



**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

12/13/02

Committee Members Present: Jeffrey Lambaren Kenny Brown Madelyn Amaral
Rose Martin Ora Scruggs Jose Acosta
Connie Muller

Committee Members Absent: Dwight Bateman George Sharp

IHSS Staff Present: Jan Holden Paul Birmingham Larry Baptista

CSA Staff Present: Tom Snow

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFFREY LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:13 p.m.
- Announcement made for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jenice Sechler, member of the Adult Advisory Committee, attended meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- November 22, 2002 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept minutes with no corrections.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Passed out copies of Mid-Year Spending Reduction Proposal and CWDA budget letter
- The governor is proposing cuts for this year and will be working on next year's budget soon.
- There were no cuts in IHSS or APS proposed in this years reductions.
- Governor is looking at educational cuts.
- Paul Birmingham called Alan Stolmack, CDSS, regarding additional allocation of money to implement the recommendations the committee made. Alan Stolmack was on vacation, so Paul was transferred to Rolanda Moen, CDSS. She said that she has the letter and is working on the reply but could not say what it would be. The earliest response would be after Christmas.



- Paul also asked Rolanda if Public Authority rates are still being approved and she again said she could not give out any information.
- All Counties have to be in compliance with the Olmstead Act by April 1, 2003

STATUS OF NEW MEMBERS

- Jan Holden spoke with Suzi Seibert at the Board of Supervisors office and the Board of Supervisors appointed George Sharp as a new committee member on December 3, 2002.
- Christine Munoz and Linda White are scheduled for appointment on the Boards agenda on December 17, 2002.
- The Board accepted the resignations of Toni Hector and Bonnie Cyphers on December 3, 2002. They have to wait ten days before they can reappoint.

TERM LIMIT UPDATE

- Jan Holden said that she and Suzi Seibert discussed term limits for new members. Suzi suggested that all new members on the committee be appointed to three year terms.
- Paul Birmingham expressed his concern about having two committee members serving on the Adult Services Advisory Board as well as the IHSS Advisory Committee. Paul thinks that it might create problems with the Brown Act but will check with County Counsel.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that the new term limit definition should be stated in the bylaws. Changes will be made to the bylaws to reflect 3 year terms.
- Jan said it would be a good idea to provide the new members with updated binders and to include the Board of Supervisors Recommendation on the Employer of Record.

MEETING FREQUENCY

- Passed out copies of new 2003 meeting schedule.
- Jan Holden asked if the committee would still like to meet twice a month. Committee agreed to stay on the regular scheduled meeting times of every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month unless workload lessens.
- Motion M/S/A: to cancel the next meeting for Friday, December 27, 2002. The next meeting will be on January 10, 2003 (retreat).

RETREAT: Transportation; Draft Agenda

- Passed out copies of lunch menus and draft agenda.
- Committee members had to reselect their lunch selection to include only one lunch entrée and one dessert for the entire committee. Committee chose the main lunch entrée of roasted chicken and N.Y. Cheesecake for dessert.
- Jeff spoke with Cathy Bankson and she said the draft agenda was fine. She would like about 3 hours for her presentation. Discuss items, break the committee into groups and do individual activities.
- Allocate George Sharp an hour for his Olmstead presentation after Cathy's presentation.
- Jeff stated that it would be a good idea for a staff member to visit the meeting room ahead of time for any other arrangements. Larry Baptista volunteered to examine the room. Cathy would like a presentation board with easel.
- Committee members would like a map to the retreat.
- Members are to meet at the County office building on Hackett Rd. at 9am and will provide transportation for those who would not like to drive.

UPDATE HOMEMAKER MODE

- Passed out draft of Homemaker position.
- The Justification has already been given by the CEO's office.
- The County would do their own recruitment and interviews. The interviews do not have to follow the regular interview process.

- A job flyer will be generated and the position advertised.
- County Social workers who have worked as Certified Nursing Assistants in the past felt that even without benefits we would get applicants because the working conditions would be better.
- Connie suggested changing the word “Incumbents” on the second paragraph, second sentence, to “Homemakers”.
- Paramedical services were not included as a service that Homemakers would provide.
- Discussion about caregiver training for new Homemakers.
- Madelyn Amaral suggested having Area Agency on Aging or Catholic Charities come in and do a presentation to the committee on what kind of services they provide.

DISCUSSION OF CWDA ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE’S “IHSS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE”

- Madelyn expressed concern about the fraud issue. Paul said that info was in there because the program costs too much and they thought they would save money.
- Committee decided to discuss at a later agenda after the retreat meeting.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- None presented.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned @ 2:36 p.m.
Larry Baptista, Recorder