



# CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 21, 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 Adams - Orange County  
Heidi Aharonian - Orange County  
Shirley Baker - Yuba county  
Denise Blockman - Sacramento County  
Denika Boardman - Monterey County  
Philip Childress - Monterey County  
Janet Clark - Calaveras County  
Kathy Houle - Calaveras County  
Jennilyn Jimenez - San Diego County  
Chris Otero - CICA Treasurer  
Andrew Rossoff - Mendocino and Lake County  
Christy Rudder - Orange County  
Colleen and Theresa Stable - Calaveras County  
Janie Whiteford - Santa Clara County

### CICA Support Staff

### CICA Guest

John Shin, California Department of Health  
Care Services

## 3. Welcome and Introductions

Cindy welcomed all on the call, and thanked Melissa Kinley for taking the minutes, while Amy is on vacation. Cindy then notified everyone that the CICA website will soon be updated, and she also asked everyone to 'like' us on Facebook. It was announced that our speaker on the Adult Day Health Care centers will be Mr. John Shin, the Director of Long Term Care Services, for the California Department of Health Care Services.

## 4. IHSS State Budget News, Karen Keeslar

The Legislative season for 2011 has ended. The new session begins in January. Karen spoke of the bill SB 930, by Senator Evans. CAPA is a co-sponsor, and Karen reported that the bill is currently on the Governor's desk. The expectation is that he will sign it. The bill would repeal

the requirement to fingerprint recipients, to require fingerprints on time sheets, and to repeal the prohibition on PO Boxes to receive paychecks for care givers. The Governor has until October 9th to sign the bill. There are certain fiscal triggers in the 2011 Budget, one being that if \$ 3 billion is not received by the state by December 15, \$100 million will be cut from the IHSS program, (among other cuts to other programs) in the form of 20% across the board cuts to hours. Losing 20% of IHSS hours, would make it hard for some to remain at home, and many might end up in a nursing home. The CAPA board has contracted with a public relations firm (and they would like to partner with CICA ) to have a state wide list of consumers to call, for a rapid response in case the triggers do happen. Newspapers from around the state would call for a list of names to call in their own local area. The PR firm will do a training on what topics to cover. The PR firm will be doing talking points and they know how to hook reporters and what to say to them. They will begin training soon; the list will go to Cindy, and she can forward the name of the appropriate consumer for that area.

AC Mandate: There is much confusion around the state, about the new mandate for IHSS Advisory committees to exist. For example, one county employee of a DSS, informed her Board of Supervisors, that they should eliminate their counties AC, as it is no longer required. Karen explained that while there is no longer a mandate for a county to have such a committee, there is a mandate that the Public Authority for each county have one. CAPA is asking the state dept of social services to issue an ACL (All County Letter) to clarify this confusion.

#### **5. ADHC Transition Update, John Shin**

Mr. Shin began his report by thanking CICA for having him on the call. He informed the listeners that he comes from San Francisco, where he gained extensive familiarity with the IHSS program. Mr. Shin spoke about the state's transition plan for recipients of Adult Day Health Centers (the state plans to terminate the program on Dec. 1, 2011).

Work is being coordinated with the Department of Aging. The plan is to transfer ADHC attendees to other community options. Mr. Shin reported on some of the places where people can be transferred to. One of those options is the IHSS program, others include the PACE program (which does not serve younger people with disabilities), the In Home Operations Waiver program (the state has requested more waivers), to name a few. Janie Whiteford asked if the state had taken into consideration, the possible 20% cut to all hours in January, 2012 and Mr. Shin replied that they had.

Hopefully the state will design some sort of monitoring system to track ADHC attendees that end up in nursing homes due to the closure. Another question was asked, regarding the issue of consumer control in this process. Mr. Shin stated that Nursing Home admittance is preceded by hospital discharges, so there will be an emphasis on improving community based long term care services, and providing this info to the hospital discharge planners. DHCS is hoping for 1,000 more slots to be added to the current number of IHO waivers.

Cindy announced that today is the My Medicare Matters rallies, happening in D.C., L.A., and SF. All were urged to call Congressman Xavier Becerra ( 202-225-6235), as he is on the Super Committee.

**6. Other Business/County Happenings**

Heidi from Orange County reported that Christy Rudder is their new Chair lady, and that they have started meeting once every three months. Heidi reported concern that by meeting so infrequently that members will be uninformed on the issues. The chair was on the call and said that the reasons they meet once every three months is because the committee members wanted to continue their stipends and travel money, so there was no money left to meet every month and it was voted on. Cindy suggested they put the matter on the agenda about the stipends; most Advisory Committees do not provide stipends. Also, with the decrease in our budgets, it is possibly detrimental for any AC to continue to have them. Cindy stated that being a member of an AC is a *voluntary* position, and most do not expect to be paid a stipend for attending meetings.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:58AM. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00AM.

*Submitted by Melissa Kinley*