

Social Action/Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2009

NASW IN Chapter Office

Committee Members Present: Bessie Proffett (LEAD Chair), Beryl Cohen (PACE Chair), Holly Gray (Region 7 Rep), Teri Cardwell (Social Action/Public Policy Chair), Jeff Locke, Natalie

Josephine Hughes (Exec. Dir.), Heather Greenwell (Intern, note taker)

Teri Cardwell called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Overview of FSSA Meeting

Jo provided committee members with an overview of a meeting she attended with ICHS and Anne Murphy regarding FSSA. Katherine Byers and Teri Cardwell responded with comments.

Jo advised the members present that FSSA is talking with Florida and Texas regarding their privatization models and how they worked efficiently.

She also commented that any additional contracts would be directly with the state.

Anne Murphy and other individuals present at the meeting appeared open and requested another meeting with ICHS.

Jo stated that ICHS's recommendations are over-arching, well written, and do not micro-manage the state. The recommendations suggested that the coalition work collaboratively with FSSA.

Jeff commented that after reviewing the overview of the meeting and the presentation from FSSA regarding the Hybrid system, he felt that the Hybrid system was a good way.

Beryl commented that the state already has an advisory group that is not being listened to. She suggested that the NASW use stronger language to demand FSSA do certain things. Beryl went on to say that from discussions she has been a part of, she feels like many feel that original system was broken.

Jeff stated that in the language of the ICHS's recommendations, as it pertained to the Advisory group, contains teeth in that it involves stakeholders, consumers, and legislators.

Teri suggested that if NASW adopts ICHS's recommendations, they should be attached to the policy agenda as a separate item. She expressed concern regarding the

language in the auditing section, and felt that the language should be changed from “would be...” to “will be...”.

Jo advised the coalition discussed this and the reasons for leaving the language as is are in regards to the significance in auditing a broken system, and is it in our best interest to request something be done that would take energy away from fixing the system.

Teri called for a motion that the committee adopts ICHS’s recommendations regarding FSSA’s modernization project. Natalie made the motion. It was seconded by Bessie. The motion carried.

Teri suggested that a separate bolded item be placed on the 2010 Public Policy agenda that specifically addressed the recommendations of ICHS and NASW.

The next meeting was set for Monday, December 14, 2009 at 6pm.