



CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Via Conference Call

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Cindy Calderon at 10:05AM.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present

Shirley Adams, Orange County
Soseh Basmasien, San Luis Obispo County
Rae Bell, Riverside County
Cindy Calderon, Humboldt County
Lin Crivea, UDW
Sheila Grey, Mendocino County
Mike Just, Santa Barbara County
Chris Otero, PASC Los Angeles County
Richard Rangel, Monterey County
William Reed, Placer County
Caroline Rose, Sacramento County
Sally Uribe, Mariposa County
Sandy Varga, PASC Los Angeles County

CICA Support Staff

Amy Terhorst

CICA Guest

Karen Keeslar, UDW Consultant

3, 4, & 5. STATE BUDGET ISSUES, STATE LEGISLATION, & STATUS OF LEGAL INJUNCTIONS RELATED TO IHSS

Karen reported that the lawsuit filed to stop cuts tied to Functional Index (FI) scores and ranks has succeeded. Monday, Judge Wilkins ruled in our favor and issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting the state from implementing cuts. The Notice Of Action (NOA) was deemed inadequate and use of FI scores and ranks not an appropriate way to devise cuts. Karen said that we should expect that the state will be filing an emergency motion of appeal asking the appeals court to stay the preliminary injunction and allow the state to proceed. She said we have reason to be optimistic. This is incredible victory for IHSS consumers and providers. The MediCal hearing is still being appealed.

Karen also reported on the anti-fraud activity with the budget. ACL's have been issued and many of the ACL's go beyond the statutory authority. An ACL went out regarding provider enrollment, provider orientation and background checks. These warning letters went way beyond what the state required. The advice that UDW is giving to providers and consumers is to not sign the letters until we know what the list of crimes is that the state is putting out. A lawsuit is pending the end of this week regarding this issue. May be a hearing next week regarding this. We are waiting for the state to produce a list of crimes that prevent people from being qualified as a provider.

4. REPORT FROM THE IHSS COALITION

Cindy Calderon asked if Mike Just would provide a brief report on the recent IHSS Coalition meeting. Mike reported that the State Coalition has crafted a few letters that have been put on the Governor's desk that oppose the cuts, including that the FI scores were never meant to be used as eligibility criteria.

Cindy Calderon reported that she heard that a county Board Of Supervisors can change the cost carried by providers for fingerprinting. A lot of consumers are worried that providers cannot pay for fingerprinting in a timely manner.

5. COUNTY RESPONSES TO NOA'S AND IHSS CUTS

Cindy reported that Humboldt County responded that they are glad that the cuts were detained but are concerned about the amount of time required to send out the new NOA's regarding the change. No other reports were given.

6. CICA 501(C)(3) STATUS

Amy Terhorst reported that CICA is now classified by the IRS as a charitable 501(C)(3) organization. Letters are going out to all IHSS Public Authorities informing them of the change in status along with a copy of the IRS letter. Member counties and those registering conference attendees should make sure that CICA is set up as a vendor in their county system.

7. CONFERENCE UPDATE

Amy Terhorst reported that the conference planning is going well and registration is now available online at www.cicaihss.org. Registration packets are going out to all Public Authorities and will also be sent to individual advisory committee and governing board members as the addresses are available. Conference information is available on the website.

8. CICA OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Cindy Calderon reported that President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be open for nomination and voting at this year's conference. Email your nomination with a biography to Amy Terhorst (amy@cicaihss.org) or Janie Whiteford (Janie@cicaihss.org). Amy will send out an email to entire membership and each member advisory committee will have one vote at the conference. Janie Whiteford will be terming out as president and we will need to fill that position.

9. COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Sandy Varga reported that PASC of Los Angeles County will be doing a volunteer appeal training for people that will be going through the appeals process. The first training will be October 22 from 1-5pm.

Shirley Stacey reported offline that Solano County has a new executive director - Teri Ruggiero. Solano County is having their second senior and disabled transportation summit on Friday October 30, 2009. Shirley Stacey reported that she has been nominated as Advisory Committee member of the year by the Paratransit Council.

9. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:37AM. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 10:00AM. November will be dark.

****Please make sure to join the call from a quiet location or be prepared to mute your phone while on the call. Your call may be subject to mute by the Administrator if the noise level cannot be controlled.
Thank you for your cooperation.****

Submitted by Amy Terhorst