

The Care Giver Extra

Our Clients And Our Jobs Are Still At Risk

State Pulls "Trigger" on Budget Cuts; IHSS Cut Temporary Stopped by the Court



20% Cuts Will Hurt Us All! Keep Your Clients Informed - Join Us For UDW'S First Statewide Member Teleconference!



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What is the 20% Trigger Cut?

Based on what appeared to be strong signs of improvement in the state's economy, the state budget included an expectation of \$4 billion in additional tax revenue to help "balance the budget." The budget also included what is called a "trigger" – essentially a guarantee that should the state not collect the necessary revenue, it would cut additional spending to make up for that lost revenue. The decision on whether or not to "pull the trigger" would be based on updated mid-year revenue projections.

What happened?

Unfortunately, the state economy did not improve as expected. This meant that the state collected approximately \$2.2 billion less in tax revenue than what it anticipated in the budget. As a result, on December 13, 2011 the state "pulled the trigger" on additional budget cuts.

What does this mean for IHSS?

One of these cuts was a reduction of \$101.5 million in the IHSS program, through a 20% across the board cut in service hours and the elimination of funding for local anti-fraud efforts. This cut was scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2012.

On December 1, 2011, UDW, in partnership with other IHSS advocates, requested an emergency temporary restraining order (TRO) from the United States District Court. We argued that the Court should stop the state from implementing the 20% cut in hours because it would endanger the lives of thousands of IHSS recipients and would force many recipients into nursing homes and other institutions. Thankfully, the Court agreed and granted the TRO, stating that the cuts to IHSS will place recipients "at imminent and serious risk of harm to their health and safety, as well as of unnecessary and unwanted out-of-home placement including institutionalization."

The TRO temporarily prevents the state from taking any actions to implement the 20% across-the-board cut. The TRO will remain in effect until there is a hearing in which the Court will decide whether to grant a preliminary injunction against the state. This hearing is tentatively scheduled for January 19, 2012, in Oakland.

What's next?

While we are pleased with this decision, we must remember that it is only temporary. This is the first step in the process of preventing these cuts from taking place. Our clients and our jobs are still at risk.

Join our Statewide UDW Teleconference



WHAT:

Join a UDW Homecare Provider teleconference and receive the latest information about IHSS, the state budget, and the 20% trigger cuts. It will allow you to ask live questions and participate in polling questions along with other members from throughout California.

WHEN:

**January 12, 2012
Time - 5:00pm**

HOW:

You will receive an automated phone call at the number we have listed for you in your membership records. All you have to do is **press 1** on your keypad and you will be able to join UDW members from all across the state on the call.

There is no charge for this call.

If you would like to take this call at a phone number different from that we have listed for you, please call the UDW office right away. The number is: **1-800-621-5016**



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A National Victory for Home Care Providers!



Three UDW members; Olive Lyons from Riverside (2nd on the right from President Obama), Michelle Wise from San Diego (back row, far right), and Elva Munoz (front row, far right) from Santa Barbara attended a White House ceremony as President Obama announced proposed changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that, for the first time, would protect nearly two million workers who provide in-home care services for the elderly and infirmed.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report



*Lien Tuong Rose Nguyen,
Secretary-Treasurer*

United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930	
Statement of Financial Position	
September 30, 2011	
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	10,133,089
Accounts receivable	2,543,345
Other receivables	53,443
Fixed assets	1,228,162
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>688,351</u>
	<u>14,646,390</u>
Liabilities and net assets	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	638,185
Other current liabilities	<u>1,070,991</u>
Total current liabilities	1,709,176
Net Assets	
Unrestricted net assets	<u>12,937,214</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>14,646,390</u>

Gary Voice,
Director of Finance and Administration

United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930		
Statement of Activities		
September 30, 2011		
Revenues		
Dues		13,450,138
Initiation fees		276,318
Per capita		-5,155,198
Per capita rebate		1,288,800
AFSCME operating grant		35,100
Interest		7,940
Miscellaneous		<u>40,654</u>
Total dues and fees		9,943,751
Expenses		
Grants and allocations		625,908
Personnel expenses		4,873,447
Professional fees and consulting		177,193
Occupancy expenses		1,207,942
Printing and publications		230,758
Travel expenses		213,210
Meeting expense		377,712
Other expenses		<u>261,894</u>
Total expenses		<u>7,968,064</u>
Increase in net assets		<u>1,975,687</u>

(these statements have not been audited)