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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 06/08/07

Committee Members Present:	Jose Acosta	Rose Martin	Mary Burch
	Joan Blackwell	George Sharp	Kenny Brown
	Connie Muller	Linda White	Jose Cisneros

Committee Members Absent: * Dwight Bateman

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present:	Egon Stammmler	Jeff Lambaren
	Jennifer DeSanto	

*Advance notice given.

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment.
- Jeff Lambaren introduced the newest member of the Advisory Committee, Jose Cisneros. Jose was appointed by the Board of Supervisors on June 5th, 2007.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- May 11, 2007 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept minutes, motion to accept made by George Sharp, Rose Martin seconded, motion passed.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff Lambaren distributed information pertaining to the Board approval of Jose Cisneros to the Advisory Committee.
- Jeff distributed a copy of the letter sent to the Board of Supervisors removing Ora Scruggs from the Advisory committee and a copy of her memorial service program.
- Jeff distributed an article about Advisory Committee member Mary Burch.
- Jeff reported the 2007 Report to the Community will be received next week, then presented to the Board for approval. Committee members were invited to attend when the report was presented. George, Linda and Mary expressed interest in attending. Jeff will contact them when the date for presentation is determined.
- The Public Authority newsletter is expected to be mailed next week.
- The Advisory Committee website is the next project for staff will be to update the Committee website. New content will be presented to the committee before being posted on the web.



- Link2Care has a new administrative assistant starting on June 18th. His name is Jonathan Oushan and he will take over the front desk and main phone responsibilities.
- Jeff gave an overview of activity at Link2Care. Staff recently began tracking information related to community outreach. As of May 31, there were 535 providers with insurance, and a maximum of 555 spots available. Insurance has been offered to over 20 new providers to fill this gap. Forty providers attended orientations and trainings, and 37 new providers were added to the registry. We currently have 168 active providers, and referred over 150 providers in the month of May. Link2Care will continue to track this information and periodically report to the committee.

LEGISLATION

- George reported on several pieces of legislation related to IHSS services. There are still over 400 to be reviewed by the legislature, but there are a few updates worth noting:
- AB14, the Non-Discrimination bill, and SB840, the Single Payer Healthcare bill, were passed to the Senate.
- AB459, the Background Checks bill, was held in committee.
- AB18, the Signature Stamp bill, was passed to the Assembly floor. DRAIL's position on this bill may change because of language added by the EDD stating the signature had to be witnessed.
- AB18, the Assisted Suicide bill, was pulled due to lack of support.
- AB238, the IHSS Reading Assistance bill, was sent to the Assembly.

CAPITOL ACTION UPDATE

- George reported the Capitol Action Day in May was a huge success. There were between 1500 and 1800 people at the capitol, and every legislator was visited. They had a march from the civic center to the capitol, and had distinguished speakers address the group.

STATE BUDGET STATUS

- Jeff reported that the State budget freeze was still in place, and analysts predict resolution will take a long time, possibly one of the longest in history. The committee will continue to keep this on the agenda to receive updates.
- The Governor's budget proposes that Medi-cal recipients not receive a State COLA, but the Federal COLA funds will be passed through to recipients, resulting in payments of \$863 instead of \$892.
- DRAIL is closely watching the Para transit services and CalWorks services budget proposals, as the Governors plan includes large cuts in these areas.

COMMUNITY MARKETING UPDATE

- Jeff passed the final copy of the Advisory Committee Report to the Community. The report should be completed next week. Members reviewed the report and found an error on the "Meet the Members" page. (Note: This error was corrected before printing.)
- Jeff reported that the Penny Saver ad will be pursued after the end of the fiscal year, and suggested the ad used in the ElderCare directory be used. The members approved the use of the ElderCare ad. If the Penny Saver requires major design or content changes, the proposed changes will be brought to the committee for approval. More information will be reported at the next meeting.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Connie reported that she called APS three times and had to leave messages to make a report. A social worker called her back, but had to leave a message. She returned the call, but never heard back. She was concerned about the difficulty in making a report. Jeff stated members could call Link2Care and we could help to expedite a report. Egon

also thanked Connie for the information, and stated he would follow up on this report as well.

- Kenny reported he was hired part time at CSUS working on the library website.
- Mary requested an update on the direct deposit status for IHSS providers. Jeff reported that they are still planning to offer this service, but the process is cumbersome, to change the payroll system to accommodate the new service.
- Rose reported her paychecks seemed to be coming more quickly and questioned if there had been a change to the payroll system. Other members reported seeing no change, and Jeff stated the payroll process hadn't changed, but timeliness of checks is associated with the accuracy of timecards and the date and time they are received by payroll.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:45 PM,
Jennifer DeSanto, Recorder

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE May 22, 2007

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of Appointment of Jose Cisneros to the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appoint Jose Cisneros as a Consumer representative to the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee to a term ending on December 30, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

APPROVED
5/22/07

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE June 5, 2007

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Update the Roster for the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the removal of Ora Scruggs' name from the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee roster due to her death.
2. Direct staff to post the vacancy.
3. Direct staff to send a Certificate of Appreciation to the family of Mrs. Scruggs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS: