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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
07/13/07**

Committee Members Present:	Jose Acosta Joan Blackwell Connie Muller	Rose Martin George Sharp Jose Cisneros	Mary Burch
Committee Members Absent:	* Dwight Bateman Kenny Brown *Linda White		
IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present:	Robert Taylor Jennifer DeSanto	Jeff Lambaren	

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Mary Burch

- Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment.
- Bobby Benoit from UDW introduced himself. Jeff mentioned that Bobby gives a short presentation regarding the union at the Link2Care Registry Trainings.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- June 8, 2007 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept minutes, motion to accept made by George Sharp, Connie Muller seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- A tentative agreement has been reached with the United Domestic Workers. This is a 3 year agreement, that includes wage increases for providers. Wages would initially increase 7%, with a 3% raise each additional year of the contract. CPR training for providers was also negotiated, and Link2Care has already been supplying these services. We have held a CPR class a minimum of once per month for registry providers, and quarterly for non-registry IHSS providers.
- The tentative agreement will go to the Board of Supervisors on August 31st, and then will be sent to the State for implementation, with a projected wage increase effective October 1st.
- The 2007 IHSS Advisory Committee Report was handed out to committee members. This report will be presented to the Board on August 31st, and can then be distributed to community members. A copy of the report will be mailed to all providers and recipients on the program.



- Link2Care staff has been working on updating the Advisory Committee website. The county is holding a meeting next week regarding the update of the entire county site, and we will wait until the site is redesigned before implementing any major changes to the Committee website.
- Ads for the Eldercare Directory are being redesigned, but the basic content from last year is being used. Jeff suggested a “tag line” for the committee should be added, and a few changes to the current wording should be made. Jeff stated that if committee members had information they would like to add or change, to please notify him. . The committee discussed the ad, and George agreed that an update to the wording would be appropriate. Connie suggested spelling out what IHSS stood for (In-Home Supportive Services).
- Jeff announced that a new staff member, Jon Oushan, had started working at Link2Care. Jon has been helping to back up current staff members, and he is doing very well in his new position.
- Jeff gave a report on Link2Care statistics for June. At the time of the report (7/10/07) there were 554 providers receiving insurance, and 164 on the insurance waiting list. Registry statistics show that 40 people attended orientations, 2 CPR classes were held, 13 new providers were added to the registry, and 171 were currently active.
- Jeff handed out the 2007/2008 IHSSAC Budget. Allocations were made for the Satisfaction Survey, Eldercare Directory, Community Report, PennySaver ad, and Member Stipends. Allocations have not been made for the Committee retreat, but members agreed that they would hold another meeting this year. Riverbank or Oakdale were suggested as meeting locations, and Connie mentioned the Nutcracker in Oakdale would be a good meeting location. More information regarding the retreat will be discussed at a later meeting.

LEGISLATION

- George had no new information to report. The legislative process has been slow this month, but he will report updates next month.
- George reported that the Governor’s proposal to put a hold on the COLA for SSI was rejected, but the budget is not yet ratified.

STATE BUDGET STATUS

- Jeff reported that he received information the budget may be approved in the next week or so, but there is still nothing definite.

COMMUNITY MARKETING UPDATE

- Jeff reviewed the information for an ad in the PennySaver. A ½ page ad for one year is \$1,938. The committee saw an example of an ad and agreed to proceed.
- Discussion of the ad content ensued, with the Eldercare directory ad being used as an example. Connie suggested the Penny Saver ad be used primarily to advertise for more caregivers in the outlying areas of the county, rather than a recruitment ad for the Advisory Committee.

GENERAL UPDATE

- George reported that at 10am on August 22nd, AARP is having a healthcare rally in Sacramento, and is sponsoring the entire event. AARP will pay for transportation, reasonable accommodations if required, meals, and more. George requested that anyone interested in attending please contact him by Friday, July 20th so he can make arrangements. George can be reached at 521-7160 or george@drail.com. All providers and recipients are welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:45 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder