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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
02/13/09**

Committee Members Present: Linda White  
Joan Blackwell Valerie Mitchell  
Robbyn Foster Rose Martin

Committee Members Absent: Marie Cochran  
Connie Muller\* Jose Cisneros

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Robert Taylor  
Maria Childers Jeff Lambaren

Other Guests: George Sharp

\*Advance notice given.

**OPENING REMARKS by Temporary Chair Valerie Mitchell**

- Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- George Sharp from DRAIL announced the Dare to Care Campaign (Home Care Challenge) that many agencies are working towards. The challenge has been given to legislators to "shadow" an IHSS consumer for a few hours. He is requesting Consumers to volunteer to have a profile done and be available if their legislator commits to the challenge. They have had five legislators commit so far, and are hoping to have many more take up the challenge. The goal is to have five Consumers in each county do a profile and be available to a legislator. Interested consumers can contact George at DRAIL for the paperwork.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- January 9, 2009 minutes: Motion to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Linda White, Robbyn Foster seconded, motion passed.

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY**

- Jeff requested feedback from the Committee members on the retreat last month, and the effectiveness of meeting with other committee groups. Member feedback was positive, with good comments being made about the Alzheimers presentation. Jeff suggested that having more time for personal interaction would be helpful, and other members agreed that time for networking would be a improvement we could make next year.

- Jeff stated that due to budget issues, the Committee retreat will not include meals. Next year the meeting could be held at the Institute, and possibly a potluck would be an option for meals.

## **LEGISLATION**

- George Sharp reported there may be a budget agreement that has been reached, but there has been no formal announcement. Details have been “leaking” that the SSI COLA may be in jeopardy, and they must give 30 day notice if there is a change. IHSS could be affected, but it is dependent on the amount given to the State through the Federal economic stimulus plan. More details are expected shortly, when the formal announcement regarding the budget is made.

## **MEDIA PROJECT**

- Robbyn stated the sub-committee met and requested information packets from three productions companies. The packets have not arrived yet, but when they do she will bring them to the Committee for review.
- Jeff stated he has assigned Jennifer DeSanto to serve on the Media sub-committee to assist with documentation, bids, follow-up and costs/budget, etc.
- Anne Danhoff in Adult Services has a DVD that was created regarding Elder Abuse. When the final DVDs are distributed, the PA will obtain a copy for review and potential “Best Practices” in the area of media production.

## **CONSUMER/PROVIDER SURVEY UPDATE**

- The survey was mailed early February, and is due back on February 17<sup>th</sup>. To date, 181 Provider surveys and 241 Recipient surveys have been received. A total of 350-375 surveys are needed for a statistically valid sample. Changes were made to the questions this year to help the Committee take action if certain areas are found to be lacking.
- Once enough surveys are received, they will be given to Strategic+Marketing for analysis and a report will be generated and presented to the committee.

## **GENERAL UPDATE**

- A draft of the Advisory Committee Annual Report was circulated. Layout and design was discussed, along with a request for updated member biographies and pictures. This item will be placed on the agenda at next month’s meeting.

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