



CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 15, 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
Jane Kardas, Mendocino County
Fran Smith, Calaveras County
Kathy Houle, Calaveras County
Lawrence Zynda, San Diego County
Jenilyn Jimenez, Riverside County
Cindy Calderon, Humboldt County
Paul Lehman, Fresno County
Anna Martinez, Riverside County
Chris Otero, Los Angeles County
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara County
Tim Cooper, Placer County
Sandy Varga, Los Angeles County
Paul De Mange, Contra Costa County
Christi Rudder, Orange County
Bud Sayles, San Diego County

CICA Support Staff

Guest

Karen Keesler, CAPA executive Director

3. IHSS update and Legislative Reports

Karen Keesler thanked CICA for all of their hard work. She stated that the Budget deadline is today at midnight. If they can not pass a budget by midnight then the legislatives will forfeit their money at a loss of 120.00 a day. Republicans still do not want tax extension to be included in the budget. However they say that they would not mind if it was in a special election to be held in November. Because polls have shown that in a November election it would fail. Republicans issued a press release with demands before they vote for major issues such as, spending cap, pension reform, and business reform. Democrats and the Governor have been meeting a lot and that is a good sign. In the New Budget Packet there are no new cuts to IHSS.

In the state and local fraud group there are 3 PA directors and 3 Asst. Attorneys in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Sacramento. April of this year at a public stakeholders meeting asked the coalition that providers and consumers be involved in conference calls and be able to vote. The compromise was that there would be two non-voting slots in scheduling phone conferences in the future, 3 consumer seats, 3 union seats, and 3 provider seats. And 3 advocate slots. Of the six coalition seats, Sandy Varga, Charlie Bean and Janie Whiteford, fill Three of them, and for the 3 organization advocacy seats, Christyl, Anna Rich, and Jeff Thom will fill those, The union has not said who their 3 slots will go to.

Advisory committee money is three thousand dollars each for the 52 public authorities. The 3,000.00 is to be part of the Public Authority allocation but the county thinks that the money should go to them. Attorneys and Social services are influencing the state to have the money for the PA and the Legislature wants the money to go to the PA. No matter where the money goes it will still be federal matched dollar for dollar. Shirley Adams asked if it is for certain that the feds will match dollar for dollar and Karen Says yes they will, it is a 47.5% match.

Senator Evans Bill SB930 is in Committee and sending out to Co Authors and will move out of Human Services on the 28th of June. This Bill has to do with wanting to be able to still have checks sent to P.O. Box, and no fingerprints on time cards. Lark Park has been working with Senator Evans on this bill. We are excited to have Lark Park work on this because Lark Park has been working with the Governor and works specifically with IHSS issues, Lark Park used to work for Senator Lu.

CAPA Board of Directors feel very strongly that there should be a voice at the grass roots level and that CICA provides that voice so they have approved funding to pay for CICA calls. They have included it in their budget.

4. Adult Day Healthcare- Kim Swain DRC - Kim Swain Managing Attorney Disability Rights California:

AB97 is a bill that would eliminate Day Health Care. The request is that the bill would go through on September 1, 2011. The Lawsuit that has been filed says that this bill would force people into institutions and put them at risk. You can go to the website and see information about the lawsuit itself and the history of two other times they filed an injunction. The web site is www.disabilityrights.org There is a hearing before a judge on July 26th. Will know on August 1st if the cuts are going to go through. One idea was that perhaps some of the people could use IHSS instead of Day Health Care, but Kim said this will not work because there is no good coordination and not enough money in IHSS. Even though some of the function of a Day Health Program are similar to IHSS, like taking people to Dr. appointments, and doing community based things, Day Health Program individuals are more at risk and need more skilled care.

They have gone from 300 million to 85 million for transition. Janie stated that Adult Day Health Care gives a lot more then what is available to IHSS. Kim had stated that the San Francisco IHSS director filed a declaration with the courts saying that there was not a great match for clients and that the transition plan could be disastrous. There have been 6 centers that have closed in anticipation of the cuts

5. Redistricting Map

The first draft is ready and you can give testimony June 25th at San Jose City hall. San Francisco June 27th. The final map will be ready August 1st, 2011. And the map will be adopted on the 15th of August. To find out more information please go to www.wedrawtheline.org

6. Training Debriefing/DCAD legislative visit

Cindy thought the training was well received and we learned a lot. The feeling on the call was that most people were happy that we had so many people to testify for the PA. Janie thanked those that went to their legislatures and spoke to policy aids. Janie spoke to Senator Beasley and was able to talk to his aids, and her feeling was that the aids were very interested in what she had to say.

Cindy led the march for DCAD. They were able to video tape peoples stories and they can soon be viewed on the web site

7. Other Business/County happenings

Lawrence said that in his county they had a town hall meeting that was well received. And in Sacramento County, Melissa Kinley said that she went in front of the County Board Of Supervisors during budget hearings and asked them for money to continue the newsletter. They asked the PA to find it in their budget and the PA did, so now the newsletter can continue twice a year.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00AM. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, July 20 at 10:00AM.

Submitted by Melissa Kinley