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## STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

02/27/04

Committee Members Present:	Jeffrey Lambaren Dwight Bateman Connie Muller George Sharp	Jose Acosta Kenny Brown Christine Munoz Linda White	Madelyn Amaral Rose Martin Ora Scruggs
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Committee Members Absent:

IHSS Staff Present:	Paul Birmingham Ken Patterson	Jan Holden Robert Taylor	Maria Childers Veronica Melgoza
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### OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:12 PM

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Announcement made for public comment by Chairman, Jeff Lambaren.
- None were presented.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- February 13, 2004 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept the minutes as corrected

### UNION UPDATE

- Jeff announced the Union has not met since our last meeting. Next meeting is on Thursday March 4, 2004.
- Ken Patterson announced that he and Gina Leguria, chief labor negotiator for the county will be meeting in a closed session with the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 2, 2004

### BUDGET UPDATE

- Paul announced that there has not been a CDWA Meeting.
- There seems to be no desire to cut the entire Residual Program.
- One alternative that was presented was to do a 12-14% cut of hours across the board.
- PCSP pays for personal care.
- PCSP won't pay for a spouse to care for a spouse.
- Workers not related are eligible for PCSP.
- If a recipient only gets domestic and related services they are not eligible for PCSP.
- Madelyn says there will be problems cutting workers hours
- Residual Program pays parents of minor children

- Legislators who really support the program will opt to save the program.

### **RELATIVE PROVIDER INFORMATION**

- Jan presented a report on relative providers
- There are over 2400 providers that are categorized as relative providers
- There are 161 providers that are spouses
- There are 186 providers that are parents of minor children
- The majority of relative providers are either an adult child that is caring for their elderly or disabled parent or other relatives
- The largest category is adult children as providers for parents
- Linda wanted to know what she can do to oppose the removal of the residual program that is being proposed
- Jeff announced that she should write to her legislator
- Dwight would like the demographics of provider information; how many are living in the home. Dwight would like to take this information with them to Sacramento.
- Dwight announced that there is Senate Budget Sub Committee on IHSS in Sacramento on Thursday April 22. This is a good time for everyone to go to express their opinion, write letters and bring the recipient
- Dwight also announced that there will be a rally on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento on the budget cuts in general.
- On Thursday March 4, there is a group of advocates coming together in Sacramento to strategize and figure out how we oppose these cuts.
- Dwight spoke on AB2534, this is another fingerprint bill that was introduced. It would require a background check on every IHSS provider, this would not be optional. We do not know who will pay for this yet.
- Olmstead activities, Chesbro has introduced SB1365, mandating an Olmstead Advisory Committee for the state
- Dwight suggested that everyone personally meet with their local assembly representatives and senate representatives and bring the recipient with them. If you need resources to bring the recipient call Dwight's center and they will see what they can help with.
- Committee budget report was given out to all the members. The committee recommended to use some of this money before the end of the year to help pay for Strategic Marketing Survey.
- The committee is willing to spend a good portion for the survey. The county would have as much interest in the information as the Board, Union etc. Everyone would like to know what people think from an outside view.
- Jeff stated the committee should proceed with the survey and use part of the committee budget to fund it.
- Paul announced that one of the Governor's proposals is to do away with the mandate of the IHSS Advisory Committee.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

- Kenny announced that the report is almost completed. He is waiting to see how the elections go before writing his last article.
- Kenny needs some updated numbers, new information on IHSS fact sheet dated April 2003. Jan will provide this information.
- Kenny will have a draft at the next meeting.
- Madelyn asked if the provider information could be added to the report. Kenny said he could add the information
- Jan is going to speak to Doreen to see what the process is to pay for the report.

### **REGISTRY SOFTWARE UPDATE**

- Maria contacted Janet Clyde with RTZ Associates regarding the HOMCare software system, which is the one that San Francisco uses. Janet said they can come and do a demonstration on March 12, this is our next committee meeting. This will be free. The monthly fee is \$399.00, flat fee no matter how many users there are. It is \$2,500.00 for installation and training for staff.

- Maria submitted information to county IT staff to see if the system is compatible. If it is compatible, RTZ Associated will come and give a demonstration.
- Robert called Care Tracker, this is the software that Madera uses.
- Their initial cost is \$7,500.00 with a monthly fee of \$400.00 – 500.00.
- They import all the CMIPS information.
- These are the two systems that are used primarily through out the state.
- Jeff asked if the committee is still interested in proceeding knowing what the costs are.
- The committee agrees that they have to proceed.
- The committee wants to see both systems and compare.
- Jan announced that CareTracker will have to come in April and that is toward the end of the fiscal year. Jan said she spoke to Egon Stammler, Interim Assistant Director and they might ask CareTracker to make two presentations. This would allow our IT people to look at it and see if it is compatible. If it's compatible we would have them come again in April.
- Madelyn asked if we could schedule a special meeting. Jan said that we could check on that and see if it is possible.
- Robert gave a website [www.caretracker.com](http://www.caretracker.com), if anyone is interested in checking it out.

### **SURVEY**

- Jeff announced that we started with the funding coming from the committee.
- We have the sub-committee's work. Jeff will send it directly to Gina Donahue.
- Jeff will ask Gina Donahue if she could look at the questions that the sub-committee came up with and ask for an estimate on how much it would cost.

### **GENERAL UPDATES/CURRENT EVENTS**

- Ora asked about the computers.
- Paul announced there are no computers left.
- Paul announced his retirement and introduced Maria as the interim manager in IHSS and support to the committee.
- Ken announced that the manager positions are open to County employees only.
- Ken invited the committee to designate a member to participate on the Assistant Director interview panel.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 12 MEETING**

- Public Comment
- Union Update
- Software Presentation
- Budget/Legislature Update
- Annual Report
- Survey
- Select a member for the hiring panel
- General Updates/Current Events
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 2:33 PM  
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder