



CICA California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance

State Wide Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 16, 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

Pat Anthony, Butte County
Penelope Beasley, Napa County
Philip Childres, Monterey County
Janet Clark, Calaveras County
Dolly Clementez, Santa Clara County
Felice Connolly, Riverside County
Tim Davis, Mariposa County
Paul DeMange Contra Costa County
Kathy Houle, Calaveras County
Jenilyn Jimenez, San Diego County
Jane Kardas, Monterey County
Kathy Kensinger, Los Angeles County
Paul Lehman, Fresno County
Denise Lochman, Sacramento County
Kristine Loomis, Riverside County
Jene McCovey, Humboldt County
Juanita Olivas, Imperial County
Chris Otero, PASC
William Reed, Placer County
Michelle Rousey, Alameda County
Christy Rudder, Orange County
Bud Sayles, San Diego County
Shirley Stacy, Solano County
Mary Tucker, Nevada County
Janie Whiteford, Santa Clara County
Lawrence Zynda, San Diego County

CICA Support Staff

Amy Olsen, CICA Administrator

Invited Guests

Robin Grant, Quality Care No Matter Where
Karen Keeslar, CAPA

3. Welcome and Introductions

Cindy welcomed Jan Clark, Calaveras County as the new Vice President for the Mountain Valley region. Cindy announced that Fran Smith has also been appointed to the CARA board in addition to Janie Whiteford.

4. IHSS Legislative Update - Karen Keeslar, CAPA

Karen reported on the State budget and potential 20% cut on trigger mechanism. Today is the day the Department of Finance is to take report into consideration for Dec. 15 announcement of expectation to meet revenue targets or fall short. If fall short, there will be a 20% cut in consumer hours. State law exempts consumers on waivers. Written notes regarding the details will be coming. Deadline for consumers to submit is January 3 for supplemental care application. This is Critical!! No matter what day they get the Notice of Action, they MUST have it postmarked by January 3.

5. Consumers for Quality Care No Matter Where Initiative – Robin Grant

National Consumer Voice for Quality Care. Robin described the initiative. They are trying to improve the quality of home care across the nation. The initiative is intended to educate and empower consumers, help them self-advocate and advocate for good policies. Part of the initiative is consumer perspectives on quality home care. They will be going to individuals who are receiving services and interviewing them by phone then compiling and putting together the information for policy recommendations. They want to partner with organizations to reach consumers who are willing to be interviewed. Website available and flyers talking about what they are doing available for distribution.

6. Community First Choice Option Committee Update – Janie Whiteford, CICA

Janie reported that the Community First Choice Option, gives states the option to receive more federal matching funds to support individuals with disabilities who live in the community.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00AM. The next regularly scheduled CICA statewide meeting will take place Wednesday, December 21 at 10:00AM.

Submitted by Amy Olsen