

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

TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Maureen F. Bauman, Director, Adult System of Care

DATE: March 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Membership Reappointments for In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Advisory Committee

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Reappoint the following members to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority (PA) Advisory Committee:
 - a. Eldon Luce, who represents District 5, to Seat #1, an IHSS service recipient;
 - b. Carol Thompson, who represents District 3, to Seat #3, an IHSS service recipient; and
 - c. Michael Fletcher, who represents District 3, to Seat #8, California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) representative.

BACKGROUND:

IHSS is currently serving 2,166 Placer County residents who are elderly or disabled. In addition, the Placer County PA serves 2,038 local providers of IHSS services and runs the Placer County PA Registry. 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 percent of survey respondents indicated that the presence of an IHSS caregiver prevented a hospital stay within the previous 120 days. The IHSS PA Advisory Committee provides on-going advice related to the IHSS and PA Programs.

The IHSS PA Advisory Committee is a State-mandated committee with a requirement that a majority of its members be current or past IHSS recipients or providers of in-home services. The purpose of the IHSS Advisory Committee is to submit recommendations to the Placer County Board of Supervisors on preferred services utilized for in-home 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 PA, non-profit consortium, contractors, and public employees. No more than one county employee may sit on this committee.

Eldon Luce is a former IHSS service recipient, Carol Thompson is currently an IHSS service recipient, and Michael Fletcher is the current CICA representative and is also a county employee. All three are committed to supporting excellence in the IHSS and PA programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

