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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
02/10/06**

Committee Members Present:

Jose Acosta  
Mary Burch  
Linda White

Madelyn Amaral  
Rose Martin

Kenny Brown  
Connie Muller

Committee Members Absent:

\*Dwight Bateman

\*Ora Scruggs

IHSS Staff Present:

Jeff Lambaren

Maria Childers

Veronica Melgoza

*\*Advance notice given.*

**OPENING REMARKS by Kenny Brown**

- Meeting called to order at 1:04

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jeff Lambaren introduced Jim DeMartini with the Board of Supervisors

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- January 13, 2006 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept minutes, motion made to accept by Linda White and seconded by Rose Martin.

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY**

- Jeff Lambaren said that the registry is building.
- Madelyn Amaral asked if anything is going out to the public, not just people who are already working as providers.



- Jeff Lambaren has looked into advertising but at this time some information has gone out to providers only.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that there have been 166 requests for services and there are 99 providers on the registry. The providers that want to do domestic work only does not come up a lot but is needed. Provider training is done through Center for Senior Employment on Monday through Thursday from 12:00-4:00. Eight people have completed the first training class. SSC's come to class on Monday afternoon and show the providers how to fill out their time sheets.
- Henry Dill with UDW had concerns about the providers having to pay a fee to get a background check/and fingerprinting.
- Jeff Lambaren explained that now there is no cost for the training class, before the cost was \$40.00. Now the cost is for the background checks/fingerprinting and the cost is \$42.00.
- The committee voted and decided to write a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to have the background check/fingerprinting fee eliminated.
- Henry Dill was also concerned about having to pay each time you got a new client. He also thought the County paid for background check/fingerprinting in the past.
- Maria Childers stated that in the past there was no fee for background checks, because Center for Senior Employment only did a local background check. If we do not do a criminal background check we would take the risk of referring someone that could have a criminal history in another County. Jeff Lambaren stated that as long as you remained active you remained on the registry.
- Henry Dill's other concern was if someone paid for the background check/fingerprinting and was not cleared.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that it's up to the provider to go through the registry; you can still work as a provider if the client wants to hire you.
- Jeff Lambaren stated the recipients would be able to decide if they want to hire a provider with an old DUI, etc. Anyone with an Elder/Child Abuse or fraud against any government agency case would not be hireable.
- Mary Burch asked about people who could not afford to pay for the background checks/fingerprinting?
- Madelyn Amaral asked if the money could come from the IHSSAC budget.
- Kenny Brown suggested that the committee set up a scholarship fund for those who have a hardship.
- Jeff Lambaren announced that there is legislation going on right now to get State participation.
- Madelyn Amaral made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisor to look into eliminating the fees for the background check/fingerprinting. Mary Burch seconded, a vote was taken and it passed 3 to 2 to ask the Board of Supervisors to eliminate the fee.
- Connie Muller asked if it were eliminated would those who have paid be reimbursed. Kenny Brown stated that it would start when and if the Board of Supervisors eliminated the fee.
- Jeff Lambaren announced that on February 14<sup>th</sup>, a Board of Supervisors agenda item would be for an insurance broker's proposal. The insurance companies would like to see 75%; we only had about 25%. Insurances don't want to provide quotes for that amount. Insurance could rise about 18%
- Madelyn Amaral stated that the State should be the employer, so they could pay the insurance.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that once a broker is appointed, providers could decide what is wanted, less insurance for people or lower rates.
- Connie Muller announced that she wanted to warn about Kaiser, she has heard a lot of complaints.
- Jeff Lamabren stated that there are those who are against Kaiser and those who like Kaiser, it's a personal preference.
- Jeff Lambaren announced that the Public Authority is preparing a newsletter that is going to be printed and sent to providers. The newsletter describes the registry and insurance.

#### **NEW IHSSAC MEMBER UPDATE**

- Jeff Lambaren announced that there is a new member before the Board of Supervisors for appointing.
- George Sharp should be listed as a recipient instead of an advocate; this will be changed on the member's term list.

## **CICA CONFERENCE**

- The IHSSAC will pass on the conference this year.
- Kenny Brown announced that the members that went to the conference last year did get to go and lobby. The committee could look at doing that on their own and it would cost about \$80.00 per person.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- AB 1234 – Jeff Lambaren stated that this is new legislation regarding IHSSAC members. Anyone receiving a stipend will have to attend an ethics-training course; they will have until the end of 2007 to complete this course. Dates and times to be announced.
- George Sharp discussed the Opportunity to Repair Act – Buildings/restaurants come together to gather signatures on 02/22/06 for November ballot, giving business/residential an extra 100 days to comply with ADA, nation wide. If someone has an access complaint, they write a letter, 30 days to respond, 120days to fix access violation, and an additional 30 days to fix if needed.
- George Sharp announced that there is not much with health care/IHSS in the first round of bills, February 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit bills, and after that we will see which bills need action.
- George Sharp announced that the medical provider cuts are not going through; he will bring more info to the next meeting on all bills and see which ones the committee should track.
- Madelyn Amoral asked about SB 1104, Maria Childers will bring copies of this bill to the next meeting.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

- Jeff Lambaren stated that Jennifer DeSanto is working on the annual report and should have a sample for the committee soon.

## **BUDGET/STATE**

- Maria Childers announced that their will be a QA review by the State on February 28<sup>th</sup>. They will start by reviewing 75 cases.
- Maria Childers stated that the hourly task guidelines are only guidelines, not set in stone for personal care. Social Worker will need to document when exceptions are made. A pilot project is being done with 7 counties. The State will gather information; the state will start to have public hearing. Maria Childers will get the timeline to committee, once the State completes it.
- Jeff Lambaren went over the committee's budget.

## **HOT TOPICS**

- Linda White inquired about business cards
- Kenny Brown stated that we could use Microsoft Publisher and make generic cards and members can write their own info on card.
- Jeff Lambaren stated that when the MOU was signed providers only had one alternative to direct union dues. There are now 3 additional, DRAIL, Society of Handicapped Children/Adults and the Howard Training Center.

## **GENERAL UPDATE**

- Committee chose to have the 2006 retreat at the Fruit Yard. Date is April 7<sup>th</sup>, time is 9-2

Meeting adjourned @ 2:45 PM  
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder