



SONOMA COUNTY  
**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes for February 23, 2009**

**Present:** Gary Fontenot, Ex-officio member  
Joann Keyston, Secretary  
Nancy Hall  
Mary Raymond  
Richard Ruge  
Marie White  
Sachiko Williams  
Herb Willsmore

**Absent:** Stan Gow, Chair  
Mary Bodily, Vice Chair

**Staff:** Diane Kaljian, Division Director – Adult and Aging  
Michael Humphrey, Manager – IHSS Public Authority  
John Chan, Registry Supervisor – IHSS Public Authority  
Lorna Schreck, Secretary – IHSS Public Authority

**Guests:** Bill Myatt, Director of the 2-1-1 Program  
Karen Timmons, IHSS Caregiver  
Cresia Mates

**1. Call to Order/Review Agenda**

J. Keyston called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comments – none**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Members approved the minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting as presented.

**4. Sonoma County 2-1-1**

A. Bill Myatt, Director of the 2-1-1 Program, introduced members to the new 2-1-1 Information and Referral service, which went live on February 11, 2009. He distributed a handout of his PowerPoint presentation, an informational flyer, a fact sheet, and a refrigerator magnet.

B. Highlights of his presentation included:

1. 2-1-1 is the new 24/7 Information and Referral service working hand in hand with the 9-1-1 service in Sonoma County.
2. Sonoma County is one of just a few 2-1-1 facilities in the United States that also serves “walk-in” clients.
3. There are 515 Agencies providing 1,074 different services, listed with 2-1-1 in Sonoma County.
4. The website, which lists all the agencies is: [www.211wc.org](http://www.211wc.org)

## **5. Statistics and updates**

M. Humphrey reported that there was a wait list of 20 people for the Spanish *Alzheimer’s Disease And Dementia* class in January. Staff added another class on March 2.

## **6. Budget and Legislative Update and Advocacy**

- A. M. Humphrey reported that staff faxed the letter opposing the proposed cuts to IHSS to the Governor on February 11 with copies to all appropriate legislators.
- B. M. Humphrey distributed two reports: one reviews the *Health and Human Services Agency Budget Impacts*, and the other is an overview of the approved State budget from the California Budget Project.
- C. M. Humphrey explained how the Federal stimulus package could affect the State’s budget, as it relates to IHSS.
- D. Members discussed the budget implications.

## **7. Public Comments – none**

## **8. Executive Committee Report**

J. Keyston reported that the Executive Committee reviewed items on today’s agenda. Members reviewed the Work Plan Calendar and discussed the format for the March meeting.

## **9. Comments about Today’s Video: “10 Commandments of Communicating with People with Disabilities”**

Seven members viewed the video and thought it was very good. Members felt that the people, who need to see the film, are the people that would not “get it”. It was suggested that this video be shown to a caregiver class, at a City Council meeting, or even on local broadcast television.

## **10. Correspondence; Announcements & Community Meeting Reports**

- A. J. Keyston announced that ACA4 (Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4) and SCA4 (Senate Constitutional Amendment 4) may be of interest to some members. These two proposed amendments concern the States requirement that there be a two-thirds majority to pass the annual budget.
- B. The implementation date for Managed Medi-Cal is delayed until October 2009. J. Keyston will attend the Managed Medi-Cal meeting on Friday.
- C. R. Ruge announced that a Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations (DP4VP) meeting will be held on April 17 from 1-3pm, with a guest from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services.
- D. Disaster Preparedness Workshops are scheduled in various locations over the next few months. Attendees will leave with a health information card, personal evacuation plan, and communication/contact list, along with information on emergency go kits.
- E. N. Hall reported that she attended a POLST (Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) meeting recently.

## **11. Agenda Topics for the meeting on March 23, 2009**

- A. The Advisory Committee will hold an abbreviated business meeting in March from 12:30 – 1:00 to review minutes, statistics, and legislation.
- B. Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations (DP4VP) Training will be 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Staff will invite members of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council to attend the training.

## **12. Adjournment**

- J. Keyston adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Submitted by Lorna Schreck, Secretary