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IHSS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: Friday, December 1, 2006
TIME: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: CareerWorks – Sunroom, 1040 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz
PRESENT: Michael Molesky, Consumer Foster Andersen, Consumer
Charles Levine, Seniors Commission Rose Marie Barker, Provider
Bil McMullen, Consumer Charles Stone, Commission on Disabilities
Sandra Seeger, Consumer
EXCUSED: Roger E. McKowan, Consumer; Catherine Patterson-Valdez, LTCIC
ABSENT:
STAFF: Sara Paz-Nethercutt, Human Resources Agency
GUESTS: Maura Guzman, Elderday; Arcelia Montoya, SEIU; Marivel Castillo, Francie
Newfield and Jeanette Renee , HRA

1. **CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Chair, Michael Molesky, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was established, and the November minutes were approved as written (*Levine/Stone*) MSP.
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Charles Stone spoke about the ongoing fight for universal health care and circulated a couple of articles on the topic. He also stated that candidates to staff the Commission on Disabilities have been interviewed and they expect to have a new staff person on board in January. Foster Andersen reported that Shared Adventures is preparing Christmas cards and a new art class for adults will begin soon. Maura Guzman of Elderday reported that after the closure of the Watsonville site, South County clients are once again being transported to the Santa Cruz site. There are 80-85 clients enrolled, with daily attendance averaging 60-68. A new clinic is planned at the former Watsonville site.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chair circulated correspondence the Commission has received.
4. **IHSS GENERAL OPERATIONS REPORT:**
 - A. **Program Activities Update:** Francie Newfield reported that the third session of the IHSS Training Academy presented by UC Davis will be offered to IHSS social workers on Dec. 13th. They will be trained in the Hourly Task Guidelines that were distributed to the Commission at the last meeting. A fourth session on other topics including paramedical services will take place at the end of May or early June. The State is sending out a mass mailing to all MediCal recipients who've been eligible since 1997 telling them that, as the result of a lawsuit, they may be eligible to have services paid in the three months prior to their eligibility. Francie and Leticia Garcia, IHSS Supervisor, met with staff of San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) to discuss issues that were raised at the Forum. Since there is some

overlap between SARC and IHSS, they will continue to meet to iron out problems. A new social worker will be hired in IHSS due to several social workers currently being on leaves of absence. The IHSS Fiscal Department is making changes in their phone system so that calls can be answered live in January.

5. IHSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY:

A. SNS Registry Status Report: Sara Paz-Nethercutt reported that SNS requested that the registry data include re-referrals and rematches in its statistics. In October 2006, SNS received 19 referrals and 28 re-referrals. SNS made 19 matches and 14 re-matches. They take an average of 19 days to make a match.

B. Program Activities Updates: Sara Paz-Nethercutt reported that the PA's move to 18 W. Beach in Watsonville went smoothly. Marivel Castillo, the new SW I, started on Nov. 6. She will keep the PA website updated, analyze data in CMIPS and will be gradually taking over the provider orientations. Sara distributed the orientation calendar for 2007, as well as a flyer for next year's provider trainings. The same trainer will be doing them, again in English and in Spanish. The PA will send out a mass mailing of the training flyer to approximately 1800 providers in early January 2007. She also distributed a schedule of flu shots.

6. COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT: Copies of the Annual Report in draft form were distributed to the Commission. After Commissioners have reviewed it, the report will be finalized, approved and submitted to the Board of Supervisors in January 2007.

7. IHSS Advisory Commission Vacancies: The commission continues to have two vacancies: one Consumer and one Care Provider.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Finalize Annual Report

9. NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 5, 2007, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.