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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

05/28/04

Committee Members Present:

Jeff Lambaren	Jose Acosta	Madelyn Amaral
Dwight Bateman	Kenny Brown	Connie Muller
Christine Munoz	Ora Scruggs	George Sharp
Linda White		

Committee Members Absent: *Rose Martin

IHSS Staff Present: Egon Stammerl Robert Taylor Veronica Melgoza

*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:10 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Announcement made for public comment by Chairman, Jeff Lambaren.
- Kristi and Naria from the Union passed out handout about upcoming rally on June 9.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

UNION UPDATE

- Jeff announced that he was not at the last meeting. We have reached impasse. The county was sticking with its offer of \$7.11. At the last moment we did a slight reversal and the offer was \$7.11 for the first 6 months of the fiscal year and then would increase to \$7.25, if State participation waiver is approved. The union rejected that offer, we declared impasse and they are drafting the statement right now.
- Dwight asked when this would happen.
- Jeff announced that we want to start this as close to the fiscal year as we can, that is how we get our funding.
- Robert announced Stanislaus County requires a 30-day notice to submit a change in the rate. It doesn't look like it's going to the board until June 8. August may be the start date.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Jeff announced we are waiting on the legislature doing their revisions, it may go through well and we could have a budget in place on time.
- Dwight passed around a memo from CAPA. Re:Governor's May Revise IHSS Budget Proposals for FY 04-05 - Revised
- Legislatures are in the process of doing their revisions to the May revised.
- Egon announced that they may put back some money that was originally taken away for IHSS but the counties have less money to deal with.

LEGISLATURE UPDATE

- Linda received a letter from Multiple Sclerosis California Action Network (MS-CAN) regarding SB 1365. A sample letter was sent that could be sent in to support SB 1365. The committee voted to send the letter in to support SB 1365.

SURVEY UPDATE

- Jeff announced that we received enough of both surveys for a statistically valid sampling.
- Committee will pick a date and have Gina Donahue come and present the results at one of regular scheduled meetings.

ANNUAL REPORT

- Annual report in color was passed out to all members.
- Copies of annual report in black and white were given to Kristi to take back to the office.
- Annual report and survey will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the same time.
- Kenny will do the presentation.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Connie asked for advice for a friend that is in the Modesto Convalescent Hospital. It's her friend's father.
- The Ombudsmen was brought in and took the hospitals side. The friend complained about the treatment the father was receiving and now the friend is not allowed to go and see her father. Dwight and Madelyn told her she should make a complaint and also to check on licensing and certification. Dwight also advised Connie to have them call his agency.
- Ora wanted the number for Financial Abuse of the Elderly. Number was given to her and it is on the back of the annual report.
- Committee agreed to table the Action Plans until next meeting.
- Dwight made a motion that the IHSS Advisory Board send a letter in support for SB 1365. Motion passed, letter will be sent and copies will be made for all members.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 11th MEETING

- Union Update
- Budget Update
- Legislature Update
- Survey Update
- General Update
- Action Plans
- Agenda for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 2:05 PM
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder