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## STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 10/09/08

Committee Members Present:	Valerie Mitchell Joan Blackwell	Connie Muller Robbyn Foster	Rose Martin Marie Cochran
Committee Members Absent:	Mary Burch Kenny Brown	Jose Cisneros	Jose Acosta
IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present:	Jeff Lambaren	Egon Stammler	Ana Enes
Other Guests:	Steve Solais		

### OPENING REMARKS by Vice Chair Robbyn Foster

- Meeting called to order at 1:12 pm.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Steve Solais from United Domestic Workers wanted to thank the Advisory Committee for their help during the budget crisis.
- Steve also wanted to ask the Advisory Committee to be a sponsor for the Provider recognition conference on November 25<sup>th</sup>. It's being held at Season's in Modesto. This event is to give thanks and encouragement for those who help. They want to make this a yearly event.
- Jeff mentioned he has recently met with members of the United Domestic Workers and spoken about meeting at the beginning of the calendar year to contribute for the event for next year. There isn't enough time for the Advisory Committee to help contribute for this year.
- Steve pointed out that there is still money in the budget for the Advisory Committee to contribute. Jeff responded that if we're not involved he's not sure we could just donate, but that he'd check on it.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- September 12, 2008 minutes: Motion to accept minutes, motion to accept made by Connie Muller, Joan Blackwell seconded, motion passed.

### PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff announced that the Governor's veto has impacted the Department of Aging and its programs.



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- Jeff reminded everyone effective October 1<sup>st</sup> there will be an IHSS Provider wage increase from \$8.84 to \$9.11. It will appear in the October 15<sup>th</sup> check.
- Jeff reminded everyone about the Healthy Aging Summit going on at Modesto Center Plaza from 8-2 on Friday 10/10/08. The Senior Fall Assessment program will be available to assess for falling risks. Physical Therapists are available and Home Depot will be there to help with home improvement tips.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- Jeff read an article from the Sacramento Bee that gave an overview of California's financial problems. The article mentioned that there's already a \$3-5 Billion deficit this year. The state needs \$7 Billion in short term loans.
- Egon mentioned that every area of CSA has been hit with losing positions. Everyone is concerned about what services will be cut. The upcoming years will get worse.

## **MEDIA PROJECT**

- Robbyn suggested that this be put on hold since most of the sub-committee is not here.

## **COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE**

- Jeff reviewed the IHSSAC budget. Showed where the money was being allocated. The media project and travel were estimated on. Also went over the trend of the Committee's budget.
- Robbyn asked since funds were available if she could still attend the CICA conference this year. She mentioned she thinks Mary is also interested. Jeff said we'd need to register them ASAP since it's in a few weeks. Jeff checked with other members to see if they were interested in attending, and no one else is interested.
- Robbyn asked where the unused money from the IHSSAC budget goes. Jeff said it is returned back to the IHSS program.

## **GENERAL UPDATE**

- Jeff discussed the yearly retreat. Mentioned that we could do the Ethics Training at the same time. Jeff asked for everyone's opinion on the place where the last retreat was held. Everyone seemed to like it. Jeff said we would look for more places to check what else is available.
- Connie donated a copy of the book she wrote, "King of The North Pole, to Link2Care. She also has copies available for sale for \$10.00.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:53 PM,  
Ana Enes, Recorder