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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 10/28/05

Committee Members Present:

Jose Acosta Kenny Brown Ora Scruggs Madelyn Amaral Mary Burch Linda White

Dwight Bateman Connie Muller

Committee Members Absent:

*Rose Martin

*George Sharp

IHSS Staff Present:

Jeff Lambaren Robert Taylor Maria Childers Veronica Melgoza

Egon Stammler

*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by Kenny Brown

• Meeting called to order at 11:20AM

PUBLIC COMMENT

• Kenny Brown thanked Jeff Lambaren for hosting the Open House

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

• September 9, 2005 minutes: Motion M/S/A made to accept by Connie Muller, seconded by Ora Scruggs, motion passed.



PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff Lambaren gave a presentation, it was about IHSSAC and had an update on Public Authority. The Public Authority staff was also introduced in the presentation. The selection for the Accountant's position will be sometime in November.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that the logo for the Public Authority will be put on the building, the logo is LinkCare
- 12/09/05 is the one year anniversary of the Public Authority, accomplishments to date are: the office, staff, and in December the registry will be in-house
- Jeff Lambaren distributed a handout on CICA (California IHSS Consumers Alliance), it's a statewide coalition of consumers.
- CICA represents the consumers view point and IHSS issues
- CICA was formed in June of 2005, it costs \$2000.00 to join, a packet was passed out with info on CICA
- Madelyn Amaral feels this is a duplicate of the Public Authority

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Maria Childers stated the Governor vetoed the bill (AB 899) that was proposed to provide 6 hours of training to IHSS providers.
- Jeff Lambaren announced that CAPA sent out a request for new legislation for the coming year asking for 40 hours of training.
- Maria Childers stated that AB 776 was vetoed; this bill proposed not to increase providers insurance for providing transportation to their clients.

• ANNUAL REPORT/PROFESSIONAL HELP

- Kenny Brown asked if there was an update on the annual report.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that he has the direction of the Advisory Committee to make a high quality production and the committee likes the larger size.
- Jeff Lambaren has the Public Authorities information; over the next month a sample will be made and presented to the committee.

BUDGET/STATE

• Jeff Lambaren stated that it's a slow time right now for budget, it will get busy in January. Hopefully IHSS will be left alone.

HOT TOPICS

- Providers are still under UDW with new administration.
- Dwight Bateman suggested that the Union come and give the committee an update on what their activities are, let the Advisory committee know who they are, and what they are doing. Dwight Bateman made a motion to request the Union to come, Madelyn seconded the motion and motion passed.
- Jeff Lambaren will send a letter to the Union requesting that they come and give a presentation.
- Linda White announced that she received an invitation to a County retreat.
- Kenny Brown has been to the retreat in the past and highly recommends it to those who are interested in going.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Connie Muller asked about recruiting new members, we have 3 members whose terms are up in December 2005.
- Mary Burch stated that she filled out an application and delivered it to the Board of Supervisors.
- Jeff Lambaren will inquire to the Board of Supervisors to see if they have a list of prospective members in joining the committee. The Board of Supervisors appoints new members.

- Jeff Lambaren will seek authority to send out solicitations for members, if the Board of Supervisors does not have a list of prospective members.
- Madelyn Amaral asked if the Bylaws could be changed to alter term dates.
- Kenny Brown stated that he wouldn't suggest doing that because it would be like we are trying to meddle with the term dates to keep people on.
- Jeff Lambaren suggested that the Bylaws be amended to allow the members to stay on until their positions were filled.
- Dwight Bateman requested that a draft be made to amend the Bylaws and present it at the next meeting.
- Jeff Lambaren will make a draft and present it at the next meeting.
- Kenny Brown stated that when the committee was first formed, the members were given two and three-year terms so everyone wouldn't end at the same time. Now all terms are two years.
- Kenny Brown announced that our next meeting is on November 18th at 1:00pm. IHSSAC meetings will now be held at the Public Authority office.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:10 PM Veronica Melgoza, Recorder