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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

12/12/03

Committee Members Present:	Jeffrey Lambaren Rose Martin George Sharp	Jose Acosta Connie Muller Linda White	Madelyn Amaral Christine Munoz
Committee Members Absent:	Dwight Bateman*	Kenny Brown*	Ora Scruggs*
IHSS Staff Present:	Jan Holden	Esther Magallanes	

*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:10 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Announcement made for public comment by Chairman, Jeff Lambaren.
- None were presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- November 14, 2003 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept with no changes.

UNION UPDATE

- Jan Holden stated that she had no new information to present other than that she had met the new representative who is taking the place of John Stead-Mendez. Her name is Lynn Chiaviarra. Jan also met Ann Sutherland, the person who handles all the accounting scenarios for the union's bargaining. Both individuals were very complimentary of Stanislaus County and the county's accounting procedures, and were of the opinion that Stanislaus seemed to have a real understanding about the dedicated realignment funds. The county's accounting person, Patrice Merry, was, however, able to make the point that Stanislaus is three years in arrears of being paid these funds by the state and that the county does not know how much longer it will be before these funds will, in fact, be paid. The union reps agreed that realignment is a quite complicated matter. However, the accounting representatives on both sides seemed to have a good understanding and agreement about the current status of the process. In fact, Ann Sutherland produced a chart, which indicated



that, statewide, counties are owed \$460 million in realignment funds for the IHSS program. She also wanted to make it very clear that the United Domestic Workers' (UDW) General Counsel, (Fahri Jeffers), was working very hard on a trailer bill that would offer parity to the three counties that are not public authority counties.

- Madelyn Amaral asked about the source of realignment funds, i.e., state vs. federal. Jan Holden stated that they are sales tax funds and explained that there are three trust funds for realignment: one for health services, one for mental health and one for social services programs, which would include programs such as IHSS. The funds are a percentage of sales tax revenue and are subject to fluctuation depending upon the amount of sales tax collected. This fluctuation may result in a county not receiving enough funds to cover their programs in a given year, however, the program includes a provision that the funds will be "caught up" in subsequent years as the sales tax revenues improve.
- Jeff Lambaren informed the committee that the next union meeting is scheduled to take place on December 17, 2003.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Jeff Lambaren relayed a news item indicating that the governor and the assembly had come to terms, but that senate review was still pending.
- Jan Holden relayed a news item, which stated that one of the cutbacks considered was to do away with residual programs.
- Madelyn Amaral expressed serious concern that cutbacks are unfairly targeting family member providers (particularly parents of adult children and spouses) who have sacrificed their own financial security to care for family members.

LEGISLATION

- Draft of Jeff Lambaren's letter inviting Assemblyman Aghazarian to an upcoming IHSSAC meeting was handed out to committee.
- M/S/A/ to send letter as drafted.

HOMEMAKER UPDATE

- Jan Holden reported that after a long wait, all clearances have come back and there are now four homemakers working. The first hours worked have been documented.

ANNUAL REPORT

- Jeff Lambaren relayed pricing information he received from Central Services: a quote for 25 2-sided pages, spiral bound, card stock front and back covers and one 11" x 17" foldout, all black and white, came in at \$75.00 for 50 copies. Jeff noted that adding color would increase the cost. Jeff also reviewed proposed distribution of annual report: one for each committee member, one for each of the Board of Supervisors, one for CEO's office, one/each for Ken Patterson, Paul Birmingham, Jan Holden, Robert Taylor, Maria Childers, plus multiple copies of black/white handout copies.
- Committee agreed to save additional discussion for next meeting (01/09/04) when Kenny Brown is present.

RESPONSE TO EQUITY SUPPORT LETTER from ASSEMBLYMAN GREG AGHAZARIAN

- See "Legislation" above.

REGISTRY SOFTWARE UPDATE

- Committee agreed to save discussion for next meeting (01/09/04).

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 9, 2004 MEETING

- Minutes
- Union Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Annual Report
- Registry Software Update
- Transition to Public Authority
- Annual Retreat

Meeting adjourned @ 2:12 PM
Esther Magallanes, Recorder



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December 11, 2003

Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian
California State Assembly, 26th District
State Capitol
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DRAFT

Dear Mr. Aghazarian:

I would like thank you on behalf of the Stanislaus County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Committee for your letter of October 29, 2003. In that letter you expressed a budget concern regarding equity for the county-administered In-Home Supportive Services individual provider (IP) program.

It is our considered opinion that the county-administered IP program is significantly more efficient and less costly than the public authority (PA) method. Stanislaus County will spend more state and county money if it elects to create a public authority in order to increase the wage for its providers. This issue was addressed in the California State Auditor's report on In-Home Supportive Services dated September 1999. (A copy of this report is enclosed for your reference.) It is also important to note that, particularly in view of current budget concerns, no one is tracking methods less costly than the public authority mode for implementing AB1682.

I believe you would find our committee's discussion on this topic to be of substantial benefit in enhancing your insight and understanding of the IHSS program, and it would be our great pleasure to have you and/or your representative attend one of our upcoming meetings. A calendar of our meetings is enclosed for your scheduling purposes. We strongly urge you to attend at your earliest convenience and promise a lively and informative session.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Lambaren, Chairman
Stanislaus County
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Enclosures

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October 29, 2003

Mr. Jeffrey Lambaren, Chairman
Stanislaus County
In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee
P. O. Box 42
Modesto, CA 95353-0042

Dear Mr. Lambaren:

Thank you for your recent letter informing me that the IHSS advisory Committee supports legislation that will allow parity of full State participation in the funding of the IHSS Program regardless of a county's employer of record structure and asking me to support legislation that would allow parity or equal treatment under the law.

Please be assured that as I contemplate my legislative package for the 2004 Legislative year, I will certainly keep the Committee's concerns in mind. While I believe strongly that parity and equal treatment are very important, it may be difficult to successfully move such a piece of legislation through the budget process this next year due to the deficit.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write and share your concerns with me. I appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your input.

Best regards,

GREG AGHAZARIAN

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December 3, 2003

Jeffrey M. Lambaren, Chairman
Stanislaus County IHSS Advisory Committee
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Dear Mr. Lambaren:

Thank you for contacting the 25th Assembly District Office with your request that we support legislation that will address parity of funding for the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) programs. I understand that the issue of parity has not been addressed between public authority counties and non-public authority counties. Your request has been forwarded to our Legislative Director, Erin Guerrero, in our Capitol office. It will be carefully reviewed and retained for reference during the 2004 legislative session.

We appreciate the time you have taken to explain to us the research the Advisory Committee has done on this issue. With the release of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed mid-year budget adjustments, IHSS programs will be restructured and funding reduced. Certainly, this proposal will be cause for concern among your Committee members. You may wish to contact the Governor at State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814, telephone 916-445-2841, email governor@governor.ca.gov to let him know how the proposal will affect Stanislaus County.

In the mean time, please feel free to contact us again, if you have further comments or need assistance with other State matters.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Cogdill
Assemblyman, 25th District

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