

**Olmstead Advisory Committee
November 4, 2015 Meeting Summary**

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

Committee Members Present:

Tony Anderson	Jim McAleer	Marty Omoto
Patricia Blaisdell	Peter Mendoza	Elsa Quezada
Richard Chambers	Lydia Missaelides (Phone)	Michelle Rousey
Susan DeMarois	Janet Morris	Ed Walsh
Deborah Doctor (Phone)	Ellen Schmeding	Kate Wilber
Barbara Hanna (Phone)	Robert Taylor	
Sunny Madden (Phone)	Greg Thompson	

State Staff Present:

Secretary Diana Dooley
Sarah Brooks (DHCS)
Lora Connolly (CDA)
John Doyle (DDS)
Juney Lee (DOR)
Will Lightbourne (DSS)
Marko Mijic (CHHS)
Santi Rogers (DDS)
Rebecca Schupp (DHCS)
Kathleen Ozeroff (DDS)
Irene Walela (DOR)

Agenda Item 1: Introductions

Committee member Kate Wilber helped lead the meeting and called the meeting to order. Committee members introduced themselves. Secretary Dooley welcomed attendees and announced that Santi Rogers will be retiring from the Department of Development Services. She thanked Director Rogers for his services and commitment. Committee members adopted, without edits, the meeting minutes from the July 15, 2015 meeting.

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

Secretary Dooley announced that the State would be moving ahead to comply with U.S. Department of Labor regulations that require the payment of overtime wages for certain home care workers who work more than forty hours in a workweek. The Secretary noted that the State is moving forward on a variety of activities that together will enable the payment of overtime wages in biweekly payrolls beginning on February 1, 2016. Recipients and providers would be notified of associate program changes in advance of the February 1, 2016 date, to allow time for them to identify additional service providers if necessary. She reiterated that the State is committed to moving forward expeditiously

on these activities, in a manner that is safe for consumers, fair for providers, and minimizes disruption to the paycheck upon which so many Californian's depend on.

Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Will Lightbourne responded to questions about the State's announcement regarding compliance with federal overtime regulations. Director Lightbourne noted that the Department is moving forward on a number of different activities in preparation for February 1, 2016, including: updating the timesheets used in programs to enable the capture of hours worked in excess of forty hours per workweek; training the State's service providers and home care services recipients in how to fill out and approve the new timesheets; implementing workweek agreements for providers serving multiple consumers; preparing county staff to assist with workweek agreements and resolve timesheet errors; finalizing changes to the automated case management and payroll system to enable overtime payments; and adding a new In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) service category for accompaniment to medical appointments, and enabling payment for travel incurred while serving multiple recipients on the same day.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Deputy Director of Health Care Delivery Systems, Sarah Brooks, provided a brief update on the State's negotiation with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the renewal of the 1115 Waiver, and outlined various components of the proposed Waiver. Ms. Brooks also gave an update on the implementation of the Coordinate Care Initiative (CCI) and responded to questions.

Department of Aging (CDA) Director Lora Connolly provided an update on the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program, there are currently seven (7) designated ADRCs in California. Director Connolly also noted that the Department continues to work with DSS and DHCS on the Universal Assessment Tool.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Director Santi Rogers provided an update on the closures of the Developmental Centers and noted that Department has released the plan for the closure of the Sonoma Developmental Center, which is available on the Department's website. Director Rogers answered questions regarding the closures and efforts regarding the transition of individuals into the community.

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Deputy Director for Independent Living and Community Access, Irene Walela, provided an update on the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program Request for Application, a total of seven (7) programs across the State were awarded grants and DOR is providing technical assistance regularly. Ms. Walela also provided an update on the Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint, which is being developed in partnerships with the California Department of Education and the DDS.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion on Youth Employment Programs

Department of Rehabilitation Chief Deputy Director Juney Lee provided an update on the Department's work on California's Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (CaPROMISE) grant. This is a partnership with several other State Departments and local educational agencies designed to improve the coordination of services and supports to SSI recipients ages 14-16 and their families,

with the goal to increase independence by promoting completion of high school, and entrance into higher education and employment. Ms. Lee noted that there are currently 20,000 individuals on SSI in the 14-16 age group and the Department intends to enroll over 3,000 individuals. Ms. Lee provided a demographic overview and outlined strategies the Department plans to deploy to engage the cohort.

Ms. Lee also provided an overview of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which was signed in July of 2014 and makes significant changes to vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs in California and across the United States. The WIOA is designed to help youth access employment, education, and support services. The Department continues to engage stakeholders in the implementation of the Act. Ms. Lee responded to questions regarding WIOA implementation efforts, as well as questions regarding the Department's work on CaPROMISE.

Lunch Break

Agenda Item 4: Update on Medi-Cal Waivers

Department of Health Care Services Chief of the Long-Term Care Division, Rebecca Schupp, provided a brief overview of existing home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers, including the Assisted Living waiver and the Nursing Facility/ Acute Hospital waiver. Ms. Schupp noted that the Department, in partnership with stakeholders, developed a Statewide Transition Plan for HCBS which they submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on August 14, 2015. The Statewide Plan describes how the State will come into compliance with new federal HCBS requirements that become effective March 17, 2014. Ms. Schupp answered questions regarding the existing waivers.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion on Deaf and Blind Programs

Department of Social Services Deputy Director of the Human Rights and Community Services Division, Tom Lee, provided the Committee with an overview of the Department's deaf and blind programs. Mr. Lee noted that the Deaf Access Program (DAP) provides seven mandated services and they include: communication; advocacy; job development and placement; information and referral; counseling; independent living skills; and community education. In FY 2014-15, the DAP program provided 174,048 services to approximately 82,000 people at 21 locations throughout the State.

Agenda Item 6: Legislation Watch List

Marko Mijic gave an overview of legislation relevant to the California Olmstead Plan and Committee members provided additional bills to be monitored and made comments on various bills. Mr. Mijic encouraged members to submit additional bills as they learn about them.

Agenda Item 7: Next Steps and Closing Comments

Kate Wilber thanked Committee members and attendees for their participation in the meeting and adjourned the meeting

Meeting Adjourns at 3:48 pm.