

**Olmstead Advisory Committee Meeting
November 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

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

Committee Members Present:

Brenda Premo (Chair)	Michael Humphrey (P)	Michelle Rousey
Valerie Agostino	Kathy Kelly	Timothy Schwab (P)
Tony Anderson	Eileen Kunz	Ellen Schmeding
Patricia Blaisdell	Sunny Maden	Robert Taylor (P)
Mareva Brown	Bryon MacDonald	Greg Thompson (P)
Richard Chambers	Jim McAleer (P)	Janie Whiteford
Susan DeMarois	Peter Mendoza (P)	Kate Wilber
Deborah Doctor	Lydia Missaelides (P)	Ed Walsh
Bob Hand	Janet Morris	
Joanne Handy	Marty Omoto	
Barbara Hanna	Elsa Quezada (P)	

State Staff Present:

Secretary Diana Dooley
Eileen Carroll (DSS)
Brian Winfield for Nancy Bargmann (DDS)
Lora Connolly (CDA)
Jennifer Kent (DHCS)
Sarah Brooks (DHCS)
Will Lightbourne (DSS)
Marko Mijic (CHHS)
Irene Walela for Joe Xavier (DOR)

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Committee Chair Brenda Premo called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. She commented on the presidential election, noting the need for Californians continue to work together as always regardless of incoming party affiliation and policies. Committee Members adopted the minutes from July 20, 2016.

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

Secretary Dooley welcomed Committee Members and thanked everyone for serving persons with disabilities in California. She recognized Ellen Schmeding's pending retirement and her years of service. She noted the current development of the Governor's Budget, which would be released on January 10, 2017.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Director Jennifer Kent noted four initiatives on the November ballot that impact the delivery of healthcare passed, and that Medi-Cal's 50th anniversary was celebrated in October. She also noted that DHCS has several regulatory change packages in review and is working with providers to resolve effects to consumers. California's 2020 waiver application requires design reports for several DHCS programs according to the waiver's Special Terms and Conditions. CMS required California to submit an initial plan for monitoring fee-for-service Medicaid programs by the end of October 2016, with federal transition of administrations, response from CMS may be delayed. Stakeholder comments to the Statewide Transition Plan are being reviewed and will be shared soon. DHCS worked with partner agencies, stakeholders, and other entities to develop the revised STP. She discussed ongoing work on the Global Payment Program that requires DHCS to conduct two evaluations to assess program effectiveness. Finally, Director Kent mentioned that SB 586 was signed by Governor Brown on September 25, 2016, and authorizes DHCS to establish the Whole Child Model program, which mandates the implementation of the program in specific counties no later than July 2017.

Department of Social Services (CDSS) Director Will Lightbourne discussed the implementation of the Fair Labor Standards Act Overtime, Travel Time, and Wait Time federal rule, which was implemented in the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program in February 2016. IHSS exemptions can be given to Parental Providers and IHSS workers in extraordinary circumstances. Violations have been significantly declined since March 2016. He also mentioned that processing delays occur from time cards that are incorrectly filled out, missing signatures, or are unreadable. County level processing delays usually result from an inability to reach the provider, reissuance of timesheets, or the timesheet not being closed in CMIPS by the county. DSS is investigating an electronic system with vendors that will eliminate errors and payment delays. Director Lightbourne also commented on the implementation of Senate Bill 3 (Leno), which goes in to effect in January 2017, increases the minimum wage for IHSS workers. CDSS will also allow providers the option to self-certify living arrangements to exclude IHSS/WPCS wages from federal income tax by completing and submitting a Live-In Self-Certification Form.

California Department of Aging (CDA) Director Lora Connelly updated the committee on CDA activities focused in three areas. Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) program as CDA and DHCS work to transition CBAS to the 2020 waiver program and maintaining compliance with regulations according to the Home and Community Based Services State Transition Plan. DHCS and CDA convened a series of stakeholder meetings to develop a transition plan, which is pending CMS approval. CDA and DHCS, in collaboration with stakeholders, will implement the activities once they are approved. The moratorium on new CBAS centers has been lifted. CDA received over 150 inquiries and 39 submissions; 22 successfully completed the application process. Applications were received from several areas where there was no previous service provider. Director Connelly also commented on a three-year demonstration grant from Administration for Community Living (ACL) tied to Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) to increase the ability of Care Managers within the health plans to identify individuals with dementia concluded; the project was successful in increasing service provision outreach. Finally, she noted that the Adult Disability Resource Connections (ADRC) began in 2006,

operated largely with federal funding until it fell away. Currently, there are six counties with designated ADRCs and emerging partnerships in several other counties.

