

contacted nights and weekends to go and work. Jeff will be visiting other Public Authorities who are using similar systems to try and develop a system for Stanislaus County.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- The budget shortfall is still the main focus of the legislature right now. There is a \$14 billion dollar deficit, so the governor has proposed a 10% across the board, in addition to other cuts. The other cuts include: selling emergency bonds, suspending bond payments, suspending Proposition 98, early release of “non-violent” inmates, cuts to the Medi-cal program, closing 48 state parks, sanctioning non-compliant Cal-Works families (rather than just the parents), suspending the SSI/SSP COLA this June and in 2009. This would be the State contribution only. Federal COLA is still available. The cuts that will affect IHSS the most are a proposed cut to the IHSS domestic and related tasks (these are the non-medical tasks).
- IHSS proposed cuts are in the hours allotted for domestic & related tasks (non-medical) as well as IHSS administration. Additionally, the proposal calls for 18 month evaluations instead of the 12 month evaluations currently being done. Provider wages and benefits have not been affected. The cuts to IHSS hours would be done automatically by CMIPS based on the evaluation done by the Social Worker using today’s standards. Cuts are anticipated to be about 18% of the domestic and related hours. Approximately 97% of IHSS cases have domestic and related services as part of their overall IHSS hours.
- Funding for fingerprinting was approved by the State last year, but lack of funding this year means the State will not participate. Federal funds are still available, but State funds were not authorized.
- The healthcare proposal is on hold until the budget issues have been resolved.

LEADERSHIP PLANNING

- Time was spent brainstorming ideas for the upcoming year, and projects the Committee would like to pursue. The following topics were suggested:
 - Send another postcard for new members at the end of 2008, to replace members whose terms will be ending.
 - Discuss the emergency response plan for the county and make suggestions for the Special Populations survey that is currently being done. Kenny suggested asking the OES to come and present as part of this project.
 - Research communication options to reach IHSS participants. A mass calling device, mass e-mail device, etc. to be considered and recommended.
 - Additional training for IHSS Advisory Committee members in personnel issues. This includes a review of the Criminal History Matrix as well as a review of the forms and materials needed to review IHSS Registry Providers want to appeal their status.
 - Act as a sounding board for the Link2Care training classes and the new ideas for the “academy” format.
 - Explore the idea of an internship for the Public Authority, DRAIL, or possibly sponsor a portion of the MSW scholarship program at CSA.
 - Review the Annual Survey information and look at updating/revising the questions.
- Jeff challenged the committee to bring any issues affecting the community and any process improvements they see to the Committee for review and action.
- The Adult Services committee shared some of their goals for the next year. Anne Danhoff expressed that joining with the IHSSAC would allow county program staff from various departments to gain insight from the consumers and providers on IHSS, since they do not have as much public/end user involvement as the IHSSAC. Gerry expanded on this, giving a history of the ASAC, stating it is difficult to get community involvement for their Committee. Kenny from the IHSSAC suggested meeting quarterly together.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Anne Danhoff from the Adult Services Advisory Committee (ASAC) gave a handout regarding the Elder Justice Act. The ASAC supported this legislation and sent a letter to the legislature voicing their support. Anne requested the Advisory Committee review the material and consider supporting the legislation and send a letter as well. Kenny suggested this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Area Agency on Aging received a grant for fall prevention education. Jeff will bring reports on the progress of this as it become available.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:10 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder