



# CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 20, 2011  
Via Conference Call

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

## 2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

### Members Present

Heidi Aharonian, Orange  
Buck Bauker, Lake County  
Cindy Calderon, Humboldt  
Phillip Childres, Monterey County  
Felice Connelly, Riverside  
Tim Cooper, Placer County  
Tim Davis, Mariposa County  
Cathy Houle, Calavares  
Jenilynn Jimenez, San Diego County  
Jane Kardas, Mendocino County  
Anna Martinez, Riverrside County  
Chris Otero, LA  
Nancy Redding, Merced County PA  
William Reed, Placer County  
Andy Rossoff, Mendocino  
Janet Tonnesson, Contra Costa County  
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara

### CICA Support Staff

Amy Olsen, CICA Administrator

### Guests

Karen Keeslar, CAPA  
Christina Mills, CFILC

## 3. REPORT ON STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE HAPPENINGS

Karen reported on four items, state budget, legislation on IHSS, anti fraud activities, and advisory committee money.

**State Budget** – did not achieve a 2/3 vote to balance the budget. Budget is now out of balance. Legislators are currently at an impasse. The IHSS Coalition is working on developing a list of republicans and participating in events to lobby these republicans. The Governor is unveiling May revise on May 16. Not known if new IHSS cuts are in it. Reasonable to speculate that there may be. Get involved as much as possible.

**Legislation** – Senate Bill 930: Appreciate CICA’s support on this measure seeking repealing of fingerprinting of consumers and the use of PO boxes by providers. We are very hopeful of getting a unanimous vote from the committee.

AB 876 – came from idea from AC member in Kings County. CAPA has serious concerns around this bill, specifically around children and parents of children.

AB400 – CAPA also expressing concerns. Establishes paid sick leave benefit for employees across the board in California. IHSS program does not have money to pay for this sick leave for providers.

ANTI FRAUD – State had second anti fraud hearing yesterday. Janie presented and professionally and politely scolded the state for not including consumers in the decision making process. Karen heard unanimity at the end of the hearing by panelists that they had made a mistake and it is her expectation that consumers and providers will be included in developing policies and protocols as the process continues.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONEY – The Governor has signed that AC’s are optional to counties. Each PA will receive \$3,000 of state funding for AC’s. Match is 47% by feds. State has not yet issued All County Letter on how to claim the money. Karen is meeting with state on what the letter should look like. Karen doesn’t expect the ACL to come out until late May or early June.

Janie Whiteford reported on the Fraud Task Force hearing. She thanked CAPA for their support and thanked everyone who gave testimony. Still need to be very proactive in this process. Scary when you see what they want to do. Need to join IHSS Coalition on push back regarding the philosophy of what is being carried forward.

#### **4. TALKING POINTS ON UNANNOUNCED HOME VISITS**

Cindy reported on this and asked if anyone had any questions. Jane Kardas mentioned that the blind community never opens their doors for unannounced visits. Janie said that it was very apparent that nobody on the committee had considered consumer issues because no consumer voice was involved in putting together the policy. Janie said that it’s important to know that the protocols have not been drafted yet by the state, so if visits are being made, they are being done by the county, not by the state.

#### **5. DCAD AND LEGISLATIVE TRAINING DAY**

Christina Mills reported on DCAD and thanked CICA for our support. Janie and Cindy are very active in the coalition work that drives the event. DCAD occurs on May 25. Theme this year is “our voices, our choices, our lives, our vote”. Flyers available on [www.disabilityactioncoalition.org](http://www.disabilityactioncoalition.org). Flyers are available in various languages. DCAD is one of the largest cross disability events in the nation. This year is the 8<sup>th</sup> year. 35-45 different partners help put this event on. The event runs from 10am to about 3:30pm. Event starts with a march to the Capital. Route starts at garden side of the capital at 15<sup>th</sup> and L, marching 4 blocks to the rally and resource fair. About 20-30 different vendors participate. Fair runs from 10am to 2pm. Educational rally sponsored by Senator Corbett. Agenda has been substantially cut down to about an hour. March is 30 minutes, rally is 11am to noon, legislators are invited to come out and speak. You must register for a lunch ahead of time on line on the registration tab. Max number of lunches is 1,000. Leg visits take place after lunch. The hope is that legislative visits can be set up in advance. Please send an email to Cindy or Christina so that you can be

confirmed on a legislators schedule. Talking points are not yet out for DCAD. Waiting for May revise. Can be picked up at legislative command center booth at rally. People are encouraged to make signs for the march and rally. Signs are not allowed in the Capital however. Christina is looking for volunteers for various on-site jobs. Let Cindy know if you would like to volunteer. Cindy reported that Legislative Training Day will take place on May 24 at the Pagoda Building in Sacramento. One of the sessions will include the talking points for DCAD. Amy gave an update on the Legislative Training.

**6. COUNTY HAPPENINGS**

Andy Rossoff reported that the county thought it was not appropriate to pay for future years in advance. Cindy said that the idea originally came from CAPA and that it is allowable under AB1682 funding language.

**7. OTHER**

No other business was reported.

**8. ADJOURNEMENT**

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

*Submitted by Amy Olsen*