

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority

TO: In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Board
FROM: Eldon Luce, Manager of the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority
DATE: September 9, 2008
SUBJECT: Membership Appointments to the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

ACTION REQUESTED:

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee and IHSS Public Authority staff respectfully request that the IHSS Public Authority Board appoint William N. Reed to Seat #5, representing IHSS service providers.

BACKGROUND:

During the current fiscal year, IHSS will serve 2,600 Placer County residents that are elderly or disabled. IHSS makes it possible for these residents to remain in their communities; living safely in their homes, rather than requiring more expensive institutional care. Based on the 2,600 recipients served, and the difference between the costs of IHSS and institutional care, there is a potential savings of \$123,501,560 per year to assist IHSS recipients to remain in their homes. In addition, a recent survey of IHSS recipients showed that 82% of survey respondents indicated that the presence of an IHSS caregiver prevented a hospital stay within the previous 120 days. The IHSS Advisory Committee provides on-going advice related to the IHSS program.

The IHSS Advisory Committee is a state-mandated committee with a requirement that a majority of its members be current or past recipients of in-home supportive services. The purpose of the IHSS Advisory Committee is to submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on preferred services utilized for In-Home Supportive Services; to advise and make recommendations in regard to policy and funding; and to provide ongoing advice regarding services to the Board of Supervisors (the Board of the IHSS Public Authority) and the IHSS Public Authority.

Currently the IHSS Advisory Committee has an opening for a current or past provider of IHSS. William N. Reed meets this requirement. Mr. Reed is employed as an IHSS provider and has been attending IHSS Advisory Committee meetings. IHSS Advisory Committee members have agreed that Mr. Reed would be an asset to the committee. Mr. Reed's application for IHSS Advisory Committee membership is included.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The State of California, Department of Social Services, funds all activities of the IHSS Advisory Committee. This action has no fiscal impact to the County General Fund.

