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## STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

07/09/04

Committee Members Present:

Madelyn Amaral	Kenny Brown	Rose Martin
Connie Muller	Christine Munoz	Ora Scruggs
George Sharp	Linda White	

Committee Members Absent:

*Jose Acosta	*Dwight Bateman	*Jeff Lambaren
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IHSS Staff Present:

Maria Childers	Egon Stammer	Robert Taylor
Veronica Melgoza		

\*Advance notice given.

### OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:16 PM

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Announcement made for public comment by Co-Chairman, Kenny Brown.
- None were presented.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- June 25, 2004 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept with no changes.

### UNION UPDATE

- Robert Taylor announced that there have been no changes since our last meeting. We are still heading towards impasse. The Union will go before the Board of Supervisors on 7/13/04. We will implement our last best offer of \$7.11.
- Kenny Brown asked if the \$7.11 would be for the first six months.



- Robert stated that if there is a waiver it will be \$7.11 for the first six months and then it would go to \$7.25. If there is no waiver, it will continue on at \$7.11. The pay increase should start on August 1, 2004.
- Linda White asked what happens now with the Union, if we go through impasse and they agree to \$7.11.
- Robert's understanding is that we do a fact-finding. The County will address what they feel the issues are and the Union will address what they feel the issues are. They can go before State mediation if they are not able to come to an agreement after fact-finding.
- Kenny Brown asked if it was known when the waiver is going to go through.
- Maria Childers announced that at the present time we don't know.
- Maria Childers announced that the Federal Government is asking the State questions about the IHSS program.
- Madelyn Amaral announced that people are asking about benefits. She understood that there could be no benefits until the wage was at \$7.50.
- Robert Taylor stated that \$7.50 is only the trigger for Public Authority, for State participation. Benefits could be offered at any time but the County would have to pay for all of it.

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

- Kenny Brown announced that there is still no budget. We don't have any new information.

### **LEGISLATION**

- There is no new information until the budget is finalized.

### **SURVEY**

- Kenny Brown and Maria Childers will be meeting with Gina Donahue on July 13<sup>th</sup> to go over the survey results.
- The committee agreed to wait until Jeff Lambaren returns to present the Board of Supervisors with the survey and annual report.

### **GENERAL UPDATE**

- Maria Childers brought brochures that have the resources in Stanislaus County, passed out to members.
- Ora Scruggs announced that the Society for Handicapped Children and Adults has moved.
- George Sharp announced that the Society for Handicapped Children and Adults is now located on 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Kenny Brown asked if we could get some annual reports made with a little thicker cover to give to the Board of Supervisors. We will check with office services. We will need about 10-15.
- Egon Stammer announced that Board of Supervisors elect Jim D. Martini went on 3 home visits with an IHSS social worker. He wanted to understand more of what we do, what IHSS is, and what kind of services we provide.
- Veronica Melgoza, committee clerk will send Jim D. Martini a schedule of our meetings and an annual report.
- Christine Munoz suggested we send a schedule and an annual report to Ken Carlson at the Modesto Bee.
- Ora Scruggs announced that there is a Legal Service Hot Line for Seniors. They handle any case for \$40.00 an hour. The number is 1-800-222-1753.
- Madelyn Amaral announced that there is an AM radio station out of Sacramento, 11:40 on the dial. On Sunday from 1-2 they talk about Long Term Care.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 23, 2004 MEETING**

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Minutes from 07/09/04 Meeting
- Union Update
- Budget Update
- Legislation Update
- Annual Report/Survey Presentation Date
- General Update
- Agenda Items For Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 2:29 PM  
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder