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# STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 12/12/08

Committee Members Present: Joan Blackwell Connie Muller Rose Martin Kenny Brown Robbyn Foster Marie Cochran

Kenny Brown Robbyn Foster Valerie Mitchell Linda White

Committee Members Absent: Mary Burch\* Jose Cisneros\*

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren Ana Enes Maria Childers

Other Guests: Tamir Lugman

\*Advance notice given.

# **OPENING REMARKS by Vice Chair Robbyn Foster**

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tamir Luqman from United Domestic Workers mentioned that the Governor had a special session 2 weeks ago and the IHSS cuts for 2008-2009 were brought up. There was a letter writing campaign done. There were over 1500 letters mailed to legislators asking them not to pursue the cuts.
- Tamir also mentioned that a group of people went to the Senate hearings yesterday morning.
  Providers spoke eloquent during the hearings and they hope it makes an impact on the
  Senators. During the public speaking the Republicans were looking around and not listening. A
  Democratic speaker directed a comment to the Republicans that they need to listen and that the
  cuts are harsh.
- Tamir announced that the Union is normally closed for 2 weeks, but they will be open until the 31<sup>st</sup> this year.
- Tamir thanked the IHSS Advisory Committee for signing the letters that Mike Loza brought at the last meeting.
- Robbyn Foster stated she attended the Provider appreciation day. She was very impressed by
  the speaker that spoke about Dementia. She proposed that the Advisory Committee be
  involved in helping out next year. It was enjoyable and she appreciated getting a certificate
  recognizing the work she does. Jeff mentioned that at the beginning of the new year he has a
  meeting planned with UDW to start planning in the next Provider appreciation day, and more
  information would be brought to the IHSS Advisory Committee.



#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

 November 114, 2008 minutes: Motion to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Connie Muller, Linda White seconded, motion passed.

## **PUBLIC AUTHORITY**

- Jeff asked the IHSSAC if anyone would like 2009 Calendars. Committee agreed they would, Jeff told them to tell Ana which size they want to order before they leave.
- Jeff handed out the new Elder Care Directories. Link2Care now has a supply, and if anyone would like some to hand out, just let us know.
- Jeff discussed the IHSSAC Retreat that is scheduled for January 9, 2009 at Appetez Restaurant starting at 9:45am. Invitations were passed out to everyone. Jeff reminded everyone to RSVP by 12/23 to Ana. Once confirmed the entrée selection will be verified and everyone will be notified. Jeff mentioned that Christine Applegate, the Adult Services Advisory Committee and the Commission on Aging will also be attending.
- Jeff reminded everyone that Deirdre McGrath will be discussing AB 1234 Ethics Training for Local Officials. This is a mandatory training for committee members. It is good for 2 years. If you're not able to attend, there will need to be a make up training attended. If the ethical training is not completed, IHSSAC members can't receive a stipend for attending the meetings. Also Bob Hopper will be doing a presentation on Alzheimer's.
- Jeff went over the IHSS Provider & Recipient Satisfaction surveys from last year. He went over all questions and discussed some changes on a few questions.

#### **LEGISLATION**

- Jeff read a quote from the new Legislative Analyst Mick Taylor who declared to fix the budget by tax increases it would require a 2% increase in sales & corporate tax and 15% increase on personal income taxes. To resolve it solely with cuts would need to eliminate UC/CSU funding, welfare payments, all funding for mental health, developmental services and IHSS.
- Jeff also spoke about the Budget. Failure to pass the Governor's proposed cuts and revenue increases by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, would result in a \$9 billion deficit by the end of the current fiscal year, and a \$25 billion deficit in 2009-2010.
- Jeff thanked the IHSSAC for signing the petitions at the last meeting to save the program.
- Jeff read a quote from a handout from the California Budget Project. Nobel Prize economist Joseph Stiglitz did an analysis and said it is economically preferable to raise taxes on those with high incomes than to cut state expenditures.

# **MEDIA PROJECT**

Robbyn, Connie & Rose are in the sub committee for the media project. They agreed to meet
up before the next meeting to discuss details on a timeline and a theme. Then the committee
can get bids and vote on which bid is better. Jeff offered to help write up a formal document to
get the bids.

# **GENERAL UPDATE**

- Kenny announced that he and Jennifer are expecting a baby in July. Also this was Kenny's final meeting as his term expired and he did not want to be reappointed.
- Jeff stated that Jose Acosta no longer wants to be a part of the IHSSAC. Now there are 2 vacancies, both for recipients. If anyone knows of anyone that would be interested, please have them call us at 558-4787.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:40 PM, Ana Enes, Recorder