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**California Department of Social Services  
Continuing Care Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2010**

The Continuing Care Advisory Committee (Committee) met at 744 P Street in Sacramento, California. Members present included: Tom Stringer, Charles Lamb, Mary Beth Tompane, Kathy Kirchhoff, Marilyn Oliver, and Bernard Werth and Jack Patton via telephone. Barbara Hood was absent. Staff attending from the Continuing Care Contracts Branch (CCCB) included: John Rodriguez, Linda Smith, Allison Nakatomi, Kishia Ogans, Ahmad German, Lan Jaduram, Paramjit Judge, and Rea Osborne. DSS's attorney for the Branch, Robert Thompson was also present. Public attendees included: Eric Dowdy, David Reimer, Walt Rozett, Mike Manley, Clair Metske, and Betsy Donovan.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**

Mr. Stringer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Mr. Stringer stated that Jack Patton and Bernard Werth would be attending the meeting via conference call.

**Approval/Correction of October 20, 2009 Advisory Committee Minutes**

Mr. Stringer asked the Committee members if they had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the October 20, 2009 minutes. Mr. Stringer pointed out a minor typographic error in the minutes on the second page at the bottom of the page, the last line; the word "rehabilitation" was misspelled. The minutes were approved with one correction.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Rodriguez gave a brief summary of recent legislation: AB 407 dealt with permanent closures and AB 1169 dealt with annual reporting requirements. AB 1433 deals with temporary closures and AB 1044 deals with transferring the financial oversight of the Continuing Care Contracts Branch to the Department of Insurance (DOI). Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Department is following all of these bills but cannot take a position at this time.

There was an open discussion regarding AB 1433 and AB 1044. Mr. Thompson stated that AB 1433 did not make sense as written and required serious attention. Mr. Dowdy reported that the bill was a work-in-progress and that he expected it to be amended as the bill moved forward. There has been no movement on AB 1044. Committee members were divided whether moving regulatory responsibility to DOI would be beneficial, but all agreed that the bill needed a significant amendment.

### **Provider Fee Fund**

Ms. Smith reported that there is \$2.4 million in the Provider Fee Fund. The Statutes state that the balance in the Continuing Care Provider Fee Fund is projected to exceed \$500,000 for the next budget year, the Department shall adjust the calculations for the application fees and annual fees to reduce the amounts collected. Mr. Stringer asked the Committee members for feedback and stated that they should make a recommendation on this issue. The Committee discussed this issue and it was moved and seconded that the Committee Chair write a letter to John Wagner, Director of the Department requesting a reduction in annual fees in accordance with the Statutes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was brought up at this time.

### **NEW MATTERS UPON REQUEST BY PUBLIC ATTENDEES**

#### **Aging Services of California (ASC)**

Mr. Dowdy reported on ASC's recent meeting in Sacramento. He stated that there were over 250 attendees and 90 Capitol visits. At the meeting there was a session on Community Care Licensing update which included participation by Jeffrey Hiratsuka, Trish Nishio and John Rodriquez and a CCRC session with Bob Thompson.

Mr. Dowdy also discussed ASC's upcoming annual conference in May to be held May 3-5 in Long Beach. He reported that there will be a CCRC symposium and they plan on looking at issues and coming up with policy recommendations. Mr. Dowdy also stated that he looks forward to seeing the Branch management in attendance at the conference.

### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BRIEFING**

#### **Department Reports:**

Ms. Nakatomi gave a brief summary of the following reports: Report on Status of Applications, the 2009 Year End Report, 2009 and the Summary of Complaints Report. Ms. Smith reported on the 2009 Annual Report to the CDSS Director on the Activities of the Continuing Care Advisory Committee. She asked the Committee members get back to her with comments or changes by March 15, 2010. She will then submit the report to the Director.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Stringer thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.