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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

01/23/04

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| Committee Members Present: | Jeffrey Lambaren Rose Martin Ora Scruggs | Jose Acosta Connie Muller George Sharp | Madelyn Amaral Christine Munoz Linda White |
| Committee Members Absent: | Dwight Bateman | Kenny Brown | |
| IHSS Staff Present: | Jan Holden | Robert Taylor | Veronica Melgoza |

*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:13 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Announcement made for public comment by Chairman, Jeff Lambaren.
- United Domestic Worker union member Christy Rosenquist attended meeting
- Madelyn announced that she is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and they are starting a chapter in Modesto. They are having their first meeting on Thursday January 29th at 7PM in the McHenry Room at the Stanislaus County Library. Madelyn thought some of the members might like to attend the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Connie asked what was meant when we spoke of re-alignment funds in the minutes.
- Jan explained that it refers to the way certain kinds of social services programs are funded. In 1993 the IHSS program was primarily funded by State funds. County costs were very low. In 1993 the State proposed to the Counties that the State would give the County, sales tax revenue and some vehicle license fee revenue to help pay for some of the Social Services Programs. The County would have more control over their programs but the County would also have a larger share of the cost. The County/State agreed and in 1993 we had re-



alignment money coming into the County to pay for Social Services. There were three trust accounts set up. One was for Social Services which included IHSS, TANF funds etc. One was set up for Public Health and one was set up for Mental Health. Those three trust funds receive a certain percentage of sales tax and vehicle license fee funds and that money is passed on to the County to pay for Social Services, Mental Health Services and Public Health Services in the County. The State is probably about three years in arrears on paying that money to the County.

- January 23, 2004 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept with no changes.

UNION UPDATE

- Jeff announced that due to a mix up there was no negotiating session held in January. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9th.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Jan discussed the handouts, which had budget updates on all Social Services Programs. Included was what the Governor's Administration is proposing in their budget for IHSS. There are significant changes proposed and some are scheduled to take place quickly. They are proposing to eliminate the Residual Program as early as April of this year. They want to do something about funding for the 2003-2004 budget and not wait for the 2004-2005 budget. We have not received anything in writing.
- Madelyn thought a lot of the money came from the Federal Government.
- Jan stated the Residual Program does not include Federal money. That's the main problem the State has with Residual. The Feds have very specific rules regarding the relationships between providers and recipients. They won't participate in the wage rate if the relationship is between a spouse and a recipient, or a parent provider and a minor child recipient. The State has attempted to get waivers for those two particular groups of people. They have not been successful in doing so.
- The State is looking at the Residual Program not being in existence after April.
- The State is talking about October as a time to look at reducing State funding for workers wages and benefits. The State would not participate in anything above minimum wage.
- Also looking at making Employer of Record a County option.
- Also looking at making Advisory Committees, as a County option and the State would no longer fund them.
- Proposing eliminating domestic and related services in shared living situations. If there were two relatives living together they would not pay for those services. Typically right now for able and available spouses they don't pay for those services.

- **COMMENTS AB 784**

- They have talked about moving the Independent Living Centers (ILC) out from under The Department of Rehabilitation and putting ILC under California Department of Aging. It's still on going, they will have another meeting soon.

- **REGISTRY SOFTWARE**

- Jan suggested we have our IT people talk to San Francisco's IT people to see if what they have is compatible with our system. Also if anyone has computer access they can go on line and access registry software sites. You can ask questions, see how the software works and if they are user friendly.
- Christine is going to meet with Calaveras County staff and they are going to show her their software program. She will see how their registry program works. She will bring back report on this.
- Christine brought some brochures from Calaveras County on Public Authority, they were passed around to all members.
- Jeff asked if we were thinking of getting the software and turning it over to the current registry organization or were we going to run a parallel registry?

- Jan stated we were looking down the road and one of the things a PA is required to provide is the registry.
- Right now we will look at cost so we can have a general idea.
- Jan will talk to Paul and see if he has any new information on the registry.

ANNUAL REPORT

- Kenny received Jeff's bio and it is close to being completed. Kenny was going to get a few extra charts.
- We had talked about including the survey in the report, but as we have not done it, there will be extra space. Kenny is going to contact Jan, Paul or Robert to get demographic information. Information that was provided before, a snapshot of what the program provides and how many are served may be included.
- Jan asked about printing, Paul is looking at costs. It will be about 16 pages long, with cover. It will include photos, our mission statement and highlights of what we have done up until this point. It may include a timeline for the future, demographic information, charts and graphs.
- Kenny will bring in a sample on his computer when it's close to completion and the group can see what is proposed and how much it will cost.
- Jeff suggested we make about 10-15 nice copies for board members and advisory committee members and have some printed in black and white to hand out.

ANNUAL RETREAT

- Veronica Melgoza shared information on sites that were suggested.
- Committee members agreed to have the Annual Retreat at Palms Café.
- Retreat will be on March 26th, time will be 10:00AM-3:00PM
- Cathy Bankson will attend as the facilitator.

GENERAL UPDATES/CURRENT EVENTS

- The committee would like to invite Gina Donahue of Strategic Marketing and Communications back. We can send her the information we have now from the sub committee, let her look at it and ask her to come up with a cost for doing a survey.
- Connie said she would like to know what the Union is going to do if the funding is not there.
- Christy from the Union said they are taking steps to make sure that does not happen. The Union has been in Sacramento every week for the last few months and the last two weeks they have been there everyday rallying. They are taking another busload of caregivers up on Wednesday. They have been rallying and lobbying and so far they are making some headway.
- Christy stated that we are right, the contract the State signed with the workers is not going to be so easily undone. The Union is taking steps to make sure that it is not going to be easy for them to undo it. Christy also let everyone know that phone calls, e-mails and letters always help.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 13 MEETING

- Union Update
- Budget Update
- AB 784
- Annual Report
- Registry Software
- Survey
- General Updates/Current Events
- Status of Surplus Computers

Meeting adjourned @ 2:27 PM
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder