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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

10/11/02

Committee Members Present:	Jeff Lambaren	Kenny Brown	Madelyn Amaral
	Rose Martin	Connie Muller	Dwight Bateman
	Ora Scruggs		

Committee Members Absent:	Toni Hector	Bonnie Cyphers	Jose Acosta
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IHSS Staff Present:	Paul Birmingham	Larry Baptista
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CSA Staff Present:	Tom Snow	Doreen Ott
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OPENING REMARKS by CHAIRMAN JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m.
- Jeff expressed his pleasure with the outcome of the Board of Supervisor's meeting on October 8, 2002 and thanked the committee and CSA staff for doing such a great job.
- Announcement made allowing for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dwight Bateman informed the committee that DRAIL will be holding an Olmstead hearing on November 6, 2002 from 1:30 to 3:30pm at the Howard Training Center. Passed out information packets to committee members.
- Jeff Lambaren asked the Union if they had a chance to speak with Gina Leguria? Charlotte Herron replied that Jorge Rivera will be in contact with her shortly.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- September 27, 2002 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept minutes with no corrections.

BUDGET UPDATE by Paul Birmingham

- Nothing new on the budget.
- Paul did get the allocation letter for IHSS. Doreen Ott, Jan Holden, Patrice Merry, and Paul need to sit down and look over the letter, but it looks better than he estimated.
- Paul will discuss the allocation letter more with the committee at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP/BYLAWS UPDATE

- Passed out copies of the bylaws draft with corrections.
- Dwight Bateman suggested rewording the word "eject" to "remove" in Section 2, line E.
- Jeff asked that CSA staff combine the two sentences together in Section 2, line E.
- Jeff asked CSA staff to change the word "chairman" to "chairperson" throughout the bylaws draft.
- Paul suggested that it would be a good idea to have Linda Macy look over the bylaws for any modifications.
- Passed out copies of two letters to be mailed out to absentee members. Committee looked over and Jeff signed originals.
- Committee pointed out on the letters that the notification date of November 22, 2002 was too long and should only allow those members till October 25, 2002. CSA staff to change the date on the letter and have Jeff sign originals to send out along with copy of bylaws.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER 8, 2002 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING

- Roundtable discussion of meeting.
- Jeff expressed his feelings that the committee knew that tough times were coming and we delivered our recommendation, and it still gives us some time to come back to the table and get a Public Authority in operation in the future.
- Dwight Bateman said that the first round of negotiations will get to the \$7.11/hr rate threshold already. He said Stockton is already looking at \$10.95/hr rate in the first round of negotiations.
- Paul suggested in getting an unbiased survey to see what the caregivers are getting regarding their wages in similar type of work outside the county system.
- Kenny Brown said that he read an advertisement in the Modesto Bee that asked for care for a male quadriplegic and it pays \$504 for a 24-hour shift.
- Jeff Lambaren said that the County currently has 8 survey counties that it routinely compares wages with and we could use those counties as a starting point in our comparisons.

UPDATE HOMEMAKER MODE

- Paul said it's in process and he has made requests.
- There are several steps to get a contract.
- Doreen Ott has emails out to the State and Tuolumne County regarding the process of the Homemaker Mode.
- The committee agreed to table the agenda item until CSA staff has enough information to bring it to another meeting.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Dwight asked what the status on Tulare County was? Charlotte Herron said that she thought they were going to go with a Public Authority but it is not done yet.
- Paul said that he would report back at the next meeting to see what other counties are doing and also get feedback from his regional meetings on Stanislaus County's recommendation.
- Jeff suggested taking another field trip to a similar county that has implemented a Public Authority.

- Dwight and Jeff said the committee should start brainstorming on what our ideal Public Authority should have. Committee members were encouraged to write things down and bring to the next meeting.

RETREAT

- Larry Baptista said that he contacted Diablo Grande for a possible retreat location. He informed the committee that all Fridays in January were available and passed out lunch menus for members to look over.
- Committee members agreed to go to Diablo Grande on Friday, January 10, 2002 from 10am to 3pm.
- The committee will discuss the lunch menu at the next meeting.
- Contact Stanislaus Audio/Video to provide reasonable accommodations.
- CSA staff to look into transportation to Diablo Grande.
- Jeff will ask Cathy Bankson to act as the facilitator for the retreat meeting.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Madelyn Amaral asked the committee if they would like a gavel for the meetings. She has one in her home that she is not using and the committee said that would be fine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None were presented

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Budget Update
- Committee membership vote/Bylaws
- APS information presentation
- Retreat
- Update Homemaker Mode
- Brainstorm of Public Authority

Meeting adjourned @ 2:34 p.m.
Larry Baptista, Recorder