



CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

Statewide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Via Conference Call

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Janie Whiteford at 1:05PM.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present

Penelope Beasley, Napa County
Cindy Calderon, Northern Region
Philip Childres, Monterey County
Felice Connolly, Riverside County
John Gordon, Kings County
Sheila Gray, Mendocino County
Cathy Houle, Calaveras County
Jenilyn Jimenez, San Diego County
Jane Kardas, Mendocino County
Eldon Luce, Placer County
William Reed, UDW
Ellen Rollins, Santa Clara County
Mark Romoser, Silicon Valley ILC Santa Clara County
Andy Rossoff, Mendocino County
Michelle Rousey, Alameda County
Ethel Webb, Shasta County
Janie Whiteford, President
Lawrence Zynda, Southern Region

CICA Support Staff

Amy Olsen, CICA Administration

CICA Guest

Karen Keeslar, CAPA

3. BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Janie Whiteford announced that Karen Keeslar has been named the new CAPA Executive Director and Lobbyist. Congratulations Karen!

Karen Keeslar reported that neither house has taken any action on the best case scenario budget proposed by the Governor which eliminated 80% of IHSS cases and reduction of wages to minimum wage. Now the budget committees are looking at trigger proposal which is a complete

elimination of the IHSS program. The IHSS Coalition has submitted a letter to the sub-committee strongly opposing elimination of the program. The next hearing is the assembly budget sub-committee on May 5 at 1:30, room TBD. Some are hoping that the improvement in the economy will see some of the current deficit come down. We will still be facing battles regarding IHSS and keeping the program.

Janie Whiteford added that the senate sub-committee 3 is scheduled immediately following the meeting on the senate floor around 9:30 or 10:00AM in room 4203 of the Capitol. Go to www.ca.senate.gov for more information about scheduled hearings. You can click on audio or listen to get voice relay information.

4. UPDATE ON IHSS LAWSUITS

Janie Whiteford reported that she would recommend that consumers call their legislators and let them know that they are concerned that there are no consumers in the stakeholders group formed by the administration. All of the work is being done by government workers with no consumer or provider involvement.

Karen Keeslar provided an update on provider enrollment. She said that one of the most shocking things is the requirement that consumers be fingerprinted. The state has indicated that they intend to pilot fingerprinting for consumers in San Diego and Sacramento including fingerprinting and photographing of consumers. They have no legal authority to do this. Even so, they are moving forward. The IHSS Coalition issued a press release today with a hope to get a story in the Los Angeles Times about the state spending \$11 million to implement this action.

An update on IHSS litigation will be coming out soon.

5. DEBRIEF ON CDSS TELECONFERENCE

Cindy Calderon gave a debrief on the CDSS fraud teleconference. The most prevalent comment was to ask why IHSS recipients and care providers are being excluded from the workgroup being set up. The answer was that this is just a process, more workgroups are coming, etc. Right now, the people involved in the main workgroup are district attorneys, fraud investigators, and some public authorities. People were referred to <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/agedblinddisabled/PG2170.htm>.

A fall workgroup is to start on the P.O. Box process which says you can't have a P.O. Box as a mailing address. The fingerprinting process is also getting a workgroup assigned. The overall perception of the state process is that they are not listening to consumer or provider concerns or input. More stakeholder sessions will be held in June and July. A timeline will be sent out soon with upcoming meeting dates and times. For direct questions, you can email ihss-qa@dss.ca.gov directly.

6. DCAD (DISABILITY CAPITAL ACTION DAY) AND CICA TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Janie Whiteford reported that DCAD will be held this year on May 26 and that CICA will be hosting a Legislative Training Day and ADA Informational Session on May 25 from 10AM to

3PM. The theme of this year's DCAD is the 20th Anniversary of the ADA. AB1682 funds can be used for this because it is a training opportunity for Advisory Committee members. You can stay over and then participate in DCAD.

7. NEXT CICA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Melissa Kinley is CICA's conference committee leader this year. The conference will be held October 22-24, 2010 at the San Jose Doubletree Hotel. Janie Whiteford asked for volunteers to participate in the committee. Jane Kardas of Mendocino County volunteered to be on the committee.

8. REGIONAL MEETINGS

Planning for CICA regional meetings is in process. The northern region is targeting August for their regional meeting. Ethel Webb stated that the focus for the northern regional meeting will be on fraud from a more positive perspective. Ellen Rollins said that the Central Region is working on a venue for their meeting.

9. NAPA COMMUNITY FORUM

Penelope Beasley reported that Napa County is holding a community forum with a focus on advocacy and empowerment. Janie Whiteford will be a speaker.

10. COUNTY HAPPENINGS

The Solano County IHSS Advisory Committee will be presenting their 2008-2009 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors on April 6, 2010 at 8:00AM.

In addition The Solano County IHSS Consumer-Provider Spring Conference will be held April 27 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Government Multi-Purpose Room located at 675 Texas St., Fairfield, CA 94533. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to (707) 784-8200 as seats are limited. This year's theme is Getting By When Times are Tight.

Santa Clara County reported that they will be doing a town hall meeting in conjunction with their local SEIU with the subject around the May budget revise.

Humboldt County will be hosting a community forum on April 16 with a presentation from their Advisory Board. Attendees can participate in some form of advocacy before they leave the meeting.

Janie Whiteford reiterated the importance of people calling their legislators to let them know that consumers should be included as stakeholders in the fraud work groups.

19. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:02PM. The next regularly scheduled CICA Executive Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, April 21 at 10:00AM.

Submitted by Amy Olsen