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Deputy Director Irene Walela reported that the federal Administration on Community Living (ACL) approved of the State Plan for Independent Living. The State Independent Living Council passed motions for the Department of Rehabilitation to begin working on two Requests for Proposals: one for systems change and one for youth programs. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 transition fund dollars were ninety-one percent spent out; the remaining balance will carry over to FFY 2017. Independent Living and older individuals who are in Blind Programs received one-time infusion of funds through social security reimbursement income. DOR also hosted the first joint summit for both programs. ACL restored a one percent reduction in VII-C grant funding to independent living centers and published final Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regulations; DOR is reviewing the final regulations for impact to programs. Vocational Rehabilitation programs continue to implement WIOA requirements, many which focus on youth and include pre-employment transition services through a variety of activities. Other WIOA initiatives address subminimum wage employees compliment CIE collaborations. DOR is in year 3 of the CalPROMISE activities that include youth employment preparation, work experiences, and training partnerships with ILCs. DOR is also partnering with San Diego State University Interwork Institute on project called California Innovations, a 5 year work-based Learning model demonstration project to increase economic self-sufficiency for students 16-21 with disabilities.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Acting Deputy Director Brian Winfield noted that DDS is working closely with DHCS on its portion of the Statewide Transition Plan in order to make any needed revisions in accord with new federal rules. DDS workgroups are focusing on specific portions of this Plan. The provider self-survey, onsite settings assessment tool, and the process for person centered planning. Mr. Winfield also note that the budget includes \$50 million to work with regional centers and service providers to make required changes in order to continue provision of services. Over 700 proposals have been received from providers and are being reviewed and prioritized. Response to these proposals will be issued by February 2017. The Self-determination Program work group is working on addressing questions received from CMS and finalizing training materials for regional centers.

Agenda Item 3: Updates on Whole Person Care Pilot

DHCS Deputy Director Sarah Brooks provided an update on the Whole Person Care (WPC) program designed to coordinate service provision for health, behavioral health, and social service systems. WPC pilot project collaboratively identifies target populations, shares data between systems, coordinates real-time care, and evaluates progress for individual consumers and identified populations. The program consists of \$1.5 Billion in federal funds with \$300 Million available annually. Payment mechanisms include both bundled activities and singled fee-for-service events. Reporting requirements consist of baseline and subsequent year data on both universal and variant metrics unique to service areas. Invitations for service providers to apply will happen in two rounds. Eighteen applications were received in the first round from counties with less than 1,000 square miles, up to and over a 5,000 square miles service area.

Pilots range between large programs with over 100,000 participants to small models with less than 1,000. Target populations include high utilizers with avoidable and repeat incidents of institutional use, two or more chronic conditions, mental health or substance use, homeless or at-risk for homelessness, and individuals recently released from institutions.

Lunch

Agenda Item 4: Discussion of Statewide Housing Plan

Melinda Coy, Specialist, Megan Kirkeby, Policy Research Specialist, and Harrison Anixter, Analyst at Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) provided an update on the 2025 Statewide Housing Plan. Following the release of the Draft Plan, HCD will engage in a robust stakeholder process, including public workshops and an open comment period. Program development is underway and regulation development will follow. Discussion also included garnering public feedback on inclusion and underserved populations. The Draft Plan's research indicates supply shortages are compounded by rising costs. Most renters pay over 30% of income toward housing and homeownership rates are at their lowest since the 1940's. California has a disproportionate amount of homeless compared to the nation. HCD's recommendations focus on deeper coordination, program design, and evaluation, stronger land use policies, and investing funding strategies for community development projects, rentals, ownership, and infrastructure.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion of Competitive Integrated Employment Plan

Jennifer Bianchi with California Department of Education (DOE), Jessica Popjevalo with DOR, and Denyse Curtright with DDS discussed collaboration between their organizations designed to increase employment opportunities for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The Plan was informed through a broad public and stakeholder engagement process and will be posted in November for review at California Health and Human Services Agency's CIE webpage for public comment. Specific goals and recommendations listed in the plan provide a five-year strategy to guide the departments on state and local level actions. Targeted outcomes include improving interdepartmental collaboration, enhancing systems capacity, and increasing the ability of individuals with cognitive conditions to make informed choices.

Agenda Item 6: Legislation Watch List

No items to report

Agenda Item 7: Next Steps and Closing Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.