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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
03/13/09**

Committee Members Present:	Linda White Connie Muller Marie Cochran	Valerie Mitchell Robbyn Foster Rose Martin
Committee Members Absent:	Joan Blackwell	Jose Cisneros
IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present:	Maria Childers	Jeff Lambaren

Other Guests:
**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Vice-Chair Robbyn Foster

- Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- February 13, 2009 minutes: Motion to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Linda White, Rose Martin seconded, motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Valerie Mitchell nominated Robbyn Foster to serve as chair person. Robbyn nominated Valerie to serve as Vice-chair. Nominations were accepted and approved.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- There was no specific Public Authority report given.

LEGISLATION

- There six propositions proposed for the June ballot. Jeff reviewed all of the propositions to give a general overview to the Committee.
- Jeff reported that when the State Budget was passed, there were trigger measures accepted that were dependent on \$10 billion general fund dollars being received from the Federal



Government to the State via stimulus funds. It appears that only \$8 billion will be received, which triggers changes to the budget as follows:

- The share of cost buyout for IHSS Recipients may be eliminated. This buyout helped to close the gap between Medi-cal and IHSS share of cost. This elimination would only apply to NEW IHSS cases, not those who are currently on the program.
- The cap for IHSS wages will be set at \$9.50. This does not currently affect the Stanislaus County IHSS program, but could in the future.
- The SSI/SSP benefits will be reduced by 2.3%. This would equate to a \$20 monthly decrease for singles, and \$35 for married. The stimulus package did include a one time payment of \$250 to be paid to SSI recipients though, which will help offset the reduction in monthly payment.
- The State recently reported an additional \$8 billion dollar budget deficit due to declining revenue.

MEDIA PROJECT

- The sub committee members did not meet last month, but set up a meeting for March 27th. Robbyn reported that she received information on a potential new vendor, but has been unable to reach them by phone.
- Jeff offered to get information on who produced the APS project. The “production value” of the project was well over \$100,000, but the sub-committee could benchmark this DVD and get some ideas for the scope of work needed. Jeff also re-iterated that a clear scope of work was needed so that vendors could properly quote the project.

CONSUMER/PROVIDER SURVEY UPDATE

- Jeff reported that enough surveys have been received from both Providers and Recipients. Strategic Marketing is tallying the survey results now, and we should receive the results within a month. The survey questions were modified this year, so we are hoping to get more detailed feedback from the results.

COMMITTEE REPORT UPDATE

- Jeff showed the Committee the new report cover for the 2009 Report to the Community. The report will be completed once pictures, biographies and survey results are submitted.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Connie felt that the meeting accommodations and food at the IHSS retreat were not ideal. The Committee discussed the possibility of not having food allowances in 2010, and other options for the retreat meal and location were discussed.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:46 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder