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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

06/10/05

Committee Members Present:

Jose Acosta	Kenny Brown	Mary Burch
Rose Martin	Connie Mulle	Ora Scruggs
George Sharp	Linda White	Linda White

Committee Members Absent:

*Madelyn Amaral *Dwight Bateman

IHSS Staff Present:

Jeff Lambaren	Maria Childers	Egon Stammeler
Veronica Melgoza		

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by Kenny Brown

- Meeting called to order at 1:15

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jill Erickson and Felton Daniels with AAA attended, no comment

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- May 13, 2005 minutes:
- Connie Muller –abstained, she was absent that meeting
- Ora Scruggs – abstained, she said because she came in late
- Motion M/S/A to accept minutes – Rose Martin made a motion to accept
- Linda White seconded , minutes were accepted



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- George Sharp announced that Capital Action Day on May 24th, was a success.
- Over 1,000 people were at the Capital, one of the interesting things about this years Capital Action Day is that it was made up of primarily all organizations that represent people with disabilities.
- No unions were involved, this actually made a bigger impact with the legislators.
- IHSS provider wage cut will not go through.
- AB472 is in suspension, George will bring info to the next meeting
- In the next two weeks the assembly will be introducing their budget and the senate will be introducing their budget.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE/BYLAWS AMENDMENT

- Committee agreed to add a grievance procedure to the bylaws.
- Mary Burch will bring a sample of a form they use to file a grievance from a board that she is on.
- Jeff Lambaren will write something up and bring it to the next meeting for the committee to review
- When the committee decides to add the procedure to the bylaws it takes 15 days before it becomes effective
- If the committee decides to have a grievance committee, members will be elected, and there will be a vote.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff Lambaren announced that there is now a refrigerator at the Public Authority. He has also purchased a coffee maker, microwave, television and office furniture.
- Some of the computers are already there
- Public Authority would like to use RTZ for the registry software
- There are no Public Authority employees at this time.
- Counsel is still wrestling with the issue of their status, will they be county employees, contractors or Public Authority employees outside of the system.
- The logo that was shown to the committee for the Public Authority will most likely not be used. There is already a CARE Unit in the county office and Care Link is too similar.
- Public Authority may use Link2Care. IHSSAC may have a meeting at the Public Authority at the end of July.

SURVEY

- We did not receive the amount back that we needed so a second batch was sent and we now have enough to submit for a valid survey.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that there was a good reason to do another survey this year after having just done one last year, but in the future the committee may want to do a survey every other year.
- Many providers and recipients didn't want to fill out the survey because they felt it was the same thing they had just filled out last year.

ANNUAL REPORT

- Kenny Brown announced that we will wait for the results from the survey to add to the annual report
- Pictures were received to be put in the annual report

BUDGET (STATE) UPDATE

- George Sharp already spoke about the budget, no other new information.

INTER AGENCIES

- No new information

GENERAL UPDATE

- Hot Topics will be added to the agenda as a new item

- Packets were passed out to members attending the conference.
- Check in is at 3:00pm on Sunday June 12, 2005 and check out time is 12:00pm on Tuesday June 14, 2005.
- Everyone signed a statement indicating they understood what they would be reimbursed for; how many meals on each day and the total amount of each meal.
- Each person attending received 2 envelopes, one would be returned to Jeff Lambaren at the conference. This one will have the hotel receipt. The other envelope is for all other receipts that will be turned in at the next meeting.
- Jeff Lambaren announced that the receipts that are turned in need to be itemized, not just the stub.
- The county does not reimburse for tobacco or alcohol.
- Shannon Swenson will attend the next meeting and fill out blue forms for everyone who attended the conference.
- Jeff Lambaren passed out the legislative visits schedule, some changes were made and it will be turned in when they get to the conference.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:30 PM
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder

3rd Annual

IHSS Consumer Board & Advisory Committee Alliance

Spring Conference

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE:

Making IHSS Legislation
Work For You

**Monday-Tuesday
June 13-14, 2005**

**Holiday Inn Capital Plaza
300 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE:

Conference Registration Information

Your two-day conference package includes:

- Continental Breakfast both days.
- Lunch Monday June 13.
- Sessions that will provide valuable information to use in your role as an IHSS Advisory Committee/Governing Board member.
- A Resource Binder of presentation materials and reference tools.
- A Resource Table where you can collect information used by IHSS Public Authorities.
- An opportunity to meet, chat and share with your contemporaries from other IHSS Advisory Committees.
- Chance-to-win drawings held throughout the day.

Optional Dinner available Monday, June 13 for \$25

Conference Fees

Postmarked by April 29, 2005	\$175 per person
Postmarked after April 29, 2005	\$200 per person
Optional Dinner on June 13	\$25 per person

Make checks payable to:

CAPA (California Association of Public Authorities)
c/o CAPA, 3700 Branch Center Rd., Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827

For questions, please call

Amy Terhorst, conference coordinator, at 530-274-4907

Preliminary Conference Schedule Monday, June 13, 2005

All sessions are intended for both modes of
Public Authority governance.

8:00-8:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:45-9:00 a.m. – Opening General Session

Janie Whiteford, Consumer Board/Advisory Committee
Alliance Acting Chair

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Key Note Speakers—General Session

Why I Care About the IHSS Program

Fabian Nunez*, California State Assembly Speaker

IHSS is the Key to Living Independently

Don Perata*, California Senate President Pro Tempore

*Invited

9:30-9:45 a.m.—Break

Morning Breakout Tracks

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Track 1

Accessing Funding Under Assembly Bill 1682

Panel Discussion – Sergio Alunan, Yolo County Public Authority Executive Director; Nancy Seydon, Yolo County Advisory Board Chair; June Rawson, Ventura County Advisory Board Member; Heidi Cartan, Public Policy Coordinator, Santa Clara County Public Authority; Diana Williams, Assistant Director, Department of Employment Social Services

The IHSS Legislation under AB 1682 provides annual funding for IHSS Advisory Committee members to use for IHSS related activities. Learn exactly what is funded under this bill and how to effectively access and use those funds. You will receive several types of supporting material including reference letters and sample budgets.

Track 2

Making the Media Work for You Part 1— Focus on Print Media

Presenter – Vince Wetzel, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)

Learn strategies to get your local media interested in IHSS, specifically newspapers and other print media. Included in this session will be how effective materials are produced, what it costs, and who to consult with to get your message across. You will receive samples of effective print media pieces including press releases, opposing editorial (op ed) pieces and other samples.

10:55-11:55 a.m.

Track 1

Developing Relationships with Local IHSS Partners

Presenters – Mariko Yamado, Yolo County Board of Supervisors; Charles Calavan, Executive Director Alameda County Public; Jim Ramoni, In-Home Supportive Services Manager, Santa Clara County; John Stansbury, Executive Director Marin County Public Authority; Janie Whiteford, Consumer Board/Advisory Committee Alliance Acting Chair

Developing good relationships between the Advisory/Governing Board and the Public Authority staff, as well as other IHSS stakeholders, is important to an effective and unified effort to provide services to IHSS consumers. You will receive background on the different organizational models of Public Authorities; strategies for effective communication between the Advisory/Governing Board, the Public Authority, County IHSS, and the Board of Supervisors; and examples of Public Authority enhancements.

Making IHSS Legislation Work for You

Track 2

Making the Media Work for You Part 2— Focus on Television and Radio

Presenter - *David Fratto, MediaPosse*

Discover strategies to get your local media interested in IHSS, specifically television and radio. Included in this session will be how effective materials are produced, what it costs, and who to consult with to get your message across. Samples of effective public service announcements, television and radio pieces will be presented.

11:55 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Break

12:15-1:00 p.m.

Key Note Speaker—Lunch

The History of AB 1682 and the Role of Advisory Committee Members

*Donna Calame, President,
California Association of Public Authorities*

1:00-1:15 p.m. - Break

Afternoon Breakout Tracks

1:15-2:15 p.m.

Track 1

Developing Your Board/Committee—Part 1

Presenter - *Michael Wright, The Results Group*

This workshop will address the real-time issues experienced by IHSS Advisory and Governing Boards. It is presented in two parts and it is strongly recommended that people attending part one of this workshop attend part two as well.

Track 2

Advocacy and Organizing—“It’s Not Just for Radicals Anymore!”

Facilitator - *John Stansbury, Executive Director Marin
County Public Authority*

In this interactive facilitated discussion, you will have an opportunity to express your questions and concerns about being both an IHSS advocate and IHSS Advisory Committee/Governing Board member. Learn effective ways to educate your local community about IHSS related issues and receive tools to assist you in the process.

2:25-3:25 p.m.

Track 1

Developing Your Board/Committee—Part 2

Presenter - *Michael Wright, The Results Group*

This workshop will address the real-time issues experienced by IHSS Advisory and Governing Boards. It is presented in two parts and it is strongly recommended that people attending part two of this workshop attend part one as well.

Track 2

Legislative Visit Workshop

Presenter - *Karen Keeslar, Keeslar & Associates*

Learn how to most effectively conduct your legislative visit on the second day of this conference. You will receive training and tools to get you ready to meet with your legislator and communicate your message thoroughly and succinctly.

3:25-3:45 p.m. – Break

3:45-4:45 p.m. – General Session

Developing a Statewide Coalition

Panel Discussion - *Donna Calame, CAPA President;
John Stansbury, Executive Director; Marin County Public
Authority; Janie Whiteford, Consumer Board & Advisory
Committee Alliance Acting Chair; Marlo June, Madera
County Advisory Committee Member; Jan Schiller,
Alameda County Advisory Board Member; Sheila Parisena,
Sacramento County Advisory Committee Member;
Sherry Kaufman, Yolo County Advisory Committee Member*

This interactive general session will address the formation of a statewide coalition of Governing and Advisory Committee members and the coalition’s relationship to CAPA.

