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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

09/24/04

Committee Members Present:

Jeff Lambaren	Jose Acosta	Madelyn Amaral
Dwight Bateman	Rose Martin	Connie Muller
Ora Scruggs	George Sharp	Linda White

Committee Members Absent:

*Kenny Brown

IHSS Staff Present:

Egon Stammer	Robert Taylor	Veronica Melgoza
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*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- September 10, 2004 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept with corrections.



UNION UPDATE

- Jeff announced that the Union is going to count whether they have sufficient ballots to become an agency shop. The count will take place Monday September 27th at 1:30.
- Naria from the Union announced that there will be a reception at the Union office at 4:00 and everyone is invited.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Jeff requested that we get the committee's budget for the next meeting.
- Dwight stated that this should be a regular item on our agenda.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Jeff announced that the Governor vetoed the Matthews Bill AB 824, saying it was not feasible at this time. The Governor said this issue is worthy of consideration in future budget discussions but the state cannot afford to add additional costs to the current budget.
- Jeff asked if anyone had information on AB 1470, this is direct payment to providers. Dwight and George said they had passed this bill.
- Dwight will check on AB 2783, this would put \$2.00 on every real estate transaction and this would go into a fund for the Elder Abuse Protection Trust Fund.
- Jeff announced that we received a response from Senator Poochigian. He thanked us for our letter but this bill died in Senate.

BYLAWS

- Jeff stated that we are thinking about amending our Bylaws to include a leave of absence.
- Ora suggested we put a temporary person in Kenny's position.
- Jeff stated that putting a temporary person in Kenny's position may cause some concern to the Board of Supervisors.
- Dwight stated he felt more comfortable with amending the bylaws adding a Leave of Absence. The committee agreed. This is in section 5 of the Bylaws.
- Dwight suggested that 3 members be assigned to work on the Bylaws since we have other Bylaws issues that are coming up especially if we are headed to a Public Authority.
- Ora stated that she thought we already had a Bylaws committee. Staff will check the past minutes.
- Dwight, Ora and Connie will be on the Bylaws committee if we do not already have one.
- Jeff stated that we need to add the appointing process of new members to our Bylaws. The Board appoints the members but we need to add something about the process for new members. This is in section 3 of the Bylaws.
- Jeff stated that the Bylaws committee will work on the process for new members, leave of absence and Public Authority.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff stated that our last discussion revolved around the legality for individuals to be employees of the Public Authorities and employees of the county. There are many examples throughout the state where this is totally ignored.
- The committee agrees that they need to get it together to discuss Public Authority, do it with integrity, and present it to the Board of Supervisors.
- Egon stated that we need to put the Public Authority together by January, that we do it legally and try to maintain our existing structure.
- Motion was made and passed that we take our recommendation to become a Public Authority to the Board of Supervisors.
- Connie suggested we have a retreat to discuss the Public Authority.
- Jeff stated once we find out what the committee's budget is we can look at planning a retreat.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Robert announced that the State is committed and moving forward. Robert stated that Maria had attended a meeting on Wednesday September 22nd. State is looking to see how this is going to be created as far as regulations for it, training etc.

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

- Sharon Mabry is a provider and is very interested in becoming a member. Sharon will attend our October 22nd meeting.
- We went through our current waiting list and there are now only two providers on the list that are still interested in the committee.
- Jeff announced that we have to discuss the procedure on how we open our waiting list to others who are interested in joining the committee.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Jeff brought up a couple of projects that we can later discuss with the committee.
- Would the committee like to have a person of the year? This is a project that the committee can work on together. The committee can submit names; we could have a provider, recipient and or a public person that has done a lot for IHSS.
- The winner could receive a small medallion and maybe we could have an awards dinner.
- Another project would be to develop a web site for the committee. We could have our annual report and other information about IHSS on the internet.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 8th MEETING

- Union Update
- Committee Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Bylaws
- Public Authority
- Quality Assurance
- Discussion on retreat related to a Public Authority
- Future projects for committee
- General Update
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 2:37 PM
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder