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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

11/22/02

Committee Members Present: Jeffrey Lambaren Kenny Brown Madelyn Amaral
Rose Martin Dwight Bateman Ora Scruggs

Committee Members Absent: Jose Acosta Connie Muller

IHSS Staff Present: Jan Holden Larry Baptista

CSA Staff Present: Tom Snow

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFFREY LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:06 p.m.
- Announcement made for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jan Holden introduced proposed new members George Sharp and Christine Munoz who attended the meeting as public attendees.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- November 8, 2002 minutes: Minutes of last meeting should read “No meeting called due to lack of a quorum”
- Motion M/S/A to accept minutes with correction.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Jan Holden anticipated budget adjustments in January but budget adjustments will be made sooner.
- Governor looking to cut 5 billion dollars from the current budget.
- Passed out copies of a letter from Stanislaus County CEO Reagan M. Wilson and a Board of Supervisors resolution, urging the State to recognize and accept its administrative oversight and fiscal responsibilities for the IHSS program.



- Dwight Bateman attended a conference where the California Welfare Director's Association draft document: "IHSS Supportive Services: Past, Present, and Future" was discussed. Concerns were raised because there was no consumer input into the document.
- The committee suggested putting the draft document on next meetings agenda for discussion.
- Anita Reed, a public attendee and UDW member, asked why there are different wage rates in different counties? Dwight Bateman explained that it depends on the counties attitude and participation. Some counties are looked at a high cost/low cost county. Stanislaus County is identified, as a low cost county.
- The Olmstead Act will effect the IHSS program. Dwight spoke about the lack of low-income housing in the State of California.
- Jeff Lambaren asked the committee if they would like to begin crafting a legislative platform to support areas of concern.
- The committee suggested doing a 30-minute Olmstead Act presentation by George Sharp at the retreat.

MEMBERSHIP VOTE/BYLAWS UPDATE

- Passed out copies of bylaws and went over corrections and changes.
- Motion M/S/A to accept bylaws as changed.
- Passed out copies of Toni Hector's resignation letter. Jeff Lambaren signed and now ready to send out.
- Passed out copies of memo to Christie Ferraro-Tallman regarding new members and resignations.
- Motion M/S/A to accept the memo regarding proposed new members and resignations.
- Jeff Lambaren spoke to the clerk of the Board about adding "Reasonable Accommodations" statement to the Board of Supervisors agenda. It will be added.
- Passed out copies of Room Schedule for 2003. The year was wrong and new copies with the corrected year will be passed out at the next meeting.
- Dwight asked the committee, after the first of the year, to discuss whether or not if the committee will need to still meet twice a month.

REVIEW SUPPORT OF ELDER JUSTICE ACT LETTER

- Passed out copies of support of Elder Justice Act letter. Jeff signed and ready to send out.

NOTIFICATION OF BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S DECISION

- Jan Holden said that she would speak to County Counsel to get the exact wording for the notification to the providers. Jan said that she does not see any way for the explanation being on the provider's timesheet.
- Jeff Lambaren said that negotiations are being held up due to lack of union participation. 50% of providers in Stanislaus County are needed.

RETREAT

- Passed out copies of lunch menus and each member selected their lunch item.
- Transportation will be discussed at next meeting.
- Jeff Lambaren said he would get a draft agenda from Cathy Bankson for the retreat.
- The committee also extended the invitation for the retreat to the prospective new members.
- Jan Holden asked the committee if they wanted to cancel the scheduled meeting on December 27, 2002. The committee did not want to cancel the meeting.

UPDATE HOMEMAKER MODE

- Jan Holden plans to have a draft of a job description by next meeting. She was concerned about having to go through the regular County's HR process to hire. But since the position is a personal service contract position, we will not have to go through that process. The CSA will place an ad separate from the usually scheduled County job announcements.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that CSA would still need to write a justification letter explaining why the position is needed.

BRAINSTORM FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- CSA staff has no new information on public authority.
- Dwight stated that Nevada County is currently advertising for a Director.
- Jeff suggested that the committee table the item until new information is presented.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Budget Update
- Status of new members
- Retreat: Transportation; Draft agenda
- Discussion of CWDA Adult Services Committee's "IHSS: Past, Present, and Future"
- Update Homemaker mode

Meeting adjourned @ 2:16 p.m.
Larry Baptista, Recorder