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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

04/23/04

Committee Members Present:

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| Jeff Lambaren | Jose Acosta | Madelyn Amaral |
| Kenny Brown | Christine Munoz | Ora Scruggs |
| Linda White | | |

Committee Members Absent:

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| *Dwight Bateman | *Rose Martin | *George Sharp |
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Note: Connie Muller came to meeting, but she was injured and had to be taken to the hospital.

IHSS Staff Present:

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| Maria Childers | Veronica Melgoza |
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*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:23 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- April 09, 2004 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept with no changes.

UNION UPDATE

- Jeff announced that there has not been a meeting. Tentative negotiations meeting date is April 28, 2004.



- Union went to Sacramento on April 22, there were thousands of people. Madelyn attended this rally. There were some excellent speakers. Madelyn said that everything she was concerned about was covered. She did get some cards from senators so she can write to them.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Maria announced there is nothing new with the budget.
- There is good news as far as the Residual proposal in the Governor's budget. The governor is trying to get a waiver to get federal funding. If that happens most likely they will keep the Residual Program.
- All other proposals have not been approved or withdrawn.
- Madelyn received a form to send to the Governor, we need to keep writing letters.

SURVEY UPDATE

- Jeff announced that we have been working with Gina Donahue for our survey.
- Drafts of the survey were passed out and Jeff went over some of the questions and asked for any comments or feedback to Jeff by Monday April 26th.
- The survey will go out on April 30 and we would like it returned by May 14.
- A random list of providers and recipients have already been done.
- Linda suggested that we let the providers and recipients know that the survey is done by the committee, and that the committee is made up of providers and recipients. Jeff will add this information to the front letter.
- Union will let callers know that the survey is coming out and it does not affect their services or hours. Madelyn made a motion to accept the survey today so Jeff could get started on it. Motion was passed.
- Surveys will go out in English and Spanish.

ANNUAL REPORT

- Kenny passed around the color sample of the report.
- Contact numbers will be added on the back and then the report will be completed and ready for printing.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Ora announced that she contacted Senator Jeffrey Denham. She would like him to come to a committee meeting.
- Madelyn announced that the CAPA – California Association of Public Authorities for In-Home Supportive Services will be here on Monday April 26th, in Modesto. They are going to be speaking on how to put a Public Authority together. Madelyn will find out time and place and pass the information on to the committee members.
- Linda had information to pass out to the committee members, on the MS Society Action Alert. They are encouraging people to write their legislatures and let them know that you are not happy with the Governor's proposals. There is a draft letter that you can copy and send in. There is also a list of contacts and departments.

ACTION PLANS

- Jeff gave description of the term action plan:
- At our retreat we came up with our Strategic Objectives, we have three for the coming year, legislation, communication and training.
- Legislation – we want to positively influence legislation that effects recipients and providers of In-Home Supportive Services
- Communication – Part of the communications component is to develop a website, and give more information about the committee.

- Training – To provide better education and training of consumers and providers. This is being linked to survey to look at options that we can provide.

- The groups are as follows:

Legislation

Jeff Lambaren
Dwight Bateman
Kenny Brown
Ora Scruggs
George Sharp
Jennifer Brown

Communications

Christine Munoz
Connie Muller
Rose Martin
Linda White

Training

Madelyn Amaral
Maria Childers
Jose Acosta
Veronica Melgoza

- Jeff went over plans discussing goals of each group.
- Legislation group would like to review one bill per month
- Communication would like to promote community awareness of the IHSS and the IHSSAC.
- Training would like to provide information that improves education and training for providers and consumers.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR May 14 MEETING

- Union Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Survey Update
- Annual Report
- General Update
- Action Plans
- Agenda for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 2:29 PM
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder