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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 12/14/07

Committee Members Present:	Kenny Brown Joan Blackwell Jose Cisneros	Linda White Mary Burch Marie Cochran	Connie Muller Jose Acosta George Sharp
Committee Members Absent:	Dwight Bateman Rose Martin		
IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present:	Maria Childers Jennifer DeSanto	Jeff Lambaren Egon Stammler	
*Advance notice given.			

OPENING REMARKS by Chair Linda White

• Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

• Member of the public, Feliciana, stated she attended today to learn more about the committee and is interested in becoming a member.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

• November 9, 2007 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Kenny Brown, Mary Burch seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff welcomed the members of the public and showed an example of the postcard sent to all Providers and Recipients regarding the Advisory Committee. The postcard generated over seventy phone calls with people wanting to learn more. Jeff thanked Kenny for his work on the design, and Jennifer for getting it into production.
- A handout of member terms was distributed, and an explanation of the bylaws was given. Four members have terms ending this month (December) and are not eligible for re-appointment. All five districts are now represented by committee members.
- Direct deposit notices are to be sent to Providers around March 15th, 2008. Notices will be sent to providers stating they can complete the paperwork in May.
- Social Security approved a cost of living increase of 2.3% effective January 2008.
- The State is doing a consumer survey, they anticipate sending the survey out in January. This survey will be sent to consumers throughout the entire state.
- John Oushan is no longer our administrative assistant, so we will be recruiting for a new admin early next year.





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- A budget update was given, and there is a large deficit in the California budget. The governor has indicated there may be a 10% across the board cut, but other options are being considered as well.
- AB1X, the Healthcare Reform bill, has been tabled due to the severe deficit currently being faced.
- Proposition 93, a term limits bill is being proposed this bill would increase the number of terms allowed. If this bill does not pass, Speaker Nunes will not be eligible for re-appointment, and he has been a major advocate for the IHSS program.
- Proposition 58 (passed 2004), requires a balanced budget, but does allow for the governor to declare a fiscal emergency in order to cover a deficit, so the governor may use that option for this year's fiscal shortfall.

COMMUNITY MARKETING UPDATE

• The postcard, StaRT bus ads, MAX bus ads have all been sent or placed. The bus bench ads have also been placed in various locations around Modesto (downtown, the mall, by the social security office, near Doctors Hospital and near MOCSE Credit Union).

RETREAT PLANNING

• January 11th, the IHSS AC retreat will be held in conjunction with the Adult Services Advisory Committee at Appetez restaurant in Modesto.

GENERAL UPDATE

 Maria Childers gave additional information regarding direct deposit. Only providers who have been working for at least 90 days are eligible. If providers have a period of 60 days without turning in timecards (or using the direct deposit account) the direct deposit will be cancelled. Paperwork is required for each recipient the provider works for. Providers will still receive a pay stub showing the amount deposited and the deductions taken. The pay stub will also have the timecards attached.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:36 PM, Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder