

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



Yolo County IHSS Advisory Committee



Members

- Chair Kate Laddish, Vice Chair Stephen Streeter, Krissie Matta, Marcelo “Nunie” Matta, Valerie Vergara, John Cooper
- Secretary Pieter Pastoor recently concluded his service

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 3,735 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 3,679 eligible providers.

Total

- 7,457 people receive or provide care via IHSS in Yolo County.
- Growth: 559 in the last year; 1,817 in the last five years

IHSS and Public Authority Program Overviews for FY 2024/2025

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 7.4%
- Above statewide growth of 4.4%

Providers and Public Authority Registry

- 914 new providers completed orientation
- Number of eligible providers grew by 9.5%
- 172 providers joined or re-engaged with the Public Authority Registry
- 1,149 Registry referrals were completed
- Home Care Now: 7 providers added, 154 separate HCN requests with 269 days of services provided
- Public Authority distributed 85,664 pieces of PPE to providers

Community Partners and Affiliations

Kate Laddish: Calif. IHSS Consumer Alliance (president), Calif. Standardized Emergency Management System Alert & Warning Specialist Committee, Yolo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (chair), 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

John Cooper: Longtime family advocate

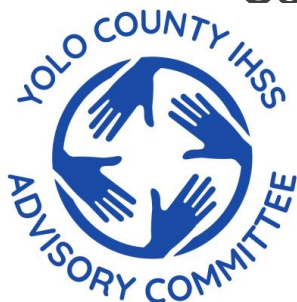
Valerie Vergara: University of California Office of the President, UC Davis, NAMI Yolo, Calif. IHSS Consumer Alliance

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

Rossana Vigil: Calif. Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) Board of Directors

All: Yolo County Fire Safe Council, California Collaborative for Long-term Services & Supports' Senior Rally & Lobby Days



IHSS AC Monthly Meetings

Regular Updates

- **Program updates** on IHSS and Public Authority, including upcoming “telehealth” reassessments
- **Project and subcommittee updates**
- **Member, staff, and liaison updates** on partner organizations
- **Legislative updates** on IHSS; federal, state, county budgets; Brown Act modernization; statewide collective bargaining; wheelchair repair; Supplemental Security Income reform; telehealth; accessibility

Additional Topics & Guests

- **IHSS AC annual workplan**
- **IHSS AC logo**
- **Home Care Now after-hours access**
- **“IHSS 101”**: deep dives on topics to increase members’ understanding of IHSS, Public Authority, Advisory Committee
- **Sup. Sheila Allen** on the role of the advisory committee
- **Joseph Wilson** and **Linda Ngichu**, Resources for Independent Living of Sacramento and Yolo
- **Oliver Snow** and **Lysette Marshman** (District 4) and **Dotty Pritchard** and **David Moreno** (District 3)

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

Committee Projects, Goals & Accomplishments

- **Updated IHSS Advisory Committee logo**
 - A separate logo from Public Authority
- **Increase members' understanding of IHSS and PA**
 - "IHSS 101"
- **Boost communication with consumers and providers**
 - In conversation with CDSS about utilizing data, possibly changing state forms
- **Legislative advocacy and public outreach**
 - Chair served as key witness (Brown Act modernization, wheelchair repair bills), Assembly and congressional panelist (statewide collective bargaining, federal budget) and speaker at congressional and state budget press conferences and State's ADA 35th anniversary celebration; provided testimony, wrote position letters, met with legislators (protecting IHSS and safety net in federal, state, & county budgets; threats to ADA; SSI reform; telehealth)
- **Increasing emergency preparedness and response for vulnerable populations**
 - Consumers receive go bags
 - IHSS staff called 89 consumers in Esparto and Madison during Oakdale incident
 - State Alerts & Warnings Guidelines
- **Committee and provider recruitment**
 - Challenges of recruiting consumer committee members



Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- **Federal**

- Federal budget (H.R. 1) cuts to Medicaid, other safety-net programs
- DOGE-related cuts to, e.g., Social Security Administration
- Targeting of immigrant, BIPOC communities
- Federal overtime limits

- **State**

- Governor's May Budget Revision targeted Medi-Cal and IHSS; high risk of homelessness and institutionalization

- Counties now responsible for paying half of Community First Choice Option (CFCO) penalties

- Statewide collective bargaining

- **County**

- Hiring freeze

Opportunities

- High-visibility platforms
- Increased public and legislators' understanding of IHSS

Supporting Our Mission

Requests

1. Fund Senior Administrative Services Analyst and other vacant IHSS positions in County budget

- Filling crucial positions will help serve clients, avoid staff burnout, and avoid Community First Choice Option (CFCO) penalties

2. Advocate for IHSS, Medi-Cal, Medicaid at state and federal levels

- Particularly crucial if the State revisits the budget

3. Continue advocating for Brown Act modernization

- SB 707 (Durazo) would allow advisory bodies to use teleconferencing, has provisions to increase access to boards of supervisors and city council meetings

Thank you for:

- Supporting IHSS providers by finalizing the bargaining MOU with SEIU 2015 and increasing provider wages
- Unfreezing three IHSS Adult Services Worker (ASW) positions
- Looking into Home Care Now after-hours options

Thank you!

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

IHSS and Public Authority staff

- Rossana Vigil IHSS Manager & Public Authority Executive Director
- Yesenia Veloz Social Worker Supervisor
- Michelle McLagan Administrative Support Specialist
- Kim Britt IHSS Manager & Public Authority Exec. Director (ret.)

Supervisory staff

- Dotty Pritchard Deputy to Supervisor Vixie Sandy
- David Moreno Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Vixie Sandy (fmr.)
- Oliver Snow Deputy to Supervisor Allen
- Lysette Marshman Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Allen

Questions? Contact Rossana Vigil at Rossana.Vigil@yolocounty.gov or Kate Laddish and Steve Streeter at HHSA.IHSSAdvisoryCommittee@yolocounty.gov.