

Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

Update to the Board of Supervisors
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Kate Laddish, Chair

Stephen Streeter, Vice Chair

Pieter Pastoor, Secretary

Yolo County IHSS



Yolo County IHSS Advisory Committee

Members

- **Back row:** Valerie Vergara, Secretary Pieter Pastoor, Vice Chair Stephen Streeter, Krissie Matta
- **Front row:** Chair Kate Laddish, Marcelo “Nunie” Matta



Membership

- Davis, Winters, Woodland represented
- Currently no West Sacramento or rural Yolo County members
- Six of 11 seats filled
- Per bylaws, includes consumers, providers, and interested community members and is a consumer-majority committee



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 3,566 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 3,491 eligible providers.

Total

- 7,057 people receive or provide care via IHSS in Yolo County.
- Growth: 579 in the last year; 1,548 in the last five years

IHSS and Public Authority Program Overviews for FY 2023/2024

IHSS and Public Authority goals

- IHSS: Help people with disabilities remain safely in their own home
- IHSS Public Authority: Make IHSS program work better for consumers and providers

Consumers and IHSS caseload

- IHSS caseload growth was 8.5%
- Slightly above anticipated statewide average of 7.5%

Providers and Public Authority Registry

- 822 new providers completed orientation
- Number of eligible providers grew by 9.5%
- 122 providers joined or re-engaged with the Public Authority Registry
- 1,134 Registry referrals were completed
- Home Care Now: 3 providers added, 132 separate HCN requests with 256 days of services provided
- Public Authority distributed 66,077 pieces of PPE to providers

Community Partners and Affiliations

Kate Laddish: Calif. IHSS Consumer Alliance vice president, Calif. Standardized Emergency Management System Alert & Warning Specialist Committee, Yolo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services, Yolo County Disaster Services Council, Yolo OES AFN Working Group, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance

Steve Streeter: Yolo Transportation District Citizens' Advisory Committee, Calif. IHSS Consumer Alliance, Supported Life Institute, HEART of Davis Board of Directors

Pieter Pastoor: KDRT, YoloCares

Valerie Vergara: University of California Office of the President, UC Davis, NAMI Yolo, Calif. IHSS Consumer Alliance

Nunie Matta: Partnership HealthPlan's Board of Commissioners and Consumer Advisory Committee, Medi-Cal Member Advisory Committee, Society for the Blind, Yolo Adult Day Health Center, Outa Sight Group

Krissie Matta: Medi-Cal Member Advisory Committee, Partnership HealthPlan's Board of Commissioners and Consumer Advisory Committee, Yolo Adult Day Health Center, Outa Sight Group, Society for the Blind

Kim Britt: Calif. Assoc. of Public Authorities, IHSS Rapid Response Team for Calif. Welfare Directors Assoc., Yolo Co. Commission on Aging & Adult Services, Yolo OES AFN Working Group

All: Yolo County Fire Safe Council, CCLTSS Senior Rally & Lobby Days



IHSS AC Monthly Meetings

Regular Updates

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

Additional Topics & Guests

- **IHSS AC annual workplan**
- **Youssef Reggad**, HHSA, Social work supervisor for IHSS, presentation on protective supervision
- **Joseph Wilson**, Resources for Independent Living of Sacramento and Yolo
- **Linda Ngichu**, RIL and Aging & Disability Resource Center
- **Betsy Cawn**, Lake County IHSS AC

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

Committee Projects & Goals

- **Boost communication with consumers and providers**
 - May require a change in state paperwork
- **Updating IHSS Public Authority and Advisory Committee logo**
 - A logo showing people rather than a house would be less confusing
- **Increase understanding of IHSS**
 - IHSS certification and recertification
 - IHSS vs. regional center care
- **Legislative advocacy**
 - Brown Act modernization, wheelchair right-to-repair, SSI reform, telehealth
- **Provider professional development training**
 - State-level advocacy for continued funding of Career Pathways Program
- **Increasing emergency preparedness for vulnerable populations**
 - State Alerts & Warnings Guidelines
 - Continued collaboration with partners
- **Committee and provider recruitment**
 - Drafted provider recruitment video
 - Challenges of recruiting consumer committee members

Supporting Our Mission

- 1. Create a Home Care Now hotline for nights, weekends, and holidays**
 - Explore using 211 as an after-hours hotline
- 2. Continue advocating for a legislative fix to the Brown Act to allow advisory bodies to meet virtually**
 - Include this in the 2025 Intergovernmental Advocacy Priorities for Yolo County
- 3. Allow online participation for presenters and members of the public during Board meetings**
 - Limiting participation to in-person excludes people unable to attend
 - Allowing remote commenting and presenting would increase equity and allow the Board to hear from a more diverse and representative constituent pool
- 4. Maintain funding for IHSS**
 - IHSS consumers and providers are vulnerable to federal safety-net cuts
 - Funding IHSS allows people to live at home rather than in institutions

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

Supervisory staff

- David Moreno Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Vixie Sandy
- Sheila Allen Deputy to Supervisor Provenza
- Oliver Snow Deputy to Supervisor Allen

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