

Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

Update to the Board of Supervisors
September 8, 2026

Kate Laddish, Chair
John Cooper, Vice Chair



Yolo County IHSS Advisory Committee

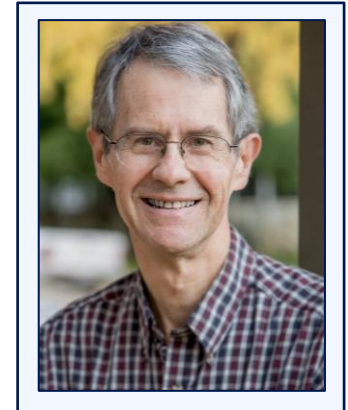


Members

- Chair Kate Laddish, Vice Chair John Cooper, Krissie Matta, Marcelo “Nunie” Matta, Valerie Vergara, Holly Cooper
- Secretary Stephen Streeter passed away in June

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 3,970 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 4,084 eligible providers.

Total

- 8,054 people receive or provide care via IHSS in Yolo County.
- Growth: 597 in the last year; 2,515 in the last five years

IHSS and Public Authority Program Overviews for FY 2025/2026

IHSS and Public Authority goals

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

Consumers and IHSS caseload

- Yolo County IHSS caseload growth was 7.9% (*7.4% in FY 24/25*)
- Slightly above statewide growth of 7.0% (*4.4% in FY 24/25*)

Providers and Public Authority Registry

- 1,091 new providers completed orientation (*up from 914*)
- Number of eligible providers grew by 11% (*up from 9.5%*)
- 135 providers joined or re-engaged with the Public Authority Registry (*down from 172*)
- 1,005 Registry referrals were completed (*down from 1,149*)
- Home Care Now: 10 providers added, 188 separate HCN requests with 333 days of services provided (*increase from FY 24/25*)
- Public Authority distributed 117,575 PPE supplies to providers (*increase from FY 24/25*)

Community Partners and Affiliations

Kate Laddish: California 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 Service Council, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, , Yolo County Fire Safe Council, LTSS4All Grassroots Coalition

John Cooper: Longtime family advocate

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

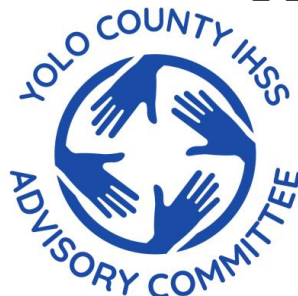
Holly Cooper: Background in psychology and disability studies

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 Topics

- **Program updates** on IHSS and Public Authority
- **Committee projects**
- **Member, staff, and liaison updates** on partner organizations
- **Legislative and administrative updates** on IHSS; Medi-Cal; federal, state, county budgets; Brown Act modernization; wheelchair repair; Supplemental Security Income reform; accessibility; disaster preparedness
- **Budgeting** of AC's state-provided funds

Additional Topics & Guests

- **IHSS AC annual workplan**
- **Boost visibility and outreach** with new IHSS AC logo
- **Home Care Now** after-hours access
- **Advocacy letter policy**
- **Joseph Wilson** and **Linda Ngichu**, Resources for Independent Living
- **Oliver Snow** and **Lysette Marshman** (District 4) and **Dotty Pritchard** (District 3)
- **Prospective members** and other members of the public

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

IHSS AC Projects, Goals & Accomplishments

- **Use of new IHSS Advisory Committee logo**
 - T-shirts and business cards
- **Boost communication with consumers and providers**
 - Challenges of gathering, using consumer email addresses
- **Legislative advocacy and public outreach**
 - Chair testified as panelist in Senate Budget hearing (Be Home Soon California); invited to be key witness (wheelchair repair bill); provided hearing comments, wrote position letters, met with legislators (protecting IHSS and Medi-Cal); spoke at Capitol press conferences on State budget; spoke about IHSS on podcast, webcast, radio show and in TV and print media interviews
 - Vice chair and secretary provided comments in State budget hearings
- **Increasing emergency preparedness and response for vulnerable populations**
 - All Yolo County consumers receive go bags
 - Dunnigan Fire: IHSS staff contacted all 40 Dunnigan consumers; 19 were ordered to evacuate
 - State Alerts & Warnings Guidelines
 - IHSS perspective on Yolo County Disaster Service Council and Yolo County Fire Safe Council
- **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
 - Federal withholding of approximately \$2 billion of California Medicaid funding
 - DOGE-related cuts to agencies
 - Targeting of immigrant, BIPOC communities
- **State**
 - Governor's January Budget and May Budget Revision again targeted IHSS and Medi-Cal; high risk of institutionalization, homelessness, worsening health, premature deaths
 - Counties now must pay 100% of Community First Choice Option (CFCO) late penalties
- **County**
 - Budget-related staffing issues

Opportunities

- High-visibility engagement and media opportunities
- Increased public and legislators' understanding of IHSS
- Be Home Soon California proposal: "an all-of-government, 'whatever-it-takes' approach to keeping California's older adults and people with disabilities safely at home and in the community with family and caregivers"

Supporting Our Mission

Requests:

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

- Explain county-level effects to state and federal partners

2. Support the Be Home Soon California proposal

- Emphasize the need to learn from the lived experience of Medi-Cal beneficiaries

3. Advocate for State-level improvements to Medi-Cal redetermination messaging and outreach

- Especially crucial for IHSS consumers and due to doubling redetermination frequency
- Effective, efficient system would save time, money, stress

Thank you for:

- Supporting IHSS, Medi-Cal funding in the State budget
- Allowing recruitment for the IHSS Business Services Supervisor position
- Authorizing the IHSS AC to use new Brown Act teleconferencing options
- Adjourning a Board meeting in memory of longtime committee member Steve Streeter

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 Director
- Yesenia Veloz Social Worker Supervisor
- Michelle McLagan Administrative Support Specialist

Supervisory staff

- Dotty Pritchard Deputy to Supervisor Vixie Sandy
- 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 John Cooper at HHSA.IHSSAdvisoryCommittee@yolocounty.gov.