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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

01/28/05

Committee Members Present:

Kenny Brown	Jose Acosta	Madelyn Amaral
Dwight Bateman	Rose Martin	Ora Scruggs
George Sharp	Linda White	

Committee Members Absent:

*Connie Muller

IHSS Staff Present:

Jeff Lambaren	Robert Taylor	Christy Kneller
Veronica Melgoza		

*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN KENNY BROWN

- Meeting called to order at 10:20

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff Lambaren announced that he is getting authority to sign agreements to:
- Rent a space
- Allow employees of the Public Authority to participate in County retirement program

WEB SITE

- The committee should have a sample copy at the next IHSSAC meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT

- Kenny Brown stated that the 2005 annual report will have the same format as the 2004 annual report, committee will discuss the annual report at the next IHSSAC meeting.

- **IHSSAC PLANNING RETREAT 2005**

Christy Kneller – Facilitator

2004 GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Committee had three groups, Legislation, Communication and Education/Training. Members selected the group they wanted to participate on.

- Legislation – The committee did write letters approving or disapproving of bills
- Communication/Public Awareness – Survey, committee member Connie Muller went on television and spoke about IHSSAC, annual report was sent to county and state representatives, letter and annual report was sent to the Modesto Bee and annual reports were placed at several public locations
- Education & Training – Went on through Center for Senior Employment

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

MISSION – We exist to (primary purpose)

Mission Statement

As the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee (IHSSAC), our mission is to set direction, structure, and guidelines to provide options and choices for consumers and providers and to enhance the IHSS program and services.

For (our key customers)

- Consumers/providers
- Board of Supervisors
- Community/General Public
- Senior and disabled population

In order to (service we provide)

- Advocacy
- Gather information
- Provide information
- Advocate for increased wages and benefits for providers
- Better quality of service for recipients
- Awareness of program
- Referrals to other community options
- Training enhanced and innovative, guidance on what is needed

Believing that (our values)

- Everyone has the right to live independently regardless of challenges they face
- Voice/choice and options for their life
- Enhancement of service delivery and program design
- Quality of service

So that (measurable outcome that determine our success)

- Quality of life of consumer is increased (survey)
- Quality of life of providers are increased (benefits, wages)
- Clients have the provider they need (Public Authority, registry)
- Increase the number of qualified providers
- Public Authority established
- Public awareness of IHSS program

2005 GOALS

- Committee decided to have the same goals again for 2005.
- Committee members were divided into three groups and each group gave 2 or 3 examples of what they would like to do with each goal and how they could achieve the goals.

LEGISLATION

- A. Legislative visits locally or in Sacramento
- B. Monitor both State and Federal issues that affect IHSS services and identify bills that relate to IHSS or Olmstead
- C. Oppose Governors program cuts
- D. Identify bills that relate to IHSS or Olmstead (D-was combined with B)
- E. Respond if appropriate with letters
- F. Lobbyist (work with) community for disabled

COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC AWARENESS

- A. Quarterly news letter
- B. Establish Public Authority
- C. Outreach venues in form of community awareness, different communities, different events, different groups
- D. Website-fully accessible and updated
- E. Develop media campaign
- F. Use local TV-interviews, outreach to diverse populations and alternate languages & cultures
- G. Breaking culture barriers
- H. Vote on issues – letter sent out that day to media
- I. Public reception

EDUCATION/TRAINING

- A. Educational involvement – caregiver classes – MJC & Nursing colleges
- B. Consumer training on hiring and managing providers
- C. Manual for new recipients – program expectations, establish process on annual basis to re-distribute
- D. Volunteer program – tapping into resources (retired, etc.)
- E. Peer support network for providers and recipients – socialization program, other programs to be determined

Committee voted on how they thought they could best achieve the goals.

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CLOSING

- Jeff Lambaren suggested that the committee should decide who is going to do what and how the committee is going to achieve their goals.
- Committee agreed to do this as a group at our next meeting, committee can work on which goal they want to work on and set dates down when to do this
- Have more than one person bring information to the meetings

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Minutes from 01/14/05 & 01/28/05 Meeting
- Voting on a new Vice-Chairperson
- Public Authority
- IHSS Web Page
- Legislation/Budget
- Debriefing on Retreat
- New Member Package
- General Update
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 3:15 PM
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder