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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
07/11/08**

Committee Members Present: Mary Burch Connie Muller Jose Cisneros
Joan Blackwell Robbyn Foster Marie Cochran
Valerie Mitchell

Committee Members Absent: Kenny Brown* Jose Acosta*

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren Robert Taylor Maria Childers
Ana Enes Egon Stammler

Other Guests:

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Chair Mary Burch

- Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tamir Luqman from United Domestic Workers of America announced that there haven't been any updates since the last meeting. He mentioned that 1000 letters were sent to legislators and they're waiting to hear about the budget. Mary Burch stated she has received Thank You letters in response to the letters she wrote.
- Tamir added that although there haven't been any cuts to IHSS, that there are other areas that shouldn't be cut as well, ex: Medicare, SSI, SSP. At the forums that are continuing, there are certain agencies representing each program and everyone is being represented. There was further discussion regarding budget cuts.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- June 13, 2008 minutes: Motion to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Connie Muller, Joan Blackwell seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- The IHSS Report to the Community was presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 24th. The Board approved it, and it has been mailed out to the public. Extra reports are available for all who would like to pass them out.
- Jeff announced the Budget is currently at a stalemate. Mary Burch asked what if the budget is not passed. Jeff discussed that the State is anticipated to run out of money in September. Drastic changes will be made. Once the State runs out of options the budget will be passed.



- George Sharp announced that the SSI/SSP COLA has been resolved. The conference committee suspended the 08/09 state portion of COLA. There was a 5 to 0 vote. Everyone receiving SSI/SSP will not receive COLA. The State COLA is gone.
- Jeff announced that he is working to be a presenter at the Healthy Aging Summit. If Link2Care participates, it would be a way to recruit Providers and inform the public about the program. It will be held on Friday, October 10th.
- Jeff also stated that Link2Care is working with Senior Fall Prevention Coalition. It is known that most people don't die from the actual fall, but die from complications of the fall. The fall prevention survey is completed and they want to work on a pamphlet. This year the Healthy Aging Summit will have a special section for fall prevention information and to obtain assistance.
- Link2Care is working with Senior Prevention and Early Intervention Program for seniors with mental health needs. Prop 63 monies are being used. There will be a retreat in January and they will be doing depression screenings. Margie Palomino & Micki Peabody will attend initial meeting and then report back to group for additional action.
- Jeff read from the Modesto Bee that there was a heat related death in Modesto. A 91 year old female died of a heatstroke. The A/C in her mobile home was not working. Jeff reminded everyone that if you know people that are isolated to check on them when temperatures are high. Also that Area Agency on Aging would have information about assistance. Stanislaus County's Public Health Officer, Dr. Walker was on TV and mentioned that a person's core body temperature needs to come down for a while, and then you would be able to tolerate the heat.
- Maria Childers mentioned that 2 years ago we had many heat related deaths. They have identified clients that don't have A/C, so they can be contacted right away when temperatures are high. The IHSS Program does recommend cooling areas to those who don't have A/C. In the past, TID has helped with the purchase of A/C for low income residents. Robbyn Foster brought up that there are city programs that help with heat relief.
- Janie Whiteford, who is the CICA President, is willing to come to IHSSAC meeting and speak. Jeff had us watch a clip of a video that Janie was in. Mary Burch agreed it was a good idea for Janie to attend a meeting. Jeff will work out the details and update the committee during next months meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- There was a revision to the Brown Act that became effective July 1, 2008. The Brown Act requires local legislative bodies make copies of agendas, reports and other agenda materials available to the public at the time they are provided to members of the legislative body. SB-343 requires a non-confidential agenda item should be distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting at which it will be discussed.

APPROVE BYLAWS

- Jeff went over the corrections in Section 4D. Robbyn moved that the revisions were acceptable, Joan seconded.
- Jeff mentioned that there are 2 positions still available for the Advisory Committee. There first needs to be a Consumer, then a Provider or advocate. If anyone knows anyone that is interested they need to apply at the Board of Supervisors located on 1010 10th St.

MEDIA PROJECT

- Robbyn mentioned that she has her camera, but doesn't have a cord to be able to put the video on a disc. She will need a list of Consumers and Providers. Suggested to try and record in October/November.
- Discussion about getting a camera for the Advisory Committee took place. Jeff mentioned that there is a generally a concern regarding electrical equipment. Jeff would look into it.

- Jeff suggested that we should develop a script with questions for Consumers and Providers. Robbyn agreed. Jeff recommended that everyone come up with questions and we can agree on key points that we want to get across. We would also need to get a release.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Jeff passed out business cards for members. There have been a few new committee members who didn't receive them.
- George announced that DRAIL office was moving from McHenry Ave to 920 12th Street. New office will be open Monday. The phone number and website are still the same.
- Tamir asked for us not to forget about the Placer & Butte county residents dealing with the fires. There are people that are still evacuating. If you have extra time, contact Red Cross to try and help. You can contact UDW & they will have a plan on how to help.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:55 PM,
Ana Enes, Recorder