



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

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**IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Jane Thomas, Carol Keates, Alex Ivanovsky, Betsy Moore, Roger Lanzini, Darryl Nelson, Ellen Yevdakinov, Dorrie Carlisle, Kenneth Poe II

ABSENCES: None

STAFF: Serena Wilke – Program Assistant, Mary Lou Nutting – Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM. Roll call was taken and introductions were made. A quorum was established.
- B.** Agenda review for February 25, 2008 was received. Ellen Yevdakinov had a correction to the agenda, item number three (3) she mentioned that Barbara Smiley was affiliated with Marshall Medical and Hands-On, and not affiliated with Make-A-Difference. Jane Thomas motioned to approve the agenda with that correction, seconded by Carol Keates. All present members voted in affirmation.
- C.** The review of the January 28, 2008 minutes was received. Jane motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Darryl Nelson. All present members voted in affirmation.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT

- A.** The meeting was open to the public for comments on agenda items. No comments from public.
- B.** Jane Thomas presented a concern mentioned at the Commission on Aging regarding seniors in extremely rural areas that do not have the availability to participate in meals-on-wheels and other essential services. Jane wondered if this committee could address this problem. Jane and Alex Ivanovsky were concerned that many agencies duplicate the same services. They would like to have a meeting with all agencies to see if the public's needs are being met or that needs are not "falling between the cracks". Alex would like to have this concern added to the agenda to be addressed at the next meeting.

3. GUEST SPEAKER

Barbara Smiley spoke to the committee regarding the volunteer opportunities available to the citizens of El Dorado County. She provided background on “Hands On,” a volunteer referral agency that can offer assistance to people in need of services. It is affiliated with “Hands On Network,” a nationally-base organization. She handed out a list of organizations, phone numbers and volunteer needs of each organization to the committee Members.

She commented on some of the issues confronting the seniors in our county especially trying to find out what services are available to them and how to contact that agency. Alex suggested that the phone number for the Hands On contact person, Ron Zielske, be added as a resource in the IHSS Care Connection Newsletter.

Ellen asked about disaster preparedness. Barbara said it was brought to her attention that the county has all these plans in place for disasters but, as individuals, we do not know what to do during an emergency. She suggested that there should be a web site with that information. She mentioned that El Dorado County needs to create a web site available for the general public to get information in the event of a disaster.

4. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tri-County IHSS Advisory Committee Meeting

Marianne Nelson had a question about the tri-county meeting; she wondered what was discussed at this meeting. Jane Thomas commented on the last tri-county meeting she attended and gave an over view of what she experienced at that meeting. She thought it was a good experience for providers to exchange information.

Alex discussed that we are exploring having the tri-county meeting in September to be able to discuss the problems confronting providers. It is still in the planning stage.

B. Emergency Preparedness/County Response

Carol mentioned that she had left a message at EDC Health Department with the person who is supposed to have the knowledge of where to get the resources, with no return call as of this date. She also provided a web site <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/> that offers general disaster preparedness information. Barbara will give Carol the name and phone number of contact person at the EDC Fire Protection District who may be able to help supply the information requested.

- C. Prioritize Guest Speakers
Mary Lou provided a list of speakers gathered from the exit surveys from the Fall Health Fair for all to review and prioritize. Due to time constraints, we were not able to review the entire list, to be addressed at the next meeting.
- D. Approve Budget for Advertising
Kara Peaker prepared two choices of flyers for announcing the next IHSS Advisory Committee meeting. The committee chose the flyer that had blue letters as it was more noticeable from a distance. Mary Lou offered some publications and cable television channels which she could submit Press Releases, which are at no cost, to advertise the Advisory Committee meetings. All agreed that the free Press Releases would be a good thing to do. Mary Lou offered to forward flyers to El Dorado Hills Senior Center.

6. PUBLIC AUTHORITY REPORT

A written Public Authority Report was presented which included the monthly statistics, Advisory Committee updates, Provider Training, the *Care Connection* newsletter, Care Provider Registry, Department of Human Services (DHS) update, Capital Status and PA staffing. Mary Lou reminded Darryl Nelson and Ellen Yevdakinov to submit their brief biographies to her to be inserted in the Care Connection Newsletter "Spotlight" section.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Prioritize guest speakers, vendors that wish to speak to AC
- B. Discuss the possibility of an inner agency meeting to discuss services, delivery and access to rural clients
- C. Possible guest speaker
- D. Serena to give update of the meeting with Doug Nowka

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 17th El Dorado Hills Senior Center, 990 Lassen Lane, El Dorado Hills

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM

Reviewed & Approved by the Advisory Committee on March 17, 2008