

# Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

2023 Update to the Board of Supervisors

Kate Laddish, Chair

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# Yolo County IHSS Advisory Committee



Front row: Kate Laddish, chair (Winters); Marcelo “Nunie” Matta (Woodland)  
Back row: Valerie Vergara (Davis), Stephen Streeter, vice chair (Davis); Pieter Pastoor (Davis); Krissie Matta, secretary (Woodland); Lance LeClair, with Lucy (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 3,287 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 3,191 eligible providers.

## Total

- 6,478 people receive or provide care via IHSS in Yolo County.

# IHSS and Public Authority Program Overviews for FY 2022/2023

## Consumers and IHSS caseload

- IHSS caseload growth was 9.8%, which was higher than the anticipated State average for that fiscal year.
- Consumer annual assessments transitioned from phone/in-person hybrids to in-person.

## IHSS Providers and Public Authority's Registry

- 627 new providers completed orientation
- Number of providers grew by 7.5%
- 118 providers joined and engaged with the Public Authority Registry
- 846 Registry referrals were completed
- Home Care Now: 4 providers added, 110 separate HCN requests with 230 days of services provided
- Public Authority distributed 64,772 pieces of PPE

# Community Partners and Affiliations

**Kate Laddish:** Calif. Standardized Emergency Management System Alert & Warning Specialist Committee, Yolo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance Advocacy Committee, Yolo OES Access & Functional Needs Working Group

**Steve Streeter:** Yolo Transportation District Citizens' Advisory Committee, Calif. IHSS Consumer Alliance, Supportive Life Institute and HEART of Davis Boards of Directors, Meals on Wheels

**Krissie Matta:** Medi-Cal Member Advisory Committee, Yolo Adult Day Health Center, Outa Sight Group

**Pieter Pastoor:** KDRT, Yolo Cares

**Nunie Matta:** Medi-Cal Member Advisory Committee, Partnership HealthPlan's Consumer Advisory Committee, Society for the Blind

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

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

**Kim Britt:** President of California Association of Public Authorities, IHSS Rapid Response Team for Calif. Welfare Directors Association, Yolo Co. Commission on Aging & Adult Services

**All:** Yolo County Fire Safe Council, Capitol Action Senior Lobby Day



# IHSS AC Monthly Meetings

## Regular Updates

- **Program updates**
  - IHSS
  - Public Authority
- **Project and subcommittee updates**
- **Member, staff, and liaison updates on partner organizations**
- **Legislative updates**
  - Brown Act modernization
  - Wheelchair repair
  - IHSS
  - Supplemental Security Income reform

## Additional Topics & Guests

- **IHSS AC annual workplan**
- **Transition to in-person meetings**
- **Kristin Weivoda**, Yolo County Office of Emergency Services
- **Isabel Arreola and Joseph Wilson**, Resources for Independent Living of Sacramento and Yolo
- **Brown Act training**
- **Provider professional development training, ARP funds**

**Second Fridays, 1–3 p.m., HHSA Gonzales Building in Woodland**

# Committee Projects & Goals

- **Boost outreach and communication**
  - New Public Authority website ([yoloihsspa.org](http://yoloihsspa.org)); includes IHSS AC
  - IHSS, PA, IHSS AC featured in an episode of “Imagining Yolo Davis” on KDRT
  - Community outreach for potential consumers and providers (UCD, NAMI Yolo)
  - Improve communication with current consumers and providers
- **Committee recruitment**
  - New IHSS AC members
  - Challenges recruiting consumer members
- **Legislative advocacy**
  - Brown Act modernization; wheelchair right-to-repair, SSI reform
- **Increasing emergency preparedness**
  - Community workshops with Yolo OES, Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, and Resources for Independent Living
- **Provider professional development training**
  - Secured \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan funding in 2022
  - Finalized training structure
  - State created similar training, so IHSS AC returned ARP funds to Yolo County

# Supporting Our Mission

## 1. Continue advocating for a legislative fix to the Brown Act to allow advisory bodies to meet virtually

- Include this in the 2024 Intergovernmental Advocacy Priorities for Yolo County
- Example: AB 817

## 2. Allow online participation for presenters and members of the public during Board meetings

- Limiting participation to in-person excludes people who are unable to travel to Board meetings
- Allowing remote commenting and presenting would increase equity and allow the Board to hear from a more diverse and representative constituent pool

## 3. Continue to pursue ways to support and retain providers

- Maintaining a robust and diverse provider pool is essential.

# 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
Yesenia Veloz	Social Worker Supervisor
Rossana Vigil	Senior Administrative Services Analyst
Michelle McLagan	Administrative Support Specialist
Maria Gaxiola	Administrative Support Specialist

## **Supervisory staff**

David Moreno	Assistant Deputy to Supervisors Sandy & Vixie Sandy
Sheila Allen	Deputy to Supervisor Provenza

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