



CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 18, 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

Shirley Adams, Orange County
Tiffany Adams, Orange County
Teresa Brown, San Joaquin County
Cindy Calderon, Humboldt County
Felice Connolly, Riverside County
Eldon Luce, Placer County
Bonnie Mello, Santa Clara County
Kathy Metsopolis, Solano County
Richard Rangel, Monterey County
Michelle Rousey, Alameda County
Fran Smith, Yolo County
Mary Tucker, Nevada County
Sandy Varga, Los Angeles County
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara County
Lawrence Zynda, San Diego County

CICA Support Staff

Amy Terhorst, CICA Administration

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Keeslar was not able to be on the call. Janie Whiteford reported on her behalf. Notes will be sent out under separate email.

4. REPORT ON CICA STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Janie Whiteford reported on the CICA strategic planning meeting that took place on Saturday, February 14 in San Jose. The meeting included a discussion on long and short range planning for CICA as well as the continuation of the CICA annual conference to be held in the Fall of 2009. Regional meetings will be taking place during 2009 and will be coordinated by CICA regional Vice Presidents. It was agreed that CICA will expand the Executive Committee to

include two regional Vice Presidents per region. Sandy Varga was appointed as second regional Vice President for Southern region and will be working with Shirley Adams on a regional meeting to take place in April of 2009. Northern region Advisory Committee members who would like to participate in a regional meeting should contact Cindy Calderon. Herb Meyer will be coordinating the Central region Advisory Committee meeting. For Mountain/Valley regional meeting, please contact Janie Whiteford. The CICA Executive Committee committed to working with CAPA to produce joint position papers on issues pertinent to the overall IHSS consumer audience.

5. CAPITOL ACTION DAY

Capitol Action Day takes place May 27, 2009 in Sacramento at the State Capitol. CICA will be hosting a training session to take place on May 26 which will focus on how to be effective in meeting with your legislator. The training component allows AB1682 funding to be used for attendance. CICA will not be organizing sleeping rooms or transportation. As soon as the venue for the training is finalized, a notice will be sent to Advisory Committees so they can let consumers in their areas know about the event.

6. CICA WEBSITE

Janie Whiteford reported that a Request For Proposal (RFP) is being prepared to find a vendor to update the CICA website. The RFP will be distributed via email. If you would like us to send you a proposal, please contact Amy Terhorst. This is a contracted position.

7. "TAKE THE DARE, SHOW YOU CARE"

Letters have been sent out to all California legislators challenging them to participate in an educational day walking in the shoes of an IHSS consumer and provider. This program is being put into place to put a "face" on the IHSS consumer. Several legislators have committed to doing this. The IHSS Coalition (the organizing body) will match the consumers with the legislator. Training will be provided via telephone for participating consumers. A focus will be placed on providers who are family members so legislators can see what it means for a family member to be an IHSS provider. The Coalition is working on making sure appropriate media coverage is provided.

8. CICA PRESENTATIONS AT COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Janie Whiteford asked that any Advisory Committee looking for a presentation regarding CICA should contact their regional Vice President as soon as possible to schedule a presentation.

9. COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Sandy Varga reported that CalLife (the Independent Living Center in Los Angeles) is putting together an event in downtown Los Angeles with a rally and a march to the Governor's office to take place in April. Sandy will send the information to Amy Terhorst for general distribution.

Mary Tinker reported that the Nevada County Public Authority is moving their offices in March to a more accessible location.

Kathy Metsopolis reported that Solano county is working on a Spring conference that will take place in April. The theme is safety in the home for consumers. They are also working on their

Annual Report to their Board of Supervisors which will include a piece on how wage cuts will affect consumers and providers.

The PASC in Los Angeles County is working on implementing a disaster preparedness course provided by the Fire Department free of cost to consumers and providers.

Janie Whiteford reported that Santa Clara County is spearheading an IHSS coalition of agencies that include IHSS consumers or people who would be impacted by the proposed budget cuts. This coalition would mimic the statewide coalition.

10. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50AM. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00AM.

Submitted by Amy Terhorst