



# CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 19, 2008  
Via Conference Call

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Amy Terhorst at 10:10AM.

## 2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

### Members Present

Shirley Adams, Orange County  
Tiffany Adams, Orange County  
Yvonne Almore, Orange County  
Cindy Calderon, Humboldt County  
Felice Connolly, Riverside County  
Tim Cooper, Placer County  
Patricia Cornell, Mendocino County  
Tracy Harrell, Tulare County  
Kathy Houle, Calaveras County  
Dolores Johnson (past AB member for San Bernardino County)  
Chloe Karl, Lake County  
Louis Lopez, Imperial County  
Herb Meyer, Marin County  
Chris Otero, Los Angeles County  
William Reed, Placer County  
Kari Sanders, SEIU  
Fran Smith, Yolo County  
Michelle Stewart, Sacramento County  
Sandy Varga, Los Angeles County  
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara County  
Virginia Wilson, San Diego County  
Tatiana (need last name), San Francisco County  
Yanita (need last name), Imperial County

### CICA Support Staff

Amy Terhorst, CICA Administration  
John Stansbury, Consultant

### **3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Karen Keeslar was not able to be on the call. Janie Whiteford reported that there is not very much new to offer at this time. Everyone seems to be waiting to see what happens with the new administration. Herb Meyer reported on the Veteran's Day rally that took place at the Capitol. Vets spoke IHSS related issues and Marty Omoto acted as Master of Ceremonies. Speaker Karen Bass came out and spoke with attendees and there was strong media coverage with front page placement in the Bay Area. Janie Whiteford said the Veteran's Rally was supported by the IHSS Coalition. Fran Smith reminded people that in order for the Advisory Committee members to have their expenses covered to attend such a rally, there must be some educational element involved. Tracy Harrell reported that she has been working on letters to legislators and will send the letter she wrote to the Governor on the effects of IHSS cuts to Amy Terhorst for posting on the CICA website. Sandy Varga suggested that some of the stories that people in the IHSS program have submitted including what they are thankful for, be released to the press for print the day after Thanksgiving. Janie Whiteford will work with Sandy to present these to the IHSS Coalition for press placement. Herb Meyer reported that he is meeting with Karen Bass and Don Perata to remind them that they promised not to cut IHSS. Patricia Cornell asked if there was any way to reach higher up in the Republican Party to make changes in the cuts proposed for the IHSS program. John Stansbury said that what is blocking the republican legislators in California regarding the IHSS cuts is the "no tax" pledge that they took. John said that the most important thing is for people who live in Republican districts to meet with their Republican legislator and tell them your story. Fran Smith said it is very important that the local papers cover the individual IHSS stories. It was suggested that the Veteran's groups should be invited to join the IHSS Coalition.

### **4. IHSS COALITION ACTIVITIES**

No report made.

### **5. CICA CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

Amy Terhorst reported that surveys from the conference are being compiled and will be distributed via email and posted on the CICA website when completed. Conference attendance was good this year with 181 registrants. Some counties still have not paid for registrations and will be billed. Amy asked for feedback from people on the call regarding the conference. Statements included: Conference was tight with too much content; need other options for meals purchased outside of the conference; need a blog option on the CICA website for people to communicate with each other; have CICA and CAPA help with sending people to Sacramento for training to meet with their legislators. Amy Terhorst will be sending out a listing of all conference attendees to the conference attendee list. A discussion took place regarding holding a CICA training in conjunction with Capitol Action Day in order to prepare people to meet with their legislators and keep the conference in the fall. Cindy Calderon said that the IHSS Coalition is considering moving Capitol Action Day to a date earlier in the year (March or April) so people can have more of an affect on legislators in regards to the budget and that it can take place during more mild weather.

### **6. CICA MEMBERSHIP**

No report made.

**7. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Herb Meyer said that the regional meetings have been very productive for the central region and they are planning a meeting in Sacramento in the Spring. Shirley Adams reported that the Southern Region expressed a need to do regular meetings as well. Louis Lopez reported that they have been trying to put together a meeting with some of their members, but were told that they could not under the Brown Act. John Stansbury said that he would call Louis to talk about it specifically. Sandy Varga said that Brown Act information is available on local Los Angeles television and the station offers a DVD for purchase. Michelle Steward said that Bernadette Lynch also can send people information.

**8. COUNTY HAPPENINGS**

Herb Meyer reported that Marin County held their caregiver appreciation meeting on Saturday with a great turnout. Some of their county Supervisors attended and spoke. Patricia Cornell said that after the conference, several of their Advisory Committee members were reviewing the SEIU Trust Fund Plan to see if it was something they wanted for their county. There was much discussion about the Trust Fund for Advisory Committee insurance needs. Michelle Stewart said that she is working on social security issues for family caregivers and asked if anyone else is working on this issue. Janie Whiteford asked Michelle to share whatever information she receives with CICA for boarder distribution.

**9. ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20AM. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, January 21 at 10:00AM. December will be dark for the holidays unless there is a budget issue in which case another meeting will be scheduled.

*Submitted by Amy Terhorst*