

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: November 4, 2008
SUBJECT: Membership Reappointment 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 reappoint Ned Zoller to Seat #7 on the IHSS Advisory Committee representing 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 overall healthcare system 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 one member whose term on the Advisory Committee will expire on October 31, 2008. This member has agreed to continue serving on the Advisory Committee and has asked to be reappointed to his current seat.

Ned Zoller is employed as an IHSS provider and he meets the requirements for filling a seat representing service providers. Mr. Zoller has a long-standing interest in IHSS, and he has been attending and participating in IHSS Advisory Committee meetings.

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.