4:45-5:00 p.m. – Closing General Session

*Janie Whiteford, Consumer Board & Advisory Committee
Alliance Acting Chair*

Training & Legislative Visits Tuesday, June 14, 2005

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast and Networking

9:00-10:30 a.m. - General Session

Presenter - *Karen Keeslar, Keeslar & Associates*

- *Update on Governor Schwarzenegger’s
May Budget Revision*
- *Training Session for Legislative Visits*
- *Scheduled Legislative Visits*
beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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Keynote Speakers

Janie Whiteford
*Statewide IHSS Acting
Advisory Committee Chair*

Ms. Whiteford holds a Master of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and has spent many years working in the disabled community on advocacy and disabled issues. She is involved with consumer education for the Santa Clara County Public Authority and IHSS and is a current member of the Santa Clara County Public Authority Advisory Committee. Ms. Whiteford is the Acting Chair for the Statewide IHSS Consumer Board and Advisory Committee Alliance.

Don Perata
*California Senate
President Pro Tempore*

Senator Don Perata (Senate District 9) currently serves as the California Senate Majority Caucus President Pro Tempore. He has been and continues to fight for increased public school funding, protecting our natural resources, environmental equity and social justice, and maintaining the quality of life for all Californians, especially our most vulnerable citizens.

Fabian Nunez
*California State
Assembly Speaker*

Speaker Fabian Nunez was elected to the California State Assembly in 2002 and sworn in as the State's 66th Speaker on February 9, 2004. Described by colleagues as affable, insightful, and prudent, Speaker Nunez has laid out clear legislative goals including providing affordable prescription drugs, protecting jobs and wages for working families, and keeping the doors of the state's public universities open to all qualified students. In his inaugural speech, Speaker Nunez called on members of the Assembly to commit to passing a fiscally and socially responsible budget.

Karen Keeslar
Keeslar & Associates

Karen Keeslar is a government relations consultant and lobbyist with extensive expertise in health and human services and public sector financing and has worked for over 24 years with local government agencies, public employee unions and non-profit associations. Immediately prior to establishing an independent woman-owned business in government relations, Ms. Keeslar worked with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) from 1988 through 1993 as the primary policy analyst and advocate for counties in the health and welfare arena. Ms. Keeslar acts as a lobbyist on behalf of the California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA).

Donna Calame
*President, California
Association of
Public Authorities*

Donna Calame became a lawyer out of a desire to effect change in health-care policy and its delivery system. This led to her involvement in the establishment of the San Francisco IHSS Public Authority and eventual selection as its founding director. In September 2003, Donna was elected the first President of the California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) for a two-year term. She is continually grateful for and challenged by each phase in the development of the IHSS Public Authority.



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March 23, 2005

Dear Consumer Board or Advisory Committee Member,

On behalf of the California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS (CAPA), first let me thank you for your participation on your local IHSS public authority consumer board or advisory committee. As intended, the structure of public authorities provides personal assistance users a majority voice in policy and planning in each county. Your voice is crucial to the perspective we bring to policymakers on IHSS and related issues. CAPA is pleased to be supporting the desire of consumers to build a network that will afford more of your voice on the statewide level.

In that regard, I want to extend my personal encouragement for you to expand your involvement by participating in the CBACA* conference on June 13-14 in Sacramento. Until a more formal consumer network is in place, some from among you have stepped forward and are planning the excellent event described in the enclosed materials.

Some CAPA members will also be attending this conference and we look forward to discussions and consideration of options for how CAPA members and consumer representatives can partner in strengthening the IHSS program and the whole arena of home and community-based care.

I look forward to meeting you there!

Donna L. Calame

Donna Calame
President, CAPA

* CBACA is how CAPA members refer to your statewide network at the moment (stands for *Consumer Board and Advisory Committee Alliance*) until you decide on a name for yourselves



FABIAN NUÑEZ

SPEAKER of the ASSEMBLY

March 30, 2005

Dear Fellow Californian:

Congratulations on the upcoming IHSS Consumer Board and Advisory Committee Alliance Conference being held June 13-14, 2005 in Sacramento. I appreciate your invitation to attend and share with you my goal to protect essential government services like the IHSS Program.

My pledge to you is to protect every Californian's right to live in dignity and independence. I believe in building opportunities so everyone can fully participate in the California dream and will not support a budget that starves Californians of the services on which they depend. Your work as an IHSS Advisory Committee member is crucial in achieving this vision, both to your local community, and to the entire state.

While I am unable to join you at the conference, you have my full endorsement and support. I encourage you to attend this important meeting to learn more about how you can create a stronger voice at the Capitol for consumers of IHSS services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fabian Nuñez".

FABIAN NUÑEZ
Speaker of the Assembly