

DHA Update

MediCal updates:

- MediCal Long Term Care – on January 14, 2013, Long Term Care staff moved from the 28th Street Office to the Rancho Cordova Bureau located at 10013 Folsom Blvd on January 14, 2013.
- Low Income Health Program – To date we have enrolled 7,222 in the Low Income Health Program (LIHP).
- Targeted Low-Income Children's Program/Healthy Families (TLICP/HF) – the transition of the TLICP applications from Healthy Families to the counties began on January 1, 2013. We received 795 applications in the month of January and anticipate 800 – 825 applications on a monthly basis. The transition of the on-going cases will begin in March 2013. We anticipate 27,000 individuals coming over to our Service Center.

Regulations changes for CalFresh:

- Effective January 2013 – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) – Heat and Eat regulations – Allows all CalFresh households to receive the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) as a deduction

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
Human Services Coordinating Council Report
February 14, 2013

STATE BUDGET ACTIVITIES

The State Commission is considering whether or not to transfer \$40 million to the State Department of Development services, as approved in the 2012 Budget Act for the current fiscal year. State staff has indicated that the loss of \$40 million will impact their ability to maintain current funding levels for the Child Signature Program.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – February 4, 2013

1. Approval to extend several contracts for a two-year period – 8 of 9 approved. The contract with Child Action was continued to the March meeting due to a lack of quorum.
2. Approval of a revised procedure for out-of-cycle funding requests. The revised process will include an annual request for competitive proposals to address service gaps as aligned with the Commission's Strategic Plan. It is anticipated that \$200,000 will be budgeted for this purpose in Fiscal Year 2013-14.
3. Approval of a revised policy for administrative cost allocation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS – March 4, 2013

1. Annual review and consideration of changes to the Strategic Plan.
2. Review and comment on the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Recommended Budget - \$26.7 million.
3. Approval of new contracts with the Child Abuse Prevention Council for the Birth & Beyond program for the remaining two year period of the strategic plan period – approximately \$7 million per year.
4. Approval of a contract extension with Child Action for a two year period - \$622,154 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and \$631,376 for Fiscal Year 2014-14.
5. Approval of a contract amendment with the Robla School District – adding \$10,615 each year for three years to expand services for homeless children.
6. Presentation and public hearing on the First 5 California Annual Report.

OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES

1. Staff is continuing to work on the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14, and is seeking Advisory Committee review and comment.
2. The Chiefs of staff will complete interviews in February for an Alternate Commissioner vacancy. We anticipate that the Board of Supervisors will make an appointment no later than March.
3. Staff is collaborating with several neighboring First 5 Commissions and News & Review on a school readiness publication titled "Your Child's First Teach: You." The publication will be in both English and Spanish and will be printed and ready for distribution by the end of February.
4. The Grand Opening event for The Effort's health and dental clinics will be on February 19th at 10:30 a.m. at 10423 Old Placerville Road.
5. The next Blue Ribbon Commission meeting will be held on February 19th at 3:00 p.m. at 700 H Street.

Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Report for February HSCC meeting:

Board elections were held in January. Melinda Avey will serve as the new chair, Beth Selling and Paul Tanner will serve as 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair, respectively. At our February 13, 2013, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board General Meeting we will present a panel of providers and county staff to discuss, "Understanding Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment Services in Sacramento County: Where Are We Now, Where Are We Headed?" All are invited. A light meal will be offered. The prevention committee continues in its efforts to ensure better public access to information on Alcohol and Drug provider prevention and treatment services. At their last meeting, a representative of Community Link reviewed the structure of the 2-1-1 database and website system.

Adult and Aging Commission
Report to Human Services Coordinating Council

Area 4 Agency on Aging (Pat McVicar):

- A4AA funding awarded for Sacramento County is \$4.6 million, which represents more than 50% of the total funding awarded (\$9 million)
- Public hearing will be held February 21, 2013, to discuss budget issues
- There is a potential for drastic federal funding cuts of 8% - 12%
- Request for proposals have been postponed until January 2014 due to funding unknowns
- Pat McVicar will be retiring at the end of March

MHSA (Rosalind Garner):

- Community Support Team is a new program for mental health mobile outreach, which combines clinicians and experienced community people to proactively attend to signs of distress relating to a crisis and help make connections within the community.
- Senior Link is a new prevention and early intervention program focused on older adults who are isolated, anxious or depressed. There are several navigators who are paraprofessionals that help people develop a plan to integrate within the community to reduce their isolation and stress.
- A consumer-operated warm line provides culturally competent services, with brochures translated into all 5 threshold languages.
- Supporting Community Connections Suicide Prevention program for older adults is folded into the senior peer counseling program.

DHHS, Senior and Adult Services Division (Mike Andreozzi):

- Adult Protective Services are continuing to hire staff.
- In-Home Supportive Services are going through staff changes. Once the hiring is completed, average caseload for a continuing worker should decrease from 380 to 300.
- IHSS Overdue cases have decreased significantly from 9,400 in January 2011 to the current 4,200 (which represents 22% of the total caseload).
- No more backlog in phone calls
- At the end of June 2012, the IHSS Anti-Fraud Task Force dissolved. All that remained were 2 fraud social workers, which has since been increased by 2 social workers (total of 4). The focus has been shifted to more quality assurance and fraud prevention. There is a Criminal Investigator from the State that is co-located with IHSS staff, who receives and investigates all fraud referrals.

Liaison Reports: Stanford Settlement (Robert Ingols) – Stanford Settlement is a community service organization, which includes a senior center. The big event of the year is the annual health fair, which will be held June 7th.

Presentation: Joan Parks, Administrator of County Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program – Ombudsman Services of Northern California (OSNC) is a project of Legal Services of Northern California. It serves 13 counties, and is funded by state and federal funds. The program is mandated to receive, investigate and resolve complaints on behalf of residents in long-term care facilities for the elderly. Today, in Sacramento County alone, there are 38 skilled nursing facilities and 533 residential care facilities that fall under OSNC jurisdiction. A major obstacle in investigating reports of abuse is confidentiality issues, since the residents must give permission to reveal their identity. AB40 requires law enforcement be notified in addition to the ombudsman when physical abuse with injury is alleged, which helps with the sharing of information. When there is possible legislation that could benefit residents of long-term care facilities, OSNC would like to come to the Commission for a letter of support. Cheryl Simcox is the Sacramento County regional ombudsman. There are currently 25 certified volunteer ombudsmen in the county.

February 2013 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council

Membership

We continue to have applicants in the process to fill vacant seats.
Slate of Officers presented for 2013, which will be confirmed at February meeting

Oversight Committee

Continuing to resolve Brown Act issues with County Counsel

Children's Trust Fund Committee

2013 contractors will be meeting with us regarding maximizing funding allocation in the two-year contracts. The Trust Fund is not as healthy as it once was.

Children's Report Card Committee

Continuing to discuss content, impact and distribution of the next issue

Community Meetings

Planning a pilot for a series of meetings to engage residents of the 5 Supervisorial Districts

Other

Providing continuing support and input to the Blue Ribbon Commission, First 5 Advisory Committee and HSCC

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