



CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 21, 2010
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
Tristin Brown, CUHW
Cindy Calderon, Humboldt County
Felice Connolly, Riverside County
Paul DeMange, Contra Costa County
John Gordon, Kings County
Kathy Houle, Calaveras County
Jenilyn Jimenez, San Diego County
Yanira Olivas, Imperial County
Chris Otero, Los Angeles County
William Reed, Placer County
Fran Smith, Yolo County
Shirley Stacy, Solano County
Janet Tonneson, Contra Costa County
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara County
Lawrence Zynda, San Diego County

CICA Support Staff

Amy Olsen, CICA Administration

CAPA Liaison

Guests

Mimi Kalili, UDW
Addie Myers, UDW

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Cindy Calderon introduced herself as the new president and asked for any changes to the agenda. She then introduced Tristin Brown as Policy Director for CUHW for agenda item #2.

4. REPORT ON STATE BUDGET REGARDING IHSS

Tristin Brown reported on the legislation update.

AB274 (Jim Bealle for Consumer Choice) – On the Senate Floor. This bill helps consumers keep choice of provider no matter what changes happen in the future in terms of restructuring long term care.

SB886 (Dean Flores on Electronic Timesheets) – Gives an option to electronically submit paperwork. Concerns around hidden requirements on things like keeping paperwork for certain periods of time for audit or fraud investigation. Attempting to amend to inform people to keep their paperwork.

AB2374 (Nostandi to Extend Deadline to Allow Consumers to Switch from IHSS PA Model to Contract Homecare Providing Model) – On hold for cost concerns. Reason for the bill is a pilot program to push counties to take greater measures to contract with provider unions to make sure that everyone has a provider.

Budget Update

Movement is now on provider tax (looking to change the name). The tax is created when services are provided. Creates a “sales tax” when the provider provides services. The provider is then given a bonus to cover the tax and the tax money goes into IHSS funding. This is still in development phases but has worked in the past for similar situations.

5. UPDATE ON LEGISLATION REGARDING IHSS

Cindy Calderon reported that on June 15 the state did their oral argument regarding FI score litigation. We are still waiting for the ruling.

6. UPDATE ON NURSING HOME BILL-AB1629

Cindy Calderon reported that AB1629 is being rerouted and asked if anyone had more information. None reported.

7. FRAUD AND RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

Cindy Calderon asked if anyone had any coverage in their area in the media regarding fraud in IHSS. Chris Otero reported that the Los Angeles media has published an article stating that providers are not reenrolling in their counties because of charges on their records.

8. KEEPING INFORMED IN YOUR COUNTY

Cindy Calderon reported that different Advisory Committees are taking measures to find out fraud information from their counties. Some have invited district attorney staff to come and talk to their county AC. Cindy encouraged everyone to find the original report that identifies how they took the new fraud money and the reporting that they are obligated to in their counties in conjunction with the funding. The report tells what the county will do with the money that they received from fraud investigation. Yolo County has invited the district attorney to their meeting; Orange County had a district attorney at one of their meetings; Santa Clara County has invited the district attorney; Humboldt County has invited the district attorney; and Sacramento County has had a meeting with their district attorney.

9. CICA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

Amy Olsen gave a report on the status of the statewide conference taking place October 22-24, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Jennilyn Jimenez asked that conference information be provided in Braille.

10. CICA REGIONAL MEETINGS

Janie Whiteford reported that the CICA Central Regional meeting will be August 27 and encouraged people to register. Content includes Fraud issues; 1115 Waiver; and networking. Cindy Calderon reported that the Northern Regional meeting is scheduled for August 18 at the Redding Shasta Library. Save the Date cards have gone out. Content includes Fraud; 1115 Waiver; and networking time.

Shirley Adams and Lawrence Zynda reported that the Southern Regional meeting will be August 25 at the Dayle McIntosh Center.

11. COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Shirley Stacy reported that Solano County AC members are writing letters to legislators per Michele Rousey's template.

Cindy Calderon reported that Humboldt County is honoring one of their founding Advisory Committee members.

12. OTHER

No other business was reported.

13. ADJOURNEMENT

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

Submitted by Amy Olsen