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Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:53 AM
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Cc: Julie Dachtler; Lupita Ramirez
Subject: IHSS Advisory Committee letter re Agenda Item #28 (Intergovernmental Advocacy Priorities)
Attachments: IHSS AC letter BOS Intergovernmental Advocacy Priorities 1-24-23.pdf

Dear Julie and Lupita,

On behalf of the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, I have attached a letter to the Board about the proposed Intergovernmental Advocacy Priorities ([agenda item #28](#)). The letter includes:

- our continued strong support of Brown Act modernization to allow electronic meetings,
- support for seeking funding for the Adult Day Health Center project,
- a request to add upgrades needed for provision of medically necessary power to “Support legislation for accessible buildings, including upgrades to critical infrastructure and support in times of disaster such as wildfires and extreme heat (Thriving Residents and Safe Communities),”
- a request to add advocating for support for consumers and providers during natural disasters, such as had been proposed in last session’s [SB-1098](#) (e.g., paying providers \$2 per hour more for hours worked during a disaster or declared emergency),
- a request to add advocating for the State to return funding of all IHSS advisory committees to pre-Recession levels, and
- our thanks for including several items geared toward maintaining or strengthening funding of key safety-net programs, including IHSS.

Please include this letter in correspondence with the Board on this item, and include it as public comment.

Thank you,

Kate Laddish
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Yolo County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
625 Court St., Room 204
Woodland, CA 95695

Dear Chair Villegas, Vice Chair Frerichs, and Supervisors Provenza, Sandy, and Barajas:

Thank you for including “Support or sponsor legislation that allows for greater flexibility of remote public meetings of legislative bodies including advisory commissions including legislation that would empower a Board of Supervisors to permit an advisory commission to meet electronically (Thriving Residents)” in the State section of the proposed 2023 Intergovernmental Advocacy Priorities (Item #28 on the January 24, 2023, agenda).

The Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee strongly and enthusiastically supports advocating for a state-level legislative fix to the Brown Act so that local legislative bodies, including advisory committees and commissions, can continue meeting electronically after AB-361 sunsets at the end of February. As we’ve mentioned during our last three annual reports to the Board, the option to meet electronically removes barriers to participation for people with mobility, medical, transportation, and other impediments to meeting in person, thereby increasing access, equity, and involvement.

Brown Act modernization is a pressing issue. Because of our committee’s makeup, including high COVID risk, we are concerned that we will have difficulty making quorum when we have to go back to meeting in person, especially since we no longer have access to the handicapped-accessible van we used before the pandemic. The IHSS Advisory Committee urges the Board to include Brown Act modernization in the adopted 2023 priorities. We would be happy to assist with advocacy or to provide constituent stories.

At our most recent presentation to the Board, the IHSS AC also requested the Board include advocating for support for consumers and providers during natural disasters, such as had been proposed in last session’s [SB-1098](#) (“In-Home Supportive Services and waiver personal care services,” which would have granted a \$2-per-hour wage differential to providers working during a disaster or declared emergency), and advocating for the State to return funding of all IHSS advisory committees to pre-Recession levels.

There is substantial crossover between IHSS consumers and Adult Day Health Center clients. Our committee has discussed the necessity of finding a new, larger home for Adult Day Health. I am delighted to see Adult Day Health funding highlighted as a key priority for 2023.

The IHSS AC has discussed previously the importance of accessibility of public spaces and provision of medically necessary power during outages or other emergencies. Please include upgrades needed for provision of medically necessary power to “Support legislation for accessible buildings, including upgrades to critical infrastructure and support in times of disaster such as wildfires and extreme heat (Thriving Residents and Safe Communities)” (listed under Libraries, State).

Finally, thank you for including several items geared toward maintaining or strengthening funding of key safety-net programs, such as IHSS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Laddish', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kate Laddish, Chair
Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee