

Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

Report to the Board of Supervisors

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Yolo County IHSS Advisory Committee

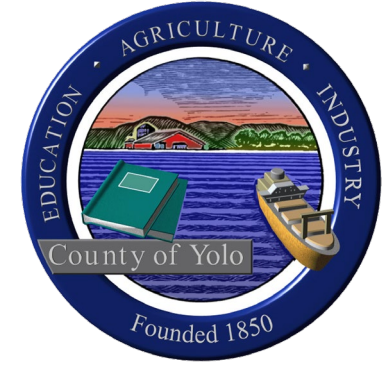


First row: Kate Laddish, chair (Winters); Stephen Streeter, vice chair (Davis);
Krissie Matta, secretary (Woodland)

Second row: Marcelo “Nunie” Matta (Woodland), Valerie Vergara (Davis),
Lance LeClair, (West Sacramento)



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 2,960 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 2,978 active providers.

Community Partners

Nunie Matta: Partnership HealthPlan's Consumer Advisory Committee, Society for the Blind

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

Krissie Matta: Yolo Adult Day Health Center, Outa Sight Group

Valerie Vergara: University of California Office of the President, UC Davis, NAMI Yolo

Kim Britt: President of California Assoc. of Public Authorities, IHSS Rapid Response Team for California Welfare Directors Association

Kate Laddish: Calif. Standardized Emergency Management System Alert & Warning Specialist Committee, Cal OES, Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services' Emergency Prep Subcommittee, Yolo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance's Advocacy Committee

Steve Streeter: Yolo County Transportation District Advisory Committee, Meals on Wheels, CDDS' Self-Determination Program, California IHSS Consumer Alliance

All: Yolo County Fire Safe Council, 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
 - Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance
 - Cal OES, Standardized Emergency Management System Alert & Warning Specialist Committee
 - Yolo County Fire Safe Council
- **Countywide issues**
 - COVID-19, American Rescue Plan Act

Additional Topics & Guests

- **Provider professional development**
 - ARP-funded provider training
- **Committee recruitment**
- **IHSS AC annual workplan**
- **State and federal redistricting**
- **Dr. Aimee Sisson, Yolo County Health Officer**
 - COVID-19, Door Vax, MPX
- **Melinda Meeken, Adult Protective Services**
- **Sheila Allen and Nancy Gifford, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance**
 - Food security, emergency preparedness
- **Mindy Donnelly, IHSS staff**
 - Food security ARP work group
- **IHSS AC applicants**

IHSS and Public Authority During the Pandemic

Staying virtual

- Meeting virtually helps IHSS AC members who have mobility, medical, and transportation barriers to meeting in person.
- In FY 2021–20202, 566 new providers completed virtual orientation.
- Consumer annual assessments are phone/in-person hybrid.

IHSS caseload and Public Authority Registry

- IHSS caseload growth was 2.5% in FY 2021–20202, on par with the State average.
- In FY 2020-2021, 109 people joined the IHSS Public Authority Registry as newly available providers.

Personal protective equipment

- Public Authority distributed nearly 68,000 pieces of PPE in FY 2021–2022.

Committee Projects & Goals

- **Provider professional development training**
 - Secured \$200,000 in ARP funding
 - Finalized structure of paid provider professional development training
- **Outreach about IHSS, Public Authority, and IHSS AC**
 - Recorded an episode of “In the Studio” for Davis Media Access in July
 - Working on radio and TV public service announcements
 - Meeting with UC Davis Student Disability Center
- **Committee recruitment**
 - Poster, press release, outreach to other groups
 - New provider and community members
 - Challenges recruiting consumer members
- **Advocacy through our Legislation Subcommittee**
- **Increasing emergency preparedness**
- **Public Authority website update**
- **Engagement on state and federal redistricting**

Supporting Our Mission

Include legislative priorities in the 2023 Intergovernmental Advocacy Priorities for Yolo County

- Legislative fix to the Brown Act to allow virtual meetings to continue after AB-361 sunsets and the COVID-19 state of emergency ends
- Statewide restoration of IHSS Advisory Committee funding to pre-recession levels
- Support for consumers and providers during natural disasters

Continue to pursue ways to support and retain providers

- Maintaining a robust and diverse provider pool is essential.

Support COVID-appropriate measures for County buildings

- Ventilation and air purification in County buildings
- Support mask requirements remaining in place for HHS buildings

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
Leobardo Lomeli	Administrative Support Specialist

Supervisory staff

David Moreno	Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Sandy
Sheila Allen	Deputy to Supervisor Provenza

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