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# STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

03/11/05

Committee Members Present:

Madelyn Amaral  
Rose Martin  
Linda White

Dwight Bateman  
Connie Muller

Kenny Brown  
George Sharp

Committee Members Absent:

\*Jose Acosta

Ora Scruggs

Staff Absent:

\*Jeff Lambaren

IHSS Staff Present:

Maria Childers  
Veronica Melgoza

Robert Taylor

Egon Stammmer

*\*Advance notice given.*

**OPENING REMARKS by Kenny Brown**

- Meeting called to order at 1:15

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kenny Brown announced that Board of Supervisors; Jim DeMartini from District 5 is joining us today.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- February 25, 2005 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept minutes.

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY**

- No Report

**UNION UPDATE**

- Maria Childers announced that they met with UDW and the tentative date for the insurance is April 1.
- Pacific Care and Kaiser are the two health care companies that the providers can choose from
- Kristi Rosenquist from UDW announced that the package should go out within a week.
- Benefits will cost 25.00 a month



- Co-Payments will be 5.00- 15.00
- Benefits will include medical, dental and discounted vision
- Letters will only go to providers who meet the criteria.
- Providers who have 75 hours for 3 months. Hours can be accumulated if they have more than one recipient.
- Funding for health care benefits comes from the State.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- George Sharp had information on all the bills that are being tracked at this time. Each member will take the information home and go over it.
- George Sharp will bring information on S528 to the next meeting.

### **IHSS WEB PAGE**

- Web page is live
- Committee would like staff to put IHSS website address on our letterhead.

### **ID PROBLEMS**

- Our County contracts out through Center for Senior Employment; they do a County background only.
- Dwight Bateman asked who was going to pay for the background checks. Providers or consumers can't afford to pay for this.
- Dwight Bateman stated that if the County or State pays for this, it would take away recipients being able to choose their provider.

### **DOCUMENTS IN OTHER LANGUAGES**

- Robert Taylor stated that the law says that 5% of the population needs to be represented in the demographics of the community.
- At this time Spanish is the only other language that our brochures are in.
- Dwight Bateman suggested that we put our brochures in Asian languages also.
- Jim DeMartini stated that Asian is probably about 3% or less and asked who was going to pay for that?
- Kenny Brown asked if we could get the percentages of the different populations.

### **NEW MEMBER PACKET**

- Members approved the welcome letter to be included in the packet.
- Members would like to have their contact number included in the packet.
- Dwight and George will list DRAIL as their contact number.

### **GENERAL UPDATE**

- Madelyn Amaral asked if there had been any changes with child recipient to parent provider?
- Maria Childers stated that parent providers of minor children and spouse providers would go into waiver program, funding changed.
- Robert Taylor announced that he spoke to AAA today and they informed him that there is a function on March 31 at the Modest Senior Center.
- People can bring in their pharmaceuticals, they will have a pharmacist there, and they can take a look at their medications.