



CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Via Conference Call

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present

Heidi Aharonian, Orange County
Phillip Childres, Monterey
Felice Connolly, Riverside
Tim Cooper, Placer County
Paul DeMange, Contra Costa
Buck Douker, Lake County
Bill Fricker, San Francisco PA
Jenilyn Jimenez, San Diego
Joann Keyston, Sonoma
Melissa Kinley, Sacramento
Ellen Rollins, Santa Clara County
Mark Romoser, SVILC
Michelle Rousey, Alameda
Christie Rudder, Orange
Fran Smith, Yolo
Shirley Stacey, Solano
Sandy Varga, LA
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara
Lawrence Zynda, San Diego

CICA Support Staff

Amy Olsen, Administrator
John Stansbury, Consultant

Guest

Karen Keeslar, CAPA

3. REPORT ON STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE HAPPENINGS

Karen Keeslar reported that the budget subcommittee has completed hearings on the Governor's proposals. Today begins first hearing of budget full committee. Intent is to take action on all of the items that remain open. Most of cuts are across the board cuts and will be on subcommittee agenda for tomorrow. Legislature is moving very quickly. Work is being done by SEIU and UDW to provide alternative legislation to divert people from entering nursing homes which would realize more savings. Karen said that we are in trouble. Karen said that the work that

CICA is doing with the call in's and legislative meetings is very empowering and to keep it up. Public authorities still will be required to have advisory committees but there will be no funding. Janie thanked Karen for all of her hard work on behalf of consumers. There is a good chance that budget will be wrapped up by March 11 so the next call is a good place to get an update on the final budget results. There will definitely be a loss of jobs and taxes across the state as a result of this budget proposal.

4. HAVE A HEART CALL IN DAY/WEEK

Janie said that she hoped that everyone had an opportunity to call in. The script to use with the call was sent out. You can make them all this week. The call in should be focused on for the entire week. It is very important for people to participate. Sandy Varga reported on her visit to John Stewart, local legislator. In the end, the legislator said that the most important thing we could do is find more republican constituents who are consumers to go to their republican legislator's office and sell no cuts. It's key because the governor doesn't have enough republican votes.

5. CICA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Janie reported that she and Melissa Kinley did a presentation in Monterey County. Part of CICA's mandate now is going to be to help AC's get money from the Feds. Ellen Rollins said that the COA is putting a fundraising training out in their newsletter this month. Janie said that CICA is now aggressively looking at grant funding possibilities. Please let CICA know if your AC would like a presentation.

6. COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Michelle Rousey reported that their AC went caroling for Valentine's Day.

Sandy Varga reported that they are having their first consumer call-in that will be moderated by Marty Omoto. On 2/25, CalLife will have an event in front of the governor's office where some people will strip off their clothes to symbolize their rights being stripped away.

7. OTHER

No other business was reported.

8. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:02am. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, March 16 at 10:00AM.

Submitted by Amy Olsen