

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 10, 2009
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* Eula Marshall to Seat #2 representing IHSS service recipients, *reappoint* William Reed to Seat #5 representing IHSS service providers, and *reappoint* Sherrie Comer to Seat #9 representing IHSS service providers.

BACKGROUND:

During the current fiscal year, IHSS will serve 2,500 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 2,500 recipients served, and the difference between the costs of IHSS and institutional care, the IHSS program creates potential savings of \$118,751,500 per year. In addition, based on a recent survey of IHSS recipients, 91% 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; 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.

Eula Marshall is a current IHSS recipient. Ms. Marshall meets the requirements for filling a seat representing IHSS service recipients and she has been attending and participating in IHSS Advisory Committee meetings. Ms. Marshall has agreed to continue serving on the Advisory Committee.

William Reed is a current IHSS provider. Mr. Reed meets the requirements for filling a seat representing IHSS service providers and he has been attending and participating in IHSS Advisory Committee meetings. Mr. Reed has agreed to continue serving on the Advisory Committee.

Sherrie Comer is a current IHSS provider. Ms. Comer meets the requirements for filling a seat representing IHSS service providers and she has been attending and participating in IHSS Advisory Committee meetings. Ms. Comer has agreed to continue serving on the Advisory Committee.

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.

