  
Will Lighthourne (DSS)  
Marko Mijc (CHHS)  
Joe Xavier (DOR)

**Agenda Item 1: Introductions**

Committee Chair Brenda Premo called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Secretary Dooley welcomed the Committee Members and announced the appointment of Nancy Bargmann as the Director of the Department of Development Services effective April 4. Committee Members adopted the minutes from the November 4, 2015 meeting.

**Agenda Item 2: Updates from the Health and Human Services Agency and Departments**

Secretary Dooley provided an overview of the proposed Governor's Budget for FY 2016-17. She noted that the Health and Human Services Agency oversees departments and state entities that provide health and human services to California's vulnerable and at-risk residents.

Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Will Lightbourne discussed the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program's implementation activities related to the payment of overtime wages for certain home care workers who work more than forty hours in a workweek. He also updated the Committee on the IHSS Statewide Authority, which was created to collectively bargain wages and benefits and other terms and conditions of employment, with the authorized representative organizations for IHSS providers in the seven Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) counties. The Statewide Authority appointed a 13-member IHSS Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), which provides ongoing advice and recommendations regarding the IHSS program to the Departments of Social Services and Health Care Services. Director Lightbourne provided a brief overview and update of the Universal Assessment (UA) tool for the CCI Home and Community Based Programs under Managed Care Plans.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Deputy Director of Health Care Delivery Systems, Sarah Brooks, provided an update on the renewal process of the Nursing Facility Acute Hospital waiver, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021. She also discussed the Home and Community-Based Settings Statewide Transition Plan. Ms. Brooks provided an update on the implementation of Cal Medi-Connect and the Dental Transformation Initiative.

Department of Aging (CDA) Director Lora Connolly, noted that the Department received an additional \$2.9 million in federal Older American Act funding for senior nutrition—both congregate and home delivered meals. The Department intends to release the new funding in an upcoming contract amendment with the Area Agencies on Aging. She noted that this additional funding will not eradicate senior food insecurity no matter how it is measured, but the additional funding is helpful toward offsetting rising food costs. She also noted that the Governor's Budget included four new positions for the Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) program, and gave an updated on the number of new CBAS center applications received after the moratorium on new centers was lifted. So far, there have been 98 inquiries; 17 organizations have submitted pre-screening packages; three organizations have successfully completed the pre-screening process.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Jennifer Harris, Fiscal Forecasting Branch Manager, provided updates on the Governor's Budget which includes \$6.4 billion (\$3.7 million GF) to support the developmental center, community services, and headquarters programs. This is a \$500 million increase over prior year, and is primarily for community services. In addition to caseload growth and related utilization, the Governor's budget provides, the Community Services program, which also received a non-budget act appropriation of \$287 million GF from ABX2 1. With matching funds, the Department estimates the total increase from ABX2 1 at \$473.2 million, which is an 8.2 percent increase to the 2016-17 proposed Community Services

budget. Ms. Harris also provided a brief update on the Developmental Center (DC) closure plans for Sonoma, Fairview and Porterville and settlement agreements.

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Deputy Director of Specialized Services, Elena Gomez, provided updates on two of the three BCPs that have been submitted by DOR, which include eleven permanent full-time positions to establish a new Vocational Rehabilitation Service Team and a one-time increase of \$360,000 from the Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund to support the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program. She also provided a brief update on the Transition Grants to Independent Living Centers (ILC), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) proposed rulemaking status and the Social Security Reimbursement (SSR) funds that provided the ILCs and CFILC a one-time funding of \$4.6 million, and \$3.3 million to Older Individuals who are Blind (OIB) program. The California's Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (CaPromise) is a \$55 million grant focused on providing interventions to SSI recipients ages 14-16 and their families. This project is funded through 2018. The DOR's goal of enrolling 3,078 youth was achieved two months ahead of schedule.

## **Lunch Break**

### **Agenda Item 3: Update on Medi-Cal Section 1115 Waiver Renewal**

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Deputy Director of Health Care Delivery Systems, Sarah Brooks, provided an update on the 1115 Waiver. The Waiver was approved on December 30, 2015 by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. It contained special terms and conditions on how the Waiver is implemented, including the amount of funding it brings and the extension of the prior Waiver.

### **Agenda Item 4: Discussion on Statewide Housing Plan:**

Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff provided an overview of the California 2015-2025 Statewide Housing Plan and solicited feedback from Committee Members on the proposed Plan framework. Challenges discussed include homelessness, overcrowding, a growing senior population, housing instability, impaired quality of life, frequent moves, and lower education outcomes. Following the presentation, time was allowed for comments, questions and answers from the Committee Members.

### **Agenda Item 5: Update on Medi-Cal's Aged, Blind, Disabled and Long-Term Care Population**

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) staff provided an overview of the Medi-Cal's Aged, Blind, and Disabled Long-Term Care population as they relate to individuals qualifying for Medi-Cal benefits under eligibility pathways for the Aged, Blind, Disabled, and Long-Term Care residents. After an overview of this population

study, the presentation focused on users of Long-Term Care Services and Supports and their demographic, financial, and clinical characteristics.

**Agenda Item 6: Legislation Watch List**

No items to report

**Agenda Item 7: Next Steps and Closing Comments**

Secretary Dooley thanked Committee Members for their participation in the meeting and adjourned the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourns at 4:00 pm.**