



CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Via Conference Call

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Janie Whiteford at 10:05AM.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present

Yvonne Almore, Orange County
Cindy Calderon, Humboldt County
Felice Connelly, Riverside County
Francis Gracechild, Yolo County
Tracy Harrell, Tulare County
Jene McCovey, Humboldt County
Bonnie Mello, Santa Clara County
Chris Otero, Los Angeles County
William Reed, Placer County
Terry Scussell, Marin County
Ethel Webb, Shasta County
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara County
Virginia Wilson, San Diego County
Mary Tucker, Nevada County
Lawrence Zynda, San Diego County

CICA Support Staff

Amy Terhorst, CICA Administration

CAPA Liaison

Guests

Karen Keeslar, UDW Legislative Consultant

3. BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Keeslar reported that the Budget Conference Committee took action on IHSS items yesterday. They should be approved to go to the Governor as part of the final budget package. The Governor's proposal included elimination of share of cost buyout for all consumers; proposed decrease in state sharing to minimum wage plus \$.60/hour for health benefits; a three tier system with any consumer below a 2.99 functional index score losing all services and consumers above a 4 functional index score losing no benefits; and, a large fraud proposal to add 30 new fraud investigators to the state staff. The budget committee proposed a compromise. Share of cost consumers to lose 50% of buyout and that would be effective in three months. Second piece would be any consumer who is below a 4 functional index score loses domestic

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and related services, except consumers who have more than 120 hours, paramedical services, or protective services.

The Provider Enrollment Form is still in but it does not need to have the same legal language and penal code sections. When the provider identity is checked, it can be checked by mail or in person.

The Public Authority administrative rate will be decreased. Public Authorities will receive money based on the number of consumer hours and then a 20% cut will be added. Public Authorities suffer twice – first with a cut in administrative costs and then a cut in hours to consumers. Advisory Committee allocation has not been reduced.

Karen estimated that the process should be wrapped up by Friday or the beginning of next week. The package also includes some new taxes that the Governor is expected to veto. The Governor said that he would not give the Controller authority to do any short term borrowing. He's fine with the state locking it's doors and ceasing services.

4. IHSS COALITION – ACTIONS SCHEDULED

The statewide IHSS coalition has formed a subcommittee to look at actions throughout the state by the Governor's office. Activities include demonstrations on Monday in conjunction with the Olmstead anniversary. As soon as we have the final information, we will send it out. Francis Gracechild said that there will be civil rights training at 4:00PM today. Observers are equally important to those doing civil disobedience. It will be around noon on Monday. Information will be distributed as soon as it is available. Another demonstration is scheduled for Tuesday in San Francisco and a demonstration on Monday in Los Angeles with a march to the state office in downtown Los Angeles with the purpose to try and close down that office.

5. CICA WEBSITE

Amy Terhorst reported that the new CICA website is now up and online for review at www.cicaihss.org. Please take a look at it and send in any updates or suggestions.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Amy Terhorst reported that membership renewal invoices have been sent out for FY 09/10. If your county is not a member and is interested in membership, let us know and we will come and make a presentation.

7. CONFERENCE UPDATE

Amy Terhorst reported that the annual CICA Conference is scheduled for January 22-24, 2010 at the San Jose Doubletree Hotel. Reservations are now available at a rate of \$94/night plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-HILTONS and asking for the CICA room rate.

8. CAPA/CICA COLLABORATION

Janie Whiteford reported that the CICA Executive Committee wanted to do some collaborative efforts with CAPA on white papers. CAPA is interested in collaborating. Issues to be addressed include Consumer Control within the IHSS System (Heidi Cartan will work with Trula LaCalle on this paper); Urgent Care Registries (Janet Heinritz-Cantebury is working with CAPA on this

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issue and will take surveys of counties and what urgent care registries look like across the state); Private Pay Registry (Janie Whiteford working with Trula LaCalle on this issue); and, Hard to Serve Registry (Mike Boyd volunteered to work on this issue.)

9. FRAUD DISCUSSION

A Constant Contact email was sent to everyone on the distribution list which included questions that the Santa Clara County Advisory Committee asked during a meeting with their Quality Control representative in regard to fraud. Janie Whiteford will be sending out a paper from the State Welfare Department about what constitutes fraud. Janie advised that Advisory Committee should consider setting up a similar meeting in their counties with their Quality Control representative to have a discussion about fraud and the facts surrounding the issue in their county.

10. COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Shirley Stacey reported that Solano County Public Authority Executive Director, Lauren Rolfe, retired and they are in the process of hiring a new Executive Director. The annual Solano conference in April was successful. They had over 70 people attend. Solano County is able to keep providers at \$10.50/hour at the present time. This is a \$1/hour reduction. The Solano County Public Authority is now located at 275 Beck Ave., Fairfield CA in the Health and Human Services building

Virginia Wilson reported that they are having rallies at all legislative offices in San Diego county and they are being well attended. Phone banks organized by the unions are being used to organize the rally.

William Reed reported that Placer County is holding rallies at the Capitol and at legislative offices with vigils. They have been very effective.

Cindy Calderon reported that Humboldt County held a rally at the courthouse and turned out 150 people.

Bonnie Mello reported that one of the issues Santa Clara County is dealing with is accurate completion of timecards by providers. They are looking at putting together a training DVD instructing providers in the proper way to complete a timecard. This DVD could also contain other information like preventing fraud, abuse, and other issues.

11. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:52AM. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00AM.

Submitted by Amy Terhorst