

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: March 8, 2011
SUBJECT: Membership Reappointments 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 Carol Thompson to Seat #3 on the IHSS Advisory Committee, representing IHSS service recipients; and reappoint Michael Fletcher to Seat #8, representing the California IHSS Consumer Alliance.

BACKGROUND:

IHSS is currently serving 1,860 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 residential care. A recent survey of IHSS recipients showed that 91% of survey respondents indicated that the presence of an IHSS caregiver prevented a hospital stay within the previous four months. 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, advise and make recommendations in regard to policy and funding, provide ongoing advice regarding services to the Board of Supervisors (the Board of the Public Authority) and any administrative body that is related to the delivery and administration of services, including the governing body and administrative agency of the Public Authority, non-profit consortium, contractors, and public employees.

Currently, the IHSS Advisory Committee has two members whose term on the Advisory Committee expired on January 31, 2011. Both of these members have agreed to continue serving on the Advisory Committee and have asked to be reappointed to their current seats.

Carol Thompson is a current IHSS recipient. Ms. Thompson meets the requirements for filling a seat representing IHSS service recipients and she has been attending and participating in IHSS Advisory Committee meetings.

Michael Fletcher is a person with a disability. Mr. Fletcher meets the requirements for filling a seat representing the California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA). Mr. Fletcher 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.

