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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
08/14/09**

Committee Members Present: Linda White Valerie Mitchell Rose Martin
Connie Muller Marie Cochran
Joan Blackwell Jose Cisneros

Committee Members Absent: Robbyn Foster

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Egon Stammmler Ana Enes
Robert Taylor
Jeff Lambaren
Other Guests: Supervisor DeMartini

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Co-Chair Valerie Mitchell

- Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- July 10, 2009 minutes: Motion to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Connie Muller, Rose Martin seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff thanked Egon for filling in at the last meeting since he was gone because of his Furlough day.
- Jeff reported things have changed in regards to the Public Authority moving to CSA. The other CSA programs that were going to move aren't moving anymore. There is space available, but not as much as we have here. So for now we are staying.
- The IHSSAC has been asked to sponsor another ad for the Eldercare directory. CSA this year will probably not include an ad, so IHSSAC doesn't have to participate. Linda motioned for the Advisory Committee to sponsor an ad, Rose seconded. Motion passed. Jeff said at the next meeting he would provide a mock-up ad, and there'd need to be a decision made if any changes need to be made.

LEGISLATION/BUDGET UPDATE



- Jeff went over what the finalized budget requires. Consumers who have an overall Functional Index score of less than 2 would be eliminated from the program. There was an estimate made for July which showed 763 people would be eliminated from the program.
- Also those with a FI of less than 4 in Domestic & related services would lose that portion of services. State is trying to have this take effect Sept 1st. State is behind and we don't think it will happen that quickly. We are still waiting for directions from the state.
- Jeff announced if anyone wants to know what their FI score is, they would need to contact their Social Worker.
- Another thing included in the budget is all Providers would need to attend an orientation, not only the Providers on the registry. The majority of the Providers receive a hire packet, but now the orientation is a requirement. We are waiting for official information of what they are going to do as far as the orientation.
- All Recipients & Providers now need to be finger printed. The Recipients won't have any cost associated with fingerprinting, but the Providers will. Timecards will change as well and both the Provider and Recipient will need to put their finger print on the time sheet. This is all to prevent fraud. Discussion regarding finger printing.
- A lawsuit was filed by the Union to stop wages from being cut. They are currently in court. State is behind on regulations, so it's a waiting game now.

PRIORITY PLANNING

- Jeff went over the 08/09 Advisory Committee Budget. Only 39% of the budgeted funds were used for the year.
- An agenda item for next meeting was made to go over the allocations and categories for this year.

DISCUSSION OF 2010 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

- The IHSS Advisory Committee Report to the Community was mailed out and we received two comments. First comment was the report was wonderful and thank you for sending it. Second comment was that the recipient felt the report was extravagant. Both her and her IP received one. She feels that we shouldn't be spending money with all of the cuts that are going on.
- Valerie commented that we stayed below budget. She also mentioned before she was a committee member, she enjoyed receiving the reports. It made her aware of many things and of the committee.
- Jeff suggested saving money by sending postcards instead of mass mailing. If they return the postcard we can send them a report. It would help save on cost of printing and mailing. Something the committee should think about, and can be discussed later.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT

- Committee members discussed the options of topics that can be spoken about during the retreat with the ASAC and COA this year. Meals will not be paid for anyone else besides the IHSSAC, so pot luck was agreed upon. Retreat will still be held at CCIII in the January meeting.

DISCUSSION OF GOVERNOR'S WEBCAST FROM 7/10 MEETING

- Discussion of the web cast and fraud issues were discussed.
- Many committee members feel that everyone on the program is being punished and treated like criminals.

GENERAL UPDATE

- No general updates at this time.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:20 PM,
Ana Enes, Recorder