



## **PASC Governing Board Meeting Minutes February 1, 2010**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Ms. Otero called the meeting to order. Ms. Park called the roll:

Members present: Mr. Adler, Ms. Argenta, Ms. Becker Kennedy, Mr. Castano, Dr. Davila-Castro, Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury, Mr. Magady, Ms. Otero, Ms. Park, Ms. Varga, Mr. Vasquez

Members absent: Ms. Belton, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. Navarro

### **II. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The mission statement was read by Mr. Vasquez, and a moment of silence was observed. Mr. Castano asked that the moment of silence be observed for Ms. Belton. Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury asked that the moment of silence be observed for the 50th anniversary of sit-ins in North Carolina.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2009 MINUTES APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2010 MINUTES**

**Minutes of December 14, 2009 approved on motion of Mr. Castano, seconded by Ms. Argenta, by consensus.**

**Minutes of January 4, 2010 approved on motion of Mr. Castano with one correction, seconded by Mr. Adler, by consensus.**

In response to questions from Ms. Argenta regarding Board travel expenditures, Ms. Otero confirmed that the February agenda will include reports from those who attended the recent CICA conference, and Mr. Golledge clarified Board members' use of transportation to attend Board meetings.

### **V. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Otero reported that Greg Thompson has accepted the Board's offer of the Executive Director position; his start date will be no later than February 22nd.

### **VI. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Golledge reported that PASC is assisting the county with new provider orientations and processing criminal background investigations. Rebeca Sinclair Douglas, Assistant Director, Registry and Outreach; Beau Hennemann, Supervisor, Programs and Public Relations; and Layla Gonzalez-Delgado, Coordinator, Registry Outreach, are conducting orientations, which will average two per day. PASC has processed 700 CBIs to date, out of an estimated 160,000.

Mr. Golledge reported on his attendance at a recent CAPA meeting. Mr. Golledge spoke with Don Schinske, CAPA's lobbyist, who provided a list of 15-20 assemblypersons in LA County; Mr. Golledge recommended that all Board members who are able visit their assemblypersons, and that PASC compile materials to be used in these visits.

Mr. Golledge called Board members' attention to the Legislative Analyst's Office report in the Board packet, and stressed the importance of emphasizing quality of life issues and the increased cost of nursing home and hospital care.

Mr. Golledge also reported that cuts to public authority budgets have again been proposed.

The Chief Administrative Office reported to Mr. Golledge that provider hours in LA County have dropped for five successive months. PASC's records do not agree with this; however, there has been a slight decline since November. Mr. Golledge reported that paid hours have declined more than authorized hours, and is investigating the cause and potential repercussions of this decline.

In response to questions from Ms. Becker Kennedy, Mr. Hennemann reported that 700 CBIs have been processed since December, the majority for new providers, out of approximately 2000 providers awaiting approval. Mr. Hennemann estimated that this backlog should be resolved in a month. PASC has not received any reports from providers who are unable to pay the cost of a CBI, which is offered at all orientations by onsite Live Scan vendors for \$42. Current turnaround time is five-seven business days.

In response to a question from Ms. Becker Kennedy, Mr. Golledge reported that PASC has a \$1.6M contract with the county for the next six months.

Mr. Hennemann reported that 9000 providers statewide have completed the CBI process; nine have not cleared. Only elder abuse, child abuse, and welfare fraud are taken into consideration for this determination. Mr. Hennemann reported that one LA County provider to date has not cleared the CBI.

In response to questions from Mr. Davila-Castro, Mr. Hennemann confirmed that new providers will be paid retroactively once they complete the CBI process.

In response to a question from Ms. Becker Kennedy, Mr. Hennemann explained that providers who meet the new requirements and remain employed as an IHSS provider are only required to undergo the CBI and attend an orientation once. If a provider is not employed as an IHSS provider for over a year, he/she would be required to again meet these requirements.

