



**El Dorado County
In-Home Supportive Services
Advisory Committee**

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IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2015

DATE: Monday, January 26, 2015
TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
PLACE: M.O.R.E. Facility, 399 Placerville Dr., Placerville

ATTENDEES: Carol Keates, Michelle Hunter, Yasmin Hichborn, Dorrie Carlisle, Kew Horton, Myrna Glick, Star Walker

ABSENTEES: Lyle Azevedo, Vince DiVittorio, Ellen Yevdakimov

GUESTS: Diana Steele, Attorney, Senior Legal Services, and Daryl Sullivan

1. CALL TO ORDER at 1:00 pm

A. Flag Salute

The meeting was Called to Order, the Salute to the Flag was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum established.

B. Introductions

Introductions were made.

C. Agenda Review

The Committee reviewed the Agenda. Elections of Advisory Committee Officers was added to the agenda. The motion to accept the agenda was made by Myrna Glick and seconded by Dorrie Carlisle. The Agenda was approved.

D. Last Meeting's Minutes

The Committee reviewed the Minutes from the last meeting. The motion to accept the Minutes as written was made by Kew Horton and seconded by Dorrie Carlisle. The Minutes were approved.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were made.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

None

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4. GUEST SPEAKER

Diana Steele, Attorney, Attorney, Senior Legal Services

Ms. Steele presented an overview of the Senior Legal Services Program which is part of the Health & Human Services Agency. The program is located at 937 Spring Street, Placerville. The program services approximately 2,400 clients per year with 1.5 attorneys and two additional staff. The program serves seniors 60 years or older. There are no income requirements to access the program. The majority of clients are at low to moderate income levels. The program does not charge a fee, however, donations are appreciated. Donations currently make up 25% of the budget. Clients can be seen in person or can receive legal advice through the "Law Line", a telephone call in service. The Senior Legal Services Program also provides educational presentations within the community.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. California State Budget Update/IHSS Program Changes

Michelle Hunter updated the Committee on the status of the California budget. The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) has been delayed and will not be implemented on January 1, 2015. A lawsuit has been filed against the act and it is on hold until the lawsuit is resolved. A new time card may be issued in February 2015. The 7% across the board cut to authorized IHSS hours is proposed to be restored in the next Budget beginning 7/01/15.

B. Advisory Committee Vacancies

There are currently 4 consumer vacancies. Daryl Sullivan has submitted an application for the Advisory Committee. His application will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

C. Update on Union Negotiations

A meeting has been scheduled with the Union for Wednesday, January 15, 2015 to further negotiations. The MOU expired on June 30, 2013. There are many questions regarding provider benefits. The County provides funding to the Union for provider benefits, but is no longer involved in choosing or administering the benefits. The Union develops the benefit plan and determines provider eligibility.

D. Speakers for Upcoming Meetings

Suggested speakers were:

Staff from the APS were suggested for the April 20, 2015 meeting and a speaker regarding the Affordable Care Act for the July 20, 2015 meeting.

E. Articles for the Senior Times Newsletter

The Public Authority Newsletter is published bi-annually (summer and winter editions). The Senior Times is a monthly publication. Contact Star Walker if you have ideas or have written an article for publication. The deadline for articles is the 10th of the month.

F. Recap of FY 2013/2014 Annual Report Presentation to the Board of Supervisors

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Dorrie Carlisle provided an overview of the presentation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board was complimentary of the program.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Advisory Committee Officers

The three positions (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) were discussed. Nominations and the election will be held at the April 20, 2015 meeting.

7. PUBLIC AUTHORITY REPORT

A. The "Public Authority Reports" were distributed and examined by the Committee. Kew Horton worked with Mary Lou Nutting on the formulas within the report. Michelle Hunter reviewed the different categories contained on the report. Providers are required to turn in their time sheets on a more regular basis. Replacement time sheets are only provided up to two pay periods.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Speakers for Upcoming Meetings
- B. Articles for the "Senior Times" publication
- C. Vacancies in the IHSS Committee.
- D. State Budget Issues
- E. Union Negotiations and Proposals about the Affordable Care Act

9. NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 20, 2015
M.O.R.E. Facility
399 Placerville Drive, Placerville
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dorrie Carlisle at 2:45pm. It was seconded by Kew Horton. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.