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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
06/11/10**

Committee Members Present: Connie Muller Rose Martin
Jose Cisneros Valerie Mitchell
Joan Blackwell Linda White

Committee Members Absent:

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Maria Childers Jeff Lambaren Ana Enes

Other Guests: Kimberly Nevel, UDW

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:09 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kimberly Nevel from UDW announced the Union will be attending a budget hearing regarding IHSS cuts on Tuesday June 15th in San Francisco.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Acceptance of minutes from 05/14/10: Motion to accept made by Rose Martin, Joan Blackwell seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff announced he attended the May 25th Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved Jeff functioning as the Manager of the Adult Services Division at CSA as well as being the Director of Public Authority. Egon Stammler who is the current Adult Services Assistant Director will be retiring effective July 1st. Jeff will start his new job duties at that time.
- Jeff stated starting in July, Community Services Agency – CSA, will have 13 furlough days. There will be changes to schedule and staffing. Last year there were different furlough tracks that employees were on. This year, the CSA offices will be closed on certain days. July 2nd is the first furlough day, followed by September 3rd, November 22-24, December 27-30, and February 14, 2011. There are also 3 floating furlough days to be determined by the employee's supervisor approval.



LEGISLATION

- None.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

- The Governor's proposal is to achieve \$637.1 million in FY 10/11. The Senate set a goal to achieve at least 10% in savings. The Assembly set a target of \$150 million (approximately 11%) through enactment of a provider fee.
- There is talk of having an IHSS Provider tax. The idea is by having this tax, it will go into a fund and be matched by federal monies. At the end of the year the money collected would go back into the program for program enhancement or provider wages. It is projected to generate \$187 million a year. There is interest in this to get more Federal money for the IHSS program.
- The Legislature didn't like the anti-fraud plan. There was discussion of how fingerprinting consumers, including kids, doesn't make any sense. The Legislatures will be looking at the plan more closely to see how much we are spending and saving.

POST CARDS

- Jeff announced that in order to make the post cards to notify Providers and Consumers of the changes to PA and the Report to the Community, everything had to be completed by June 30th. The Director approved for the Committee to do it, but it will go into next fiscal year. The cost will be about \$2500 to develop the post card and mail it out.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

- Linda suggested for the IHSS Advisory Committee meetings be held quarterly. It would work out to have it in September, December, March and June. Instead of having our annual retreat in January, it could be held in December.
- Connie Muller asked if the IHSSAC should miss a meeting in July to receive updated budget information. Jeff answered that the budget information will probably be done by election time.
- Jeff suggested that the IHSSAC should schedule quarterly meetings, and if something comes up, the Chair would have to the authority to call a special meeting.
- Connie motioned to have IHSSAC meetings to be held quarterly and to authorize the chair to call special meetings if necessary. Rose second. Unanimous vote to have IHSSAC meetings held on 9/10/10, 12/10/10, 3/11/11 and 6/10/11. The meetings will be held at County Center III at 1pm, in room 4.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Jeff announced there is a letter that is being sent to Providers and Recipients. The letter is to notify the Providers that haven't completed the new provider enrollment requirements. It also notifies the Recipient if they continue to receive services from a terminated Provider, the Recipient would be responsible to pay the Provider for their services.
- Jeff went over the flow chart showing the appeals procedure for Providers who are ineligible to work for IHSS. A Provider needs to file an appeal within 60 days of ineligibility determination.
- Jeff thanked the IHSSAC for sending the office a beautiful fruit basket. Linda mentioned that the Committee wanted to show their appreciation because they feel that Jeff and the office does so much to show they care.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:10 PM,
Ana Enes, Recorder