



CICA 2019-20 Accomplishments

CICA continues to be the “Voice of IHSS Consumers” in state legislative debates, hearings, meetings with legislators, and is a central player in IHSS advocacy efforts.

CICA gathers and assimilates information about the IHSS Program and distributes this to the State and IHSS Consumers.

- This is done through letters regarding changes to All County Letters (ACL) and All County Information Notices (ACIN) communicating with State about changes being proposed. These notices are also shared to over 450 individuals on our email list, as well as on our Facebook (Note that notices shared on Facebook are distributed to three other group [IHSS Consumers, Providers and Advocates United](#) & [IHSS HomeCare](#) reaching out to over 10,000 consumers and providers)
- Besides our email list all post go out as a twitter notice to [@cicaihss](#) (45 followers for the past 4-years) – Some who follow this account are: [@ CFLIC](#), [Special Care Services – Solano Co](#), [@GNewsom](#) & [Alice Wong](#) to list a few.

CICA now serves on and plays leadership roles in leading disability and senior organizations:

- Provides active participation on various State Stakeholder groups surrounding Electronic Timesheets and Electronic Visit Verification (EVV), Disability Awareness Training, Provider Sick Leave, and other State groups
- CA Collaborative on Long-Term Services and Supports, Member of this organization (Janie & Mark represent us here)
- IHSS Coalition
- CARA (CA Alliance for Retired Americans) (Janie & Charlie)
- CA Olmstead Committee (Janie & Michelle)

- Work with Unions (UDW/SEIU) in accomplishing common goals
- Work with other organizations such as Justice in Aging and Disability Rights California, California Long-Term Support Services, California Disability-Senior Community Action Network, & Olmstead (two members sit on this committee (William & Michelle)
- California for SSI Increase and CalFresh (CA4SSI) (Charlie)
- PASC-LA share webinars (Janet Canterbury & Charlie)

CICA as the Voice of the Consumer writes letters of support for legislation and provides support in getting the word out about legislation proposed and passed. This past year we supported 8 bills writing letters of support and signing on with other organizations, or support in general (less than year's past due to lack of participation). All affected IHSS consumers and providers in some manner.

CICA's monthly statewide calls (held the 3rd Wednesday of every month) using 800 number to allow everyone to participate.

CICA keeps members involved, informed, and up to date on issues including IHSS, state budget issues, Department of Labor regulations, and other issues impacting IHSS recipients.

CICA meets with California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and other state organizations providing a voice on draft materials prior to sharing with all IHSS.

CICA's annual meeting via teleconference in July involves over 34 counties to set goals for the year.

CICA's monthly Executive Committee Conference sets priorities and strategies for organizational issues.

CICA updated and expanded its website, e-mail blasts, and Facebook page with consumer information and action materials.

CICA gathers information about various State and Federal Bills and writes letters in support of or in opposition to proposed bills that affect the IHSS consumer or provider.

CICA's goal is to have 3 Regional Vice Presidents for every region (More from each county would be great); the State of California is divided into 4 regions.

CICA's monthly statewide calls features individuals from California Department of Social Services, Unions, Health Care Programs and other agencies that are connected to the IHSS program.

CICA continue to bring relative educational speakers to our monthly calls, so that our attendees can receive information that is pertinent to their life as an IHSS Consumer, Provider, and their family members.

CICA looks for other avenues to be the "Voice of IHSS Consumers!"

CICA is always looking for new topics for our monthly statewide calls and issues that may affect IHSS consumers, providers, and their families. If you have a topic related to the IHSS program and would like more information about it provide the below information to: info@cicaihss.org

Topic or Issue: _____

Suggested Speaker: _____

Describe what you want to know: _____

Your Name and contact information: _____
