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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
12/08/06**

Committee Members Present:

Madelyn Amaral
Rose Martin
Linda White

Dwight Bateman
Connie Muller

Joan Blackwell
George Sharp

Committee Members Absent:

*Jose Acosta
*Ora Scruggs-ML

*Kenny Brown

Mary Burch-LOA

IHSS Staff Present:

Maria Childers
Jennifer DeSanto

Egon Stammler

Robert Taylor

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Supervisor DeMartini joined the committee

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- November 17, 2006 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Dwight Bateman, Rose Martin seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jennifer DeSanto told the committee that the business cards had been delivered and would be available to members at the end of the meeting.

RETREAT PLANNING

- The retreat is scheduled for February 9th at Sweet River in Turlock. Menus were handed out previously and members were asked to select their entrees.
- Dwight Bateman requested that the agenda for the retreat be presented and finalized at the committee meeting in January.

COMMITTEE'S ADS FOR CAREGIVERS

- Madelyn Amaral stated that she felt that the wages and benefits made it difficult to find caregivers willing to work for IHSS. She suggested an ad in the Modesto Bee.
- Explanation of health benefits was reviewed at Supervisor DeMartini's request.
- Madelyn Amaral also stated that the hours on the NOA were not reasonable, due to the fact that hours given for certain tasks, and sometimes completing those tasks multiple times per day within the time limits is not possible.
- Dwight Bateman added that the lack of payment for driving time and mileage is also a detriment to attracting caregivers.
- In addition to an ad in the Modesto Bee, ads on the Local Access Channel were mentioned.
- Dwight Bateman requested this item be added to the Retreat Agenda as an item for discussion so the committee can come up with creative ways to advertise for caregivers.

HOT TOPICS

- Madelyn Amaral announced that she was resigning from the committee, her term ended and she was not able to serve an additional term.
- Madelyn Amaral discussed the need to advertise for committee members. She stated there are a lot of organizations that use different methods to advertise to recruit.
- The recent IHSS Advisory Committee survey was reviewed and discussed. The survey does have questions relating to the committee, and interest in being involved.
- Maria Childers mentioned that the Link2Care newsletter, which is distributed to all providers and recipients, had an ad this quarter requesting involvement in the committee.
- Dwight Bateman mentioned that the Advisory Committee letterhead lists all members as "advocates". Discussion ensued, with a possible reason being stated as confidentiality for Recipients. The committee discussed the options for this and requested the title "advocate" be removed for all members.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Linda White reported that Jose Acosta is at Doctor's Hospital in Modesto and was not able to attend the meeting today.
- Madelyn Amaral reported that Ora Scruggs is also at Doctor's Hospital. A card was passed around for member to sign.
- Connie Muller announced that Ina Lee Bhend passed away yesterday. Ina Lee was familiar to many of the committee members.
- Linda White announced that it was committee member Joan Blackwell's birthday, and a card from the committee was given to her.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:40 PM
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder