

**In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2009**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Randy Schlecht, Barbara Chastain,  
Angela Nwokike, Kim Risser, Caroline  
Von Flue, Nelma Fennimore, Patricia  
Dotson-Moss, Roy Reynolds, GG  
Crawley, John Anaya

**ALTERNATE MEMBERS**

Sheila Brown, Noriene Mangold

**IHSS PA & DAAS ADMIN STAFF**

Linda Nelson- Staff Analyst II  
Colleen Krygier- DAAS Director  
Lori Beegle- DAAS Executive Secretary  
Helen Lopez- PA Director  
Sean Jara- Provider Services  
Myette Christian- Training  
Rosa Hidalgo- Registry  
Ruth G. Diaz- PA Staff

**1. Call to Order**

Angela Called Meeting to Order at  
9:35 am

**2. Approve Minutes for February 4,  
2009 Advisory Committee**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mary Gillion

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Patti Strauch, Bernard Domroy,  
Sharon Swayer, Renee Magsino, Tom  
Csekey

**Action(s)**

Minutes approved as Corrected  
Randy/G.G (M/S/C)

Approved as revised

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**3. Additions/Changes to Agenda Items**

- # 9 D. Need to change name from Outreach/Awareness Awareness Committee to Outreach and Awareness Sub Committee.

**4. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

**5. Chair's Report**

Angela Nwokike- Don't have much to report, the budget passed and people are still opposing it. There are a lot of cuts and we are working to help suppress the cuts.

**6. IHSS Public Authority**

**A. Helen Lopez-** No report.

**B. Rosa Hidalgo-**

The registry for providers will be opened April 1<sup>st</sup> but Victorville and Hesperia will not be opening since we have many providers. The criteria for providers to apply are 6 months experience with home care work. We are also targeting fluency in English, since clients are requesting English fluent providers. The provider needs to pass the criminal background check and to complete a CPR class as well.

**C. Myette Christian-** We have trained 148 caregivers in CPR and First Aid from January to March. We have a caregiver program we are offering for free to the IHSS providers starting on

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March 17<sup>th</sup>. The program is 6 weeks long and the classes include; how to prevent falls, fire safety, caring for someone on bed rest and several other classes. At the completion of the program, providers will receive a certificate of completion. I am part of the CMIPS committee and would like to know if anyone is interested to be part of the subcommittee. If you are interested please let me know.

### **D. Sean Jara-**

I will be updating the web site with a picture of the Advisory Committee to be taken at the retreat. I am requesting input from someone on the committee to work with me on updates to the AC section. The paychecks email information will be updated this month on the pay stub message. Inland Empire Alive would like to have one contact from the committee regarding giving awareness on the committee.

## **6. DAAS Services Report**

### **A. Colleen Krygier-**

IHSS case load for 2008 has increased by 10%. Every two months we are growing by another case load but cannot add more staff.

## **7. Break**

10:05 am-10:20 am

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**8. Sandra Walker:** Discussed the Survey with the AC members.

**9. Committee Reports-**

**A. Finance Committee Report-**

We reviewed what we can spend our money on. The money is being spent on postage, cost of photo copying, printing, computers, office furniture, conferences registration fees and newsletters. There are many things we could be doing with that money per the San Mateo survey like internet access and website maintenance, special readers and or alternate formats like Braille, for people that don't see or hear well. The money can be spent on translator services and the cost to conduct surveys. We also need to make sure those that are working on our survey get paid. That money can also be used on a facilitator and staff support as well as membership dues and advertising for the AC Committee. The committee needs to decide how much money we want to allot to any of these. We are going to request public comment on the matter as well.

**B. Legislative Committee Report-**

We have a mass of bills with three of them requiring that we have a motion. The first is AB-324 Aging: Elder Economic Security Standard Index (handout). We are asking and recommending support and a motion on this bill.

A needs-based program that would cover the cost of an individual 65 and older for housing, food, out of pocket

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medical, transportation and other needs. The index would become the determinate instead of the Federal Poverty Line that is being used now. The information would be passed to Linda Nelson who forward it on to Mike Linden. There is no cost, but it involves how they determine 65 and older people's needs.

**Action(s)**

Randy/Angela (M/S/C)

Second Item is bill is AB-452 IHSS: California Independence Act of 2009. There is not enough information on this bill and we recommend we don't take a position at this time until we get better clarity on it.

**Action(s)**

**No motion needed**

Item 3 Assembly Bill 392 Long-Term Health Facilities. This bill would double the fines on facilities when not performing accordingly. Half of the fines would be applied to the Ombudsmen. We ask for a motion in support on this position.

**Action(s)**

John/Patricia (M/S/C)

Item 4 Assembly Bill 246 is just for your information.

**C. Goals Committee-**

No report

**D. Outreach and Awareness Sub**

**Committee Report-** Training day is official with Mike Lundgren April 1, 2009. The agenda has the location on it, please select the lunch you would like to have. This is for the members only, but your provider can also attend only if you need them.

For those who need to take the ethics training you can watch the two hour video that day or do it online. We need

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a final approval for the survey. The logo will be the IHSS Advisory Committee logo. Total cost was \$5,983.12 for the survey, and we need a vote for approval.

**Action(s)**

Caroline/Barbara(M/S/C)

There is also a request that generic business cards be made for public awareness of the committee by IHSS. If there is a plan to go to any conferences, there is a need for you to apply for approval by the board at least a month in advance.

**Action(s)**

Barbara/Patricia (M/S/C)

The suggestion was made for an ad in the Green Sheet or to mail information with time sheets concerning the AC Committee.

**Action(s)**

G.G/Caroline (M/S/C)

The senior day in Victorville has been postponed, we are not sure when it will be held. We need to do it before the end June, Supervisor Mitzelfelt would like to be there.

**Action(s)**

Patricia/Roy (M/S/C)

**10. Old Business**

**A.** Discussion of future AC presentations.

**B.** Mike Lundgren will come as a guest speaker; he will be here April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**11. New Business-**

**A.** Motion moved to Outreach and Awareness Sub Committee Report.

**12. Public Comment**

Jenny Stafford, a staff analyst that worked with DAAS over 30 years,

passed away last Friday. There will be memorial services on Monday. Motion

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to send a card on behalf of IHSS AC Committee; to her family in appreciation for all she did for the senior community at DAAS.

**13. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting is May 6, 2009 DAAS Conference Room A/B 686 E. Mill Street San Bernardino, CA 92415

**14. Adjournment**

12:17p

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