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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
10/12/07**

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

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Mary Burch

- Meeting called to order at 1:12 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Not enough members present for a quorum, approval of minutes deferred to next meeting.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff gave the members a handout of the Governor's proposed plan for HealthCare Reform and reviewed the highlights. The plan has not yet been sponsored, so there has been no action taken yet.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Jeff reported SB 868 State participation in share of cost for background checks: This was signed into law, which means the cost for these will now be shared. Funding will now be paid 50% by Federal, 32.5% by State and 17.5% for County.
- AB 836, the Notice to Provider in payroll checks: This was signed into law. Starting this year, January 1st – April 15th, information will be sent in all payroll warrants a notice they may qualify for the federal earned income tax credits.
- SB 945, Additional Notice of Action (NOA) for IHSS Providers was vetoed. The reason given for the veto was that this bill was unnecessary, as Recipients already have the right to request extra copies for their providers. Maria Childers reported that IHSS has begun to put a half sheet notice in with NOA's to remind recipients to tell their providers there has been a change.



- AB 182, Bill requiring Public Authorities to develop standard training and core topics. The Governor vetoed this bill, and has directed DSS to develop one set of standards based on available funding.
- AB 238, Bill allowing IHSS Providers to be paid for reading legal documents to Recipients. The Governor vetoed this bill, stating it was too costly for the State Budget to implement.
- Jeff reported no action has been taken on AB 1113, the bill that would change the eligibility requirements for Medi-Cal.
- No action has been taken on AB 1674, the pilot project for using contract services for registry providers.

COMMUNITY MARKETING UPDATE

- Jeff stated the StART bus ads were ready to be printed and we have been authorized to place them in the buses. He expects these will be in place before the next meeting.
- Jeff showed the committee members examples of the MAX bus ads as well as the bus bench ads. There will be five locations for the bus benches, and all buses will carry the interior ads. The contract for payment on these projects has been sent to accounting. When the contract is finalized, the ads will be produced and placed.
- Kenny Brown submitted a sample of the postcard that will be sent to all Providers and Recipients. The committee was shown an example, and they liked the layout. This postcard will be sent as soon as the financial arrangements are made for payment.

RETREAT PLANNING

- Jeff recently visited Appetez, the meeting site chosen for the Advisory Committee Retreat in 2008. He reported that the meeting facility was very nice, and everything was easily accessible.
- Jeff requested input from members on topics they would be interested in hearing about at the retreat. Connie suggested hearing from someone with experience caring for a handicapped individual, and Jeff stated that DRAIL does an excellent presentation on Disabilities Awareness that might be appropriate. Mary stated a presentation from Hospice would be interesting as well.
- Jeff requested the Committee consider inviting the Adult Services Advisory committee to join them at the retreat to hear the speaker. He also asked members to continue to think about topics they may want to hear a speaker present.
- The menu for the retreat was discussed. Appetez will present five options for committee members (the options were discussed) and the members can choose the day of the retreat what they would like. Those present liked the menu choices presented.
- The retreat is planned for January 12th at 10am at the Appetez restaurant at 825 W. Roseburg Ave. in Modesto.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Connie Muller suggested a "Holiday Party" be held at the meeting in December, since there are five members whose terms are ending. Members could bring a small dessert or dish to share for our last meeting with these members.
- Jeff reported the United Domestic Workers have moved their office to a new location at 909 15th St, Suite 6, in Modesto near the county library.
- Maria Childers reported the direct deposit workgroup hopes to send a letter to all Providers in mid-March telling them about the direct deposit availability and how to enroll. The process would require forms to be sent to the Providers, which they fill out and return. Direct deposit is anticipated to begin in June. Maria will bring a draft form of the Provider letter when she receives it.
- Maria reported there is an All County Letter anticipated that will clarify what is considered appropriate use of funds for Advisory Committees. There have been a lot of questions from committees from all over the State, so they will issue a letter to help them distinguish what is allowed.

- Egon Stammer gave an update on the concerns surrounding APS funding, as was discussed at the last meeting. Egon received authorization from CSA to use some of their funding so the APS program does not have to cut back services. This is only a temporary measure, but is still very helpful.
- Jeff reported the Eldercare directory will be coming out again soon. All county ads have been approved and submitted to the Modesto Bee. The target for distribution is early November.
- Maria Childers reported that a Quality Assurance audit was done in Stanislaus County IHSS last month.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:00 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder



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