## **VII. NOVEMBER 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Ms. Becker Kennedy requested that financial talking points for legislative visits be emailed to all Board members; Mr. Golledge agreed.**

November 2009 financial report presented by Mr. Golledge. **Approved on motion of Mr. Castano, seconded by Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury, by consensus.**

December 2009 financial report presented by Mr. Golledge. **Approved on motion of Mr. Castano, seconded by Ms. Argenta, by consensus.**

In accordance with California Government Code Section 53646(b)(1), Mr. Golledge reported on interest income for November and December.

**Mr. Adler suggested that Mr. Golledge request that legal fees for contract negotiation be reimbursed under the agreed-upon contract, as a special case; Mr. Golledge agreed.**

In response to a question from Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury, Mr. Golledge reported that PASC expects to hire approximately 30 temporary employees to staff the new provider requirement program; to date, eight have been hired and trained. A night shift of 15-20 employees is being considered.

## **VIII. DPSS REPORT**

Naomi Tostado-Hernández reported that additional locations for provider orientations are now available in Pasadena/Arcadia, El Monte, Pomona, Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Lancaster, Northridge, and City of Industry; 10 locations have now been secured. Ms. Tostado-Hernández clarified that DPSS is conducting orientations for current providers; PASC is conducting orientations for new providers.

In response to questions from Ms. Becker Kennedy, Ms. Tostado-Hernández reported that the new provider process can also be completed at the annual reassessment, and that DPSS is unable to contract with Live Scan vendors for its orientations.

In response to a question from Ms. Argenta, Ms. Tostado-Hernández clarified that any provider in CMIPS prior to November 1, 2009 is considered a current provider; any provider not in CMIPS by this date is considered a new prospective provider.

Mr. Golledge questioned the feasibility of providers taking the time to read the required orientation materials during the annual reassessment. In response to a suggestion from Ms. Otero, Ms. Tostado-Hernández reported that a provider can mail the provider enrollment agreement at a later time, but not the provider enrollment form.

Sonia Perez reported that Senator Curren Price recently participated in a home visit with a DPSS social worker; the consumer he visited has a functional index score of less than 3.

## **IX. PASC ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES**

### **1. REPORT OF PASC'S ACTIONS REGARDING IHSS CUTS**

### **2. BACK-UP PROGRAM**

Mr. Hennemann will provide a report of Back-up Program activity at next month's meeting.

### **3. REGISTRY AND OUTREACH**

### **4. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Hennemann reported that, under the governor's current proposal, any consumer with a functional index score of 3.99 or lower, estimated to be 87% of the population, would be eliminated from the Program. If additional federal funding is not obtained by July 15th, the governor would eliminate the IHSS Program. The legislature is required to take action on his proposals by March 1st.

PASC has sent letters to all senators and assemblypersons opposing the governor's proposed cuts.

Mr. Hennemann called Board members' attention to the report in the Board packet of four bills that have passed out of their houses of origin. At Ms. Becker Kennedy's request, Mr. Hennemann outlined each of the four bills.

In response to a question from Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury, Mr. Golledge and Mr. Hennemann reported that the increased federal reimbursement rate of 60% will be discontinued in June; the governor is requesting that the rate be lowered only to 57%, rather than the previous 50%.

**Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury recommended that PASC send a letter to the congressional delegation regarding federal reimbursement; Mr. Golledge agreed.**

Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury thanked Mr. Hennemann and Oleeta Igar, Coordinator, Program Development, for their assistance with a paper Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury recently drafted for the CICA conference.

**Ms. Becker Kennedy requested assistance from staff members to organize legislative visits in Sacramento; Mr. Golledge agreed to speak with CAPA's lobbyist about this.**

### **5. PROGRAMS AND TRAINING STATUS REPORT**

Ms. Igar reported that she, Mr. Hennemann, and Ms. Gonzalez-Delgado are continuing to conduct presentations for consumers, case managers, and discharge planners, including recent

presentations at the Norwalk Senior Center, the Norwalk HUD building, senior buildings in Duarte, and Kaiser Permanente in Bellflower, which resulted in the development of a committee for case conferencing and improved discharge plans.

Ms. Igar announced that the Family Care Partnership Project will conduct its second annual Ask the Expert event on May 22nd at the Santa Clarita Adult Day Health Center; the panel will include representatives from IHSS, Medi-Cal, and PASC. **Ms. Varga suggested that the Van Nuys ILC be included in this event; Ms. Igar agreed to look into this. Mr. Davila-Castro suggested that consumers and providers be included on the panel; Ms. Igar agreed to look into this.**

**Ms. Becker Kennedy recommended that a mailing be done to individuals who had share of cost cuts; Ms. Igar agreed to look into this.**

PASC is continuing its monthly Mobile Helpdesks at area senior centers, including Lancaster and Norwalk.

PASC offered 16 training seminars in 2009, including a continuing collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association. A series on diabetes management will be presented by the Department of Public Health. Seminars on emergency preparedness are also being planned.

**Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury asked Ms. Igar to provide her with contact information for consumers who are interested in participating in the volunteer corps; Ms. Igar agreed.**

**Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury suggested that consumers be empowered around their emergency backup plans; Ms. Igar agreed to speak with Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury further regarding this.**

**Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury reported that a committee is working to convene an Aging Coalition; Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury asked Ms. Igar to attend the next meeting on March 24th and to coordinate attendance by senior consumers; Ms. Igar agreed.**

In response to a question from Ms. Becker Kennedy, Mr. Golledge explained that PASC's CMIPS access does not include consumer addresses. **Mr. Adler suggested that PASC prepare a letter to County Counsel, and volunteered to present the letter in person.**

## **X. CICA UPDATE**

Ms. Varga reported that the recent CICA conference was attended by 185 individuals from 55 counties, including Ms. Varga, Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury, Ms. Navarro, Ms. Belton, Mr. Davila-Castro, and Ms. Otero. Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury facilitated two seminars, including one on back-up programs. Video and audio from all seminars will be posted on the CICA website. **Mr. Castano requested a written report on the conference; Ms. Varga agreed to provide a report at next month's meeting.**

**Mr. Adler requested that a bill of rights for IHSS consumers be agendized for next month's meeting; Ms. Otero agreed.** Ms. Varga emphasized that a bill of rights was available for signature at the CICA conference.

Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury reported that the CICA regional conference will be held in April or May, and suggested that upcoming conferences be used to review and collect comments on the bill of rights draft.

## **XI. UNION ISSUES**

Janelle Obando reported that union elections were held last month. 99% of the Executive Board was elected; one seat in Santa Cruz county is contested, and elections for this seat will take place this month.

The union is continuing to work on funding for fraud issues in Sacramento.

Ms. Varga reminded Ms. Obando that PASC requested a presentation from the union at its December meeting; Ms. Obando responded that her technical person was not available for this meeting, and that the presentation will be made at the March meeting.

In response to a question from Mr. Adler, Ms. Obando explained that the recent election was for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Executive Board of Local 6434.

In response to a question from Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury, Ms. Obando outlined the counties represented by each of the local unions.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Ms. Becker Kennedy requested that videotaping of a visit to a senior consumer's home be agendized for next month's meeting; Ms. Otero agreed.**

Ms. Becker Kennedy reported that Hugh Hallenberg may be entering a nursing home, due to an \$1800 share of cost; Ms. Becker Kennedy recommended that PASC speak with legislators about drafting relevant legislation. Mr. Adler suggested that the Legislative Analyst's Office would be interested in Mr. Hallenberg's story. **Ms. Becker Kennedy suggested that Mr. Hallenberg be interviewed by KCAL9, and agreed to speak with him about this.**

## **XIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Otero reported from the closed session that the Board voted to authorize a payment to the Interim Executive Director in recognition of exemplary work done by him on behalf of PASC during the absence of an Executive Director.

## **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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Yungsohn Park, PASC Board Secretary

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Date minutes approved

## **ACTION POINTS**

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