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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

01/09/04

Committee Members Present:	Jeffrey Lambaren Dwight Bateman Chirstine Munoz Linda White	Jose Acosta Kenny Brown Ora Scruggs	Madelyn Amaral Rose Martin George Sharp
Committee Members Absent:	Connie Muller*		
IHSS Staff Present:	Paul Birmingham Robert Taylor	Esther Magallanes Maria Childers	Veronica Melgoza

*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:12 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- December 12, 2003 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept with no changes.

UNION UPDATE

- Jeff Lambaren reported that the Union and County met last month.
- County made offer for wage of \$7.11 an hour.
- Union met for 20 to 30 minutes and voted to reject the offer.
- They will meet again on 01/14/04.



- Negotiations are continuing. UDW had their accounting people come to CSA and spend time with Patti Merry, CSA Accounting. They went over re-alignment monies and how we track them and how we kept the three different funds separate. UDW presented an economic model that said by increasing provider wages, good things were going to happen to the county's economy.
- County's response was that they don't deny that, but monies paid to the county are three to four years in arrears.
- Paul Birmingham reported that our accounting services have been trying to re-construct what's happened during re-alignment. He believes UDW is going to look at their figures again. It appears it is a three years payback, which completely throws off a lot UDW's calculations. UDW seems committed to working on equal treatment for all the different employer of record options.
- Ken Patterson offered to provide them with a monthly/quarterly accounting for re-alignment revenues. Basically, that we are not trying to hide revenue, we just don't have it.

BUDGET UPDATE

Paul Birmingham reported that negotiations with the schools took some of the pressure off social services. We don't think Adult Protective Services will be a target. Medi-Cal is a big budget item. The state will try to squeeze money out of Medi-Cal providers which means squeezing money out of a big health care concern, like hospitals or the MSSP program, which is funded by Medi-Cal money, to provide in-home services.

- Article from newspaper was discussed; Linda had a question on the article asking if it was saying she can no longer work for her husband and would she need to find someone else to work for him?
- Paul Birmingham explained that IHSS program is actually two separate programs, one is Medi-Cal funded (PCSP program) and the other program is the Residual program. Protective supervision is a service that is allowed in both programs but is paid for with Residual funds. In both programs every disabled person has the right to choose their own provider. In the PCSP program the Federal Government won't certify certain people as providers because of their relationship to the recipient, and spouse is one of those.

LEGISLATION

- Jeff Lambaren had information regarding the legislation on equity for PA and Non PA counties.
- Ken Patterson was to meet with the legislative advocate for the County, Don Peterson at some point.
- Paul Birmingham spoke with Ken this morning and CWDA Adult Services committee passed the recommendation on equity.
- Dwight Bateman has been invited to go back and speak to Assembly Member Dutra to continue discussion on AB 784. This is bill to bringing aging and disability together in one department. He'll bring back information.

ANNUAL REPORT

- Kenny reported that he is waiting for Jeff Lambaren's bio. Jeff will give it to him after the meeting.
- Kenny is working on the Forward; there is a section for IHSS analysis. Once we have budget information this may be a place to have discussion about it.
- Kenny is going to write an article or ask Connie to write an article on the Homemaker mode including statistics. Report is almost ready to go.
- Jeff looked at CSA's web site to see what they had for IHSS. Is it possible for us to have a sub heading on one of those pages? We could also put the agenda on line.
- Paul Birmingham says we should be able to do this.

REGISTRY SOFTWARE UPDATE

- Paul Birmingham had no new information at this time. Group reported that they did not like the software from Madera County.
- The group did like the software that San Francisco uses. San Francisco is willing to give us a demonstration. The group felt that San Francisco's was simple. Madera's had multi layers. Kenny also felt that the person giving the demonstration at San Francisco was very familiar with the system and the person at Madera didn't seem to be very familiar with the system. We will table this until the next meeting.

TRANSITION TO PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff Lambaren asked if this is still our ultimate goal. At the end of the road is that where the committee would like to be?
- Dwight Bateman said yes. He would like to see a Public Authority in Stanislaus County, keeping it separate from the county. Maria Childers asked what services did the San Francisco Public Authority provide that the group liked. Dwight Bateman said that they liked the benefits and the emergency services, he would like to see something like that available in this community.
- San Francisco's software allows them to not only match providers for the job, it also does a personality match.
- Transportation was also brought up and Paul Birmingham said we might be ahead of San Francisco in that service. We have transportation service and they are well trained and backed by the health department of Stanislaus County.
- Jeff Lambaren stated if it's still the desire for the committee to go to a Public Authority, we should not just wait, but should look at pursuing the enhancements.

ANNUAL RETREAT

- We will discuss transition to public authority.
- Group agreed on March 26th. (tentative)
- We have three facilities to look into. Palm Café, SOS Club and Knights Ferry.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 23 MEETING

- Union Update
- Budget Update
- Comments on AB 784
- Annual Report
- Annual Retreat
- Registry Software Update
- General Updates

Meeting adjourned @ 2:17 PM
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder