



**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
09/11/09**

Committee Members Present: Linda White Valerie Mitchell Rose Martin
Connie Muller Marie Cochran
Joan Blackwell Robbyn Foster

Committee Members Absent: Jose Cisneros

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Maria Childers Jeff Lambaren
Jennifer DeSanto

Other Guests:

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Chair Robbyn Foster

- Meeting called to order at 1:16 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- August 14, 2009 minutes: Motion to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Linda White, Joan Blackwell seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- PA funding was blue lined by the governor, which resulted in a 40-60% cut in the PA budgets. Distribution of cuts was presented to CAPA, who are working on giving recommendations to the State as to how the cuts should be distributed. If the State agrees, the cuts will be made more equitably than the current proposal, helping to shield small counties. The funding loss to Link2Care will be absorbed in special projects, IHSS staff salary funding and elimination of the IHSS Homemaker mode.
- The Healthy Aging Summit will be held Friday, October 9th at the Modesto Center Plaza from 8am-1pm. This is a health fair that showcases local health programs, offers screenings and other services. Flu shots will be available for a flat fee. Link2Care will be participating as a vendor. This is a free event open to all members of the community.
- Due to the scheduling conflict with the health fair, Linda White made a motion for the Advisory Committee to meet on October 2nd instead of the 9th. Connie Muller seconded, motion passed.



LEGISLATION/BUDGET UPDATE

- AB123 passed, which gives more options to the elderly and disabled individuals in their housing locations and costs.
- AJR6 the Elderly Economic Security Index passed, which changes how federal poverty guidelines for low income seniors are calculated. The index has been expanded to include the cost of items such as fuel, food, medication and health costs, etc.
- No budget updates at this time.

PRIORITY PLANNING

- No action taken.

DISCUSSION OF 2010 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

- A request was made that the IHSS Advisory Committee Report be changed to help defray the costs of printing and mailing. Several options were discussed, including changing the report to a media presentation that would be posted on the committee website. A one page summary of the report highlights would be mailed to Providers and Recipients, with instructions on how to access the full report. Rose Martin made a motion to change the report to the online media/PPT presentation, with the highlight letter being mailed. Connie Muller seconded. Motion passed.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT

- Jeff presented several ideas for the retreat topic. These included disability awareness, transportation resources, end of life issues, emergency preparedness, swine flu and precautions, and others. The committee expressed an interest in emergency preparedness, 211 presentations and an update on Alzheimer's. Committee members also expressed an interest in information about strokes, community resources (for help with home installations such as grab bars, ramps, etc.), and available medical equipment information.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Clarification about the upcoming IHSS program reductions were requested. Maria Childers stated there was no new information as of Wednesday last week. The State is still trying to work out all of the details of how to implement the changes.
- Share of cost (SOC) changes are expected to take effect on October 1st. Recipients should be receiving a letter prior to then explaining what the effect will be to their share of cost.
- Training for new IHSS Providers is expected to be in place by November 1st. For existing providers, IHSS has one year to have them attend training. The same timeline has been given for fingerprinting, although details of both are still being worked out.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:55 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder