



# CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 18, 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

Shirley & Tiffany Adams, Orange County  
Shirley Baker, Yuba County  
Cindy Calderon, Humboldt County  
Paul DeMange Contra Costa County  
Kathy Houle, Calaveras County  
Jenilyn Jimenez, Riverside County  
Paul Lehman, Fresno County  
Kristine Loomis, Riverside County  
Anna Martinez, Riverside County  
Chris Otero, Los Angeles County  
Andy Rossoff, Mendocino County  
Christi Rudder, Orange County  
Shirley Stacy, Solano County  
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara County

### CICA Support Staff

Amy Olsen, CICA Administrator

### Guests

Karen Keeslar, CAPA Executive Director  
John Stevenson, San Diego County

## 3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Keeslar began by thanking CICA for help in getting consumers to the capital to react to press in reaction to the Governor's revise. Christi Rudder and Tim Davis attended from CICA. May revise was issued on Monday. A one-time revenue surge expected from various tax initiatives. Funding for Public Authorities is being cut by almost \$10M from the beginning of the year. There has been an overall 68% reduction in Public Authority funding since 2004. Public Authorities are creating impact statements. Many Public Authorities will close their doors if May revise can't be modified. Hearing on May revise next Tuesday at 1:30.

CAPA is voting on sponsoring CICA conference calls in support of CICA's budget issues with ongoing membership issues. However, what happens with Public Authorities will determine what happens on an ongoing basis.

Cindy asked what is the best thing that we can do to assist CAPA. Karen said they really need faces at the capital, at hearings, etc. Janie stressed how impactful this would be to consumers.

Kristine Loomis asked if letters would help as well, if people can't show up at the capital. Karen said yes, volume is what is important.

**4. HHS POSTCARD CAMPAIGN – TIM SHADDIX, CA ASSOCIATION OF FOOD BANKS**

Cindy introduced Tim to talk about the postcard campaign that the Association of Food Banks is doing. They are taking big cuts from government and have put together a statewide postcard campaign to put pressure on legislators to pass revenue extensions. There are postcards targeting republicans and postcards targeting the governor. They are focused on 10 republican legislators. Email Tim at [tim@cafoodbanks.org](mailto:tim@cafoodbanks.org) for cards if you are in a target district for mailing. CICA can have postcards at DCAD and Legislative Training Day events.

**5. DCAD AND LEGISLATIVE TRAINING DAY**

Cindy reported on DCAD and CICA's Legislative Training Day. Legislative Training Day is on May 24 at the Pagoda Building in Sacramento and DCAD is on May 25 on the West Steps of the Capitol. Overview was given of both events.

**6. TALKING POINTS FOR DCAD**

Janie reported that she had just received the talking points and that they would be distributed to everyone.

**7. CONSUMER TESTIMONIAL VIDEOS AT DCAD**

Again this year, CICA is sponsoring videotaping of consumer videos regarding how budget cuts will affect the lives of consumers at the CICA resource table during DCAD. Notify Cindy if you would like to be included as a video participant. These will be edited and posted on the CICA website following DCAD.

**8. COUNTY HAPPENINGS**

A member from Contra Costa county asked how many counties are able to pay their CICA dues in advance. His county will not allow advance payment. Several counties reported that they are able to make that allocation out of their current AB1682 funds. Fran Smith said that each county is different with different disbursement rules.

**9. OTHER**

Kathy Houle announced that they submitted their annual report to BOS. They also asked for additional matching funds to add to the \$3,000 allocation.

**10. ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05AM. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, June 15 at 10:00AM.

*Submitted by Amy Olsen*