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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
05/20/2011**

Committee Members Present:	Joan Blackwell Rose Martin	Linda White
Committee Members Absent:	Marie Cochran Valerie Mitchell	Carmen Morad
IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present:	Jeff Lambaren Alyssa Grayson	Maria Osuna-Baldwin
Others	Connie Muller	

**OPENING REMARKS by Linda White**

- Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Connie Muller, former IHSS Advisory Committee member mentioned that she was contacted by Jeff regarding a possible interview by a reporter. The CAPA Executive Director contacted Jeff for a list of possible candidates. Connie did receive a call from the groups media consultant but did not receive a call from the Bee reporter.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- Meeting minutes from the December 10, 2010 and March 18, 2011 meetings could not be accepted due to lack of a quorum.

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE**

- Jeff reported that things continue to change:
  - There has been another proposed cut to the Public Authority. Stanislaus County Public Authority has a unique relationship within the county, which allows for the ability to share resources (people and places), without this relationship the Public Authority would have faced devastating budget cuts.
  - Linda asked a question regarding the IHSS Advisory Committee (IHSSAC) and the Public Authority Advisory Committee (PAAC). Due to the changes in legislation, the County is no longer *required* to have an IHSSAC. However, the Public Authority is still required to have an advisory committee. Previously, the



IHSSAC was meeting the requirements for both entities. Since the County is no longer required to have an advisory committee, it will be up to the Board of Supervisors to decide whether or not they would like to continue to have an advisory committee. Even if the Board of Supervisors decides not to have an advisory committee, the Public Authority will still be required to have an advisory committee. Until the final budget deal is done, the IHSSAC will continue. After passage of the complete budget, Jeff will develop options and recommendations for the Board of Supervisors. Some of the questions that will need to be answered include how often and how long the committee would meet, whether a stipend would be available, and what would be required of the committee. Jeff will obtain further details.

### **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

- On March 24, 2011, the Governor signed the Budget Trailer bill Assembly Bill (AB) 72, which contained information about changes in the IHSS program. Collectively AB 72 and AB 97 solved about half of the State's \$25 billion budget deficit. The Governor wanted to present a tax extension plan to the voters which would solve the other half of the State's budget deficit. In order to put the tax extension plan on the June ballot, the Governor needed Republican support. The Governor did not get the needed support and other options are now being considered. There was some good budget news, the State has received more in revenue than expected, reducing the budget deficit to \$9.6 billion.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- As part of AB 72, the State developed a plan to reduce Medi Cal costs. The plan calls for the use of medication dispensers for Medi-Cal individuals who have multiple medications and have compliance issues. The plan is expected to save as much as \$140 million by reducing the costs of medication-related hospital visits. If it is found that this program is unsuccessful, then they will go back and cut \$140 million from the IHSS program.
- Provider Tax, which was enacted last year, as a way to draw down additional federal revenue has yet to be implemented. The State is still working with the federal government on implementation issues.
- The across-the-board 3.6% cut in IHSS Recipient hours went into effect February 1, 2011. All IHSS Recipients received a 3.6% reduction in their Authorized Hours.
- Community First Choice Option (CFCO) will allow states to receive additional federal funding for some of the IHSS activities that are currently provided.
- Medical/Physician's certification will be required for all cases. Each new case will require the medical evaluation form be received prior to the Recipient being approved. Existing cases will require the medical evaluation form to be completed during the annual reassessment.

### **ACTION PLANNING FOR 2011**

- The Committee's meeting schedule was discussed. The Committee currently meets 4 times per year. Jeff discussed with the Committee the possibility of meeting twice per year, but making the meetings longer and having a presentation or project goal for the

extended meeting. There was a lively discussion about the pros and cons of a twice per year meeting schedule. No decision was made. Today's attendees agreed to participate under the Public Authority Advisory Committee if that option is selected by the Board of Supervisors.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT**

- Former IHSSAC member Connie Muller was not able to attend the ethics training. A discussion was held regarding the Advisory Committee members requirement to attend the ethics training. Since the committee members are no longer receiving any stipends and are volunteering, do they need to attend? Jeff will follow up on this question and report back to the Committee in September.

### **NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 16, 2011 at CC III. The potluck will start at 12 p.m. with the IHSSAC meeting starting at 1 p.m. The theme for the potluck will be Mexican food.
- All of the agenda items on the May 20<sup>th</sup> agenda will be carried forward to the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Meeting adjourned @ 2:37 PM.  
Alyssa Grayson, Recorder*