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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
10/02/09**

Committee Members Present: Marie Cochran
Rose Martin
Joan Blackwell

Committee Members Absent: Jose Cisneros* Valerie Mitchell*
Linda White* Robbyn Foster
Connie Muller*

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Maria Childers Jeff Lambaren
Jennifer DeSanto

Other Guests:

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Marie Cochran

- Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Quorum not present. Acceptance of minutes deferred until next meeting.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff reminded the committee that the Healthy Aging Summit is next Friday at the Modesto Center Plaza from 8am-1pm. Flu shots, pharmaceutical reviews, and other health screenings will be available to participants. There is no fee to attend the summit.
- CICA (California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance) Save the Date cards for their annual conference were given to members. The annual conference is Jan 22-24, 2010 in San Jose. Members can use committee funds for travel, but must report to the committee upon their return. Jeff encouraged anyone interested in attending to let the PA staff know so reservations could be made.

LEGISLATION/BUDGET UPDATE

- The state sent out ACL 09-52 (Provider), 09-53 (Public Authority) and 09-56 (Consumer) this morning, and staff have been reviewing the updates. There are still a lot of questions, but



information regarding the consumer program cuts, PA funding cuts and new provider enrollment requirements were addressed.

- Highlights of the consumer cuts were as follows: ACL 09-56 stated that recipients with an overall functional index of less than 2 will no longer receive services. There are exceptions noted; if a recipient needs protective supervision or has paramedical services, they would be exempted (unless the federal government overrides these exemptions). Also, any recipient with a domestic and related services functional index of less than 4 would lose domestic and related services.
- A notice of action will be sent to all Recipients that will be affected by these changes. Recipients can appeal the decision, and they can request "Aid Paid Pending" within the first 10 days of receiving the notice. If they wait longer than 10 days, they can still appeal the decision, but cannot request Aid Paid Pending. Aid Paid Pending allows the Recipient to continue to receive services until a decision is reached. If the decision is a denial, services do not have to be repaid.
- Recipients can appeal based on their functional index score if it was incorrectly calculated. They cannot appeal based on the law itself.
- Jeff & Maria reminded the Committee that there are still a lot of outstanding questions remaining as to the implementation of the cuts, and that there are legal actions in place to try and prevent some of the changes. The outcome of these decisions and their impact are still unknown.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

- No new information to report.

DISCUSSION OF 2010 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

- Sample media presentation given to the members. The presentation shows the format and quality available for a web based report for 2010. Response to this format was positive.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT

- Jeff gave a handout with a list of possible topics and asked members to rank their top three choices. PA staff will compile the results in order to choose two or three topics for the retreat.
- The Institute is not available on January 8th. A new date for the retreat will need to be chosen.

GENERAL UPDATE

- CMIPS II will be replacing the current software used for the IHSS program. The new changes to the system will not significantly affect Recipients, but Providers will see changes. Timecards will be processed at a central location, so providers will no longer be able to turn in timecards at the Hackett road facility. The update to CMIPS II will take place in August of 2010, but Providers will see changes before then as the county begins to prepare for implementation.
- Providers will also see changes to the way timecards look, and will be changed from a decimal system to a minutes system. Currently time is reported in decimals, such as 4.5 hours (4 hours, 30 minutes). That will be changed to 4:30 to reflect 30 minutes.
- Rose asked if the stipend payments could be direct deposited. PA staff will research this and let her know.
- Rose reported that the Medical Retail Outlet on Coffee Road will give a 25% discount on shower orders of 4 or more. If any of the members are interested, please let Rose know. She will bring more information to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:00 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder