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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 04/9/10

Committee Members Present: Connie Muller Rose Martin

Robbyn Foster Valerie Mitchell Joan Blackwell Linda White

Committee Members Absent: Marie Cochran* Jose Cisneros

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Maria Childers Jeff Lambaren

Robert Taylor

Other Guests: Supervisor DeMartini George Sharp, DRAIL

*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by Robin Foster

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

 Acceptance of minutes from 03/12/10: Motion to accept made by Joan Blackwell, Linda White seconded, Connie Muller abstained, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Due to the Budget, Link2Care will be moving to the CSA building on Hackett Rd. The move will happen sometime at the end of June.
- As discussed before, all future IHSS Advisory Committee meetings can be held at County Center III, CSA or 10th street place. As soon as we have a confirmed date we will notify everyone
- There has been a big change in staffing. Jennifer is out on maternity leave. Doreen has retired and is currently working as county extra help. Jeff is assisting the Director of Adult Services.
- Jeff discussed how the IHSS Advisory Committee budget has been cut. IHSSAC received \$52,964 from state/federal funds. The money not used goes back into funding IHSS Administrative costs. This year the decision was made to take all money to save General Fund costs. There will be no more stipends and no money to participate in any activities that require funding effective the new fiscal year that starts in July. This isn't permanent, but most likely for at least 2 years.



- Jeff announced he knows it may be a hardship to some people on the committee. There is transporting available, if that is helpful to anyone in attending the meetings.
- The Registry training will be revised. It was a three day training, and is now a two day. The first day we cover all requirements for IHSS, the Registry and basics of personal care. The second day is CPR/First Aid. After the budget is settled and we know the impact on staffing, we will get the IHSSAC input on future subjects in training.

LEGISLATION

- AB 378 Provider Training Bill has been moved to the inactive file.
- AB 682 IHSS Fraud. Became a 2 year bill now.
- AB 1763 Lieu IHSS. This bill is to help people with services to remain in their home. We are asking for amendments to the bill to improve it. Union is a sponsor of the bill. The Department of Justice has concerns with the language of the bill.
- AB 1801 CDSS would convene a stakeholder group to explore funding sources, review quality data, and make recommendations toward improving IHSS. As of April 9, 2010, this bill was dropped.
- AB 1875 This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to an IHSS program
 provision. This was a spot bill. It has now been changed to a bill about homelessness and
 interagency council on homelessness. Recommend not following this bill since it now has
 nothing to do with IHSS.
- AB 1924 Would delete the limitation on a county's authority to investigate fraud in connection
 with the provision or receipt of supportive services to overpayments of \$500 or less. This bill has
 been dropped.
- AB 1970 IHSS in emergency shelters. It would authorize IHSS to be provided in emergency shelters
- AB 2073 Would establish adult day health care services as a Medi-Cal benefit for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who meet certain criteria. This bill has been dropped.
- AB 2274 Would allow a person receiving services authorized by a specified waiver to select any qualified person to provide care. This is sponsored by private homecare entities.
- Assembly Concurrent Resolution 151 (ACR 151) Resolution that would oppose any cuts.
- SB 886 Would authorize Providers to use electronic timekeeping for purposes of verifying tasks completed and ensuring quality home care for Recipients.
- SB 891 Would require the department, commencing Jan 1, 2011, and every 3 years after, to update the needs assessment tool. This is a way to get more federal money to fund IHSS. Has hope of providing another funding source for IHSS that would be economy driven.

REPORT FROM "MARCHING FOR CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE"

- UDW is a co-sponsor of Marching for California's future. The purpose of the march is to bring awareness to the cuts in state funding. Marchers are going from Los Angeles to Sacramento. They marched through Stanislaus County on March 6th and 7th. On March 7th a rally was held in Graceada Park. Link2Care/IHSSAC had a booth in the park. Rose Martin, Valerie Mitchell and Linda White participated from the IHSSAC. People came by with questions and we spoke about the program.
- George Sharp was a speaker at the march. His speech focused on Disability Population, not because he's against the union. He wanted to bring focus back to what IHSS does for the disabled community.
- George mentioned if anyone is able to attend the end of the march which will be in Sacramento on April 21st, they should attend. It will be a lot bigger, louder and more media coverage.

SURVEY UPDATE

Jeff announced we will receive the results from the survey next week. We will discuss the
results at the next meeting. The results will also be included in the Annual Report to the
Community.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Jennifer had her baby on April 8, 2010. Mark Russell was born at 2am and he's 7lbs 9 oz. Mom and baby are doing well.
- George announced on Wednesday, May 26th it is Disability Capital Action Day. He is inviting the Committee to Sacramento. It is the largest advocacy day. There is a rally at 11am, lunch at noon and legislative business by 1pm. DRAIL may organize something larger with the Union.
- George mentioned he arranges Dial-a-Ride if anyone is interested. It is wheelchair accessible for 4 chairs and 10 people.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:35 PM, Ana Enes, Recorder