

# Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

Report to the Board of Supervisors

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# Yolo County IHSS Advisory Committee



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# IHSS AC

## Mission Statement



The mission of the Yolo County IHSS Advisory Committee is to give consumers and providers a voice in IHSS and Public Authority policy, program development, and operations.

We do this by advising, advocating, and making recommendations for the enhancement, availability, and quality of IHSS and ensuring services that support a positive and productive relationship between the consumers and providers.

# Defining Our Population

## Eligibility for the IHSS Program

- Residents who meet Medi-Cal eligibility requirements
- Persons whose disability is expected to continue longer than 12 months
- Persons whose physician or medical professional has determined that they are unable to remain safely in their own home without IHSS

## IHSS Consumers

- A person receiving in-home care through our program
- Yolo County has approximately 2,891 IHSS consumers.

## IHSS Providers

- Someone hired to provide in-home care through our program
- Friend, family member, or someone from the community via the Public Authority Registry.
- Yolo County has approximately 2,878 active providers.

# Community Partners

**Nunie Matta:** Partnership HealthPlan's Consumer Advisory Committee

**Lance LeClair:** Partnership HealthPlan's Board of Commissioners, Partnership's Consumer Advisory Committee

**Sheila Allen:** Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services, City of Davis Human Relations Commission and Unitrans Advisory Committee

**Steve Streeter:** Yolo County Transportation District Advisory Committee, Meals on Wheels, CDDS' Self-Determination Program

**Kate Laddish:** Cal OES Alert & Warning Specialist Committee, Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services' Emergency Prep Subcommittee, Yolo County Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee, Cal OES Office of AFN

**Brad Toy:** California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance, Cal OES Office of AFN

**Kim Britt:** President of California Association of Public Authorities, Cal OES Office of AFN

**All:** Yolo County Fire Safe Council, Disability & Aging Capitol Action Day



# IHSS AC Monthly Meetings

## Regular Updates

- **Program updates**
  - IHSS, Public Authority
- **Subcommittee updates**
  - Legislation, Website, Emergency Prep
- **Liaison updates**
  - Partnership HealthPlan of California
  - Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services
  - CDDS' Self-Determination Program
  - Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance
  - Cal OES Alert & Warning Specialist Committee
  - Yolo County Fire Safe Council
- **County-wide issues**
  - COVID-19, American Rescue Plan Act

## Additional Speakers and Topics

- **Brian Vaughn**, Yolo County Director of Public Health
  - COVID-19 update
- **Jose Perez and Andy Furillo**, Yolo County Transportation District
  - Evacuation transportation
- **Jessica Hackwell**, Partnership Healthplan of California
  - Emergency preparedness
- **Estuardo Polanco and Laura Chavez**, SEIU 2015
  - Benefits & supports available to providers
- **IHSS staff**
  - Project Roomkey

# IHSS and Public Authority During the Pandemic

## Going virtual

- Meeting virtually helps IHSS AC members who have mobility and transportation barriers.
- In FY 2020-2021, 558 new providers completed virtual orientation.

## IHSS caseload and Public Authority Registry

- IHSS caseload growth has remained at the State average (2.7% in FY 2020-2021).
- In FY 2020-2021, 83 people joined the IHSS Public Authority Registry as newly available providers.

## Personal protective equipment

- PPE distribution increased dramatically.
- Public Authority distributed nearly 72,000 pieces of PPE in FY 2020-2021.

# Committee Projects & Goals

- **Increase IHSS consumers' emergency preparedness**
  - All current Yolo County IHSS consumers will get go bags.
  - New emergency preparedness subcommittee
  - IHSS AC joined Yolo County Fire Safe Council as a founding member.
- **Engagement on American Rescue Plan funds**
  - Four proposals: paid provider training, heating and cooling centers, protecting against extreme heat, broadband access
- **Advocacy through our Legislation Subcommittee**
- **Updating Public Authority website**
- **Recruitment to a full committee**
- **Remain engaged with those providing services to people experiencing homelessness**
- **Advocacy for in-home COVID-19 vaccinations**
  - We requested this in January; staff implemented it in February. Thank you!

# Supporting Our Mission

## **Fund paid professional development training for providers**

- Well-trained providers are key to helping consumers remain safely at home.
- Pay providers stipends for attending training modules
- We request the Board use ARP funds to create access to paid training.

## **Adopt YCCAAS emergency preparedness recommendations**

- We request the Board adopt and implement the 13 emergency preparedness recommendations submitted by the Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services.

## **Support virtual meetings**

- Meeting virtually removes barriers to participation by people with access and functional needs.
- We request the Board advocate for a state-level legislative fix to allow for virtual meetings after the pandemic.

# Thank you!

We would also like to thank the staff who support our committee:

## IHSS and Public Authority staff

Kim Britt	IHSS Manager, Public Authority Executive Director
Rossana Vigil	Social Worker Supervisor
Evan Wyatt	Administrative Support Specialist
Leobardo Lomeli	Administrative Support Specialist

## Supervisory staff

David Moreno	Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Sandy
Sandra Rodriguez	Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Provenza
Carol Strunk	Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Villegas

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