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Frances Smith Appointed Yolo County Public Authority Director

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Board of Supervisors, serving as the Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Board, has announced the appointment of Frances Smith as Yolo County Public Authority Director. The Public Authority operates a registry to help elderly and disabled consumers find quality providers of homecare services. Most recently, Jan Wolff, who also serves as the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services Division Manager for Medi-Cal has served as Interim Public Authority Director.

“The Board is pleased to welcome Ms. Smith as the new director of the Yolo County Public Authority,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairman Duane Chamberlain. “I am confident that her extensive background will prepare her to handle the challenges and opportunities that await.”

Frances Smith has served the Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority since 1999, most recently as Program Manager of In-Home Supportive Services. During her tenure with Contra Costa County, Frances Smith was a member of the Implementation Team that developed the Plan for the Public Authority, including serving as the Interim Executive Director. Her community activities have included working with the Contra Costa County Family and Children’s Services Advisory Committee, Area Developmental Disabilities Board V, and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Elderly and Handicapped Task Force. Ms. Smith has worked in Colorado, Washington, D.C., and California, and now brings her decades of experience to Yolo County.

“I feel called to help people navigate the challenging In-Home Supportive Services system, which can be confusing and difficult for families in times of stress and need,” said Frances Smith.

“Ms. Smith has a 40-year history of volunteering and working in the social service field with particular expertise in advocating for people with developmental disabilities,” said Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services Director Pam Miller. “She is experienced in training and educating community members about laws, regulations and administrative policies relating to services provided to elders and dependent adults, and she has a proven ability to find creative solutions to problems.”

Ms. Smith will begin her position as Public Authority Director for Yolo County on March 17. The annual salary range for this position is \$68,652 to \$83,436.

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