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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
11/14/08**

Committee Members Present:	Mary Burch Kenny Brown	Connie Muller Robbyn Foster	Rose Martin Marie Cochran
Committee Members Absent:	Valerie Mitchell* Joan Blackwell*	Jose Cisneros*	Jose Acosta
IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present:	Robert Taylor	Ana Enes	
Other Guests:	Jim DeMartini	Mike Loza	

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Chair Mary Burch

- Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.
- Mary welcomed Mike Loza from the United Domestic Workers of America and Supervisor DeMartini to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mike Loza from United Domestic Workers spoke about the press conference in Sacramento on Tuesday, November 11th. There was good coverage of the event through radio stations and newspapers.
- Mike also mentioned that the United Domestic workers and members will fight to protect the right of clients. Today is call your Legislators day in Northern California. There are over 600 confirmed Providers calling, just from our part of the state. They want to make drastic measures to draw attention to the outcome of the cuts.
- Mike Loza brought 4 letters that are going to be sent to Legislators and asked everyone in the Advisory Committee to sign each of them, and the Union would send out the letters.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- October 10, 2008 minutes: Motion to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Rose Martin, Connie Muller seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Robert Taylor, who was filling in for Jeff, started by welcoming Linda White's return to the Advisory Committee.



- Robert went over the IHSSAC meeting schedule for 2009. No one had any objections to the schedule as it was shown in the handout.
- Robert mentioned the Elder Care Directories are now out. Link2Care is currently waiting for our supply.
- Robert spoke about the Consumer and Provider Survey that will be coming up after the first of the year. Jeff will review questions at the next meeting.
- Robert spoke about the IHSSAC Retreat that is scheduled for January 9, 2009 at Appetez Restaurant. Appetez is located in the Roseburg Center in Modesto. Speakers will include Deirdre McGrath, who will be discussing AB 1234 Ethics Training for Local Officials, and Bob Hopper, who will discuss Alzheimer's. Guests attending the Retreat will be Christine Applegate, the Adult Services Advisory Committee and the Commission on Aging.
- Robert brought up at the next IHSSAC meeting we will have a Holiday Celebration pot luck. A sign up sheet was passed around for everyone to sign up to contribute to the pot luck.

LEGISLATION

- Robert discussed some IHSS proposal facts. Effective March 1, 2009, the State's share in funding the wages and benefits of IHSS Providers would be reduced to the State minimum wage of \$8.00 per hour. The state would continue to contribute \$0.60 in benefits.
- Robert spoke about another proposal that would limit IHSS to Functional Index (FI) ranks of 4 and above for domestic and related services. This proposal would eliminate the housework, shopping/errands and meal preparation for anyone ranked with an FI rank below 4. This proposal affects approximately 83,123 individuals.
- The last proposal Robert mentioned was to limit IHSS Share of Cost (SOC) buy out payment to IHSS Recipients with a FI score of 4 and above. It would limit program participation to people with a FI score of 4 or higher. They will continue to receive a SOC buy out because their overall need across all IHSS service categories is higher. Approximately 7,058 IHSS Recipients will have an increase SOC as a result of this proposal.

MEDIA PROJECT

- Robbyn suggested that this be discussed as a high priority for the next meeting. Since Kenny had to leave the meeting early
- Robbyn asked that a sub committee meeting be done before the next IHSSAC Meeting, since this has been on the agenda for a while.

REPORT ON CICA CONFERENCE

- This item was previously on the Agenda, but no members from the IHSSAC were able to attend.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Mike Loza reminded everyone about the Provider recognition conference being held at Season's in Modesto on November 25th from 12pm-2pm. It is to show recognition for the work that Providers do. If anyone would like to participate please call 526-5274 to RSVP. There will be a great agenda and participation for Providers.
- Mike mentioned that over 60% of Providers die before their Recipients from stress related deaths. At the Provider recognition conference there will be a 1 hr presentation pertaining to stress on the job and coping with stress. He invited everyone from the Advisory Committee and Link2Care to participate.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:48 PM,
Ana Enes, Recorder