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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
12/11/09**

Committee Members Present: Marie Cochran
Robbyn Foster Linda White
Joan Blackwell Connie Muller

Committee Members Absent: Rose Martin* Valerie Mitchell*
Jose Cisneros

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Egon Stammer Jeff Lambaren
Jennifer DeSanto

Other Guests: Tamir Luqman

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Robbyn Foster

- Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Acceptance of minutes from 11/13/09: Motion to accept made by Connie Muller, Joan Blackwell seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- New orientations are going well. We've had about 12 orientations completed so far. A new state injunction occurred after orientations started, so there was a change in the process which affected some state forms that were being used. The Public Authority was only doing the pilot process for this change, and IHSS will be taking over operations in January. The Public Authority and IHSS have a database they are using to track all providers to ensure they meet the new requirements by the deadline.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- No legislative updates at this time.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT



- The speakers for this event have been contacted. Details have not been finalized, but the speakers for the top choices of Nutrition and Stress Reduction appear to be available to present.
- Menu items for retreat were presented to committee. After discussion, members voted to use Panda Express for the meal option.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Extension requests for the advisory committee members who chose to extend their terms has been submitted to the Board for approval.
- The annual Advisory Committee survey will be coming soon. The survey is set to be mailed out at the end of January, and surveys will be due February 17th. We should receive results by the end of March. The survey will be modified this year, due to the fact that the newsletter is no longer sent in hard copy to IHSS Consumers and Providers. Questions will be added about the new enrollment process.
- General budget forecasts have been made, and all indications are that next year the budget will be worse than it was this year. Egon indicated these changes have been very difficult on county staff, since the changes add to the workload, but we cannot assign staff to handle new assignments because they are changing so quickly.
- Robbyn asked about the recipient fingerprinting. At this point, no recipients are required to go through the livescan process, but the state is still pursuing the requirement for recipients to put a fingerprint on the timecard in the future.
- Linda asked about the lawsuits and timeframes for resolution. Egon indicated that there is no specific timeline, as each lawsuit is unique. The lawsuits will be handled in the court system in which they were filed, and the timelines can vary dramatically.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:54 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder