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Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee is Recruiting Members

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee seeks committee members interested in the delivery of IHSS. The IHSS program helps eligible persons with disabilities remain safely in their homes, helping pay for authorized domestic and personal-care services. The committee has current openings for four consumers and two residents; applicants may live in any part of Yolo County. The Board of Supervisors appoints members to four-year terms.

The committee gives the County's more than 5,800 IHSS care consumers and providers a voice in the program's policy, development, and operations. This group provides recommendations about the enhancement, availability, and quality of IHSS, promoting services that support a positive and productive relationship between consumers and providers and advocates for the program.

"The IHSS Advisory Committee plays a vital role in guiding our program and advocacy priorities," states Kim Britt, Director of IHSS Public Authority/IHSS Manager and staff to the committee. "As a program administrator, this feedback is greatly appreciated and routinely used to make our program delivery meaningful to our community."

The 11-person committee includes consumers, providers, and interested residents and is a consumer-majority body per its bylaws, bringing a solutions-based approach to challenges and opportunities.

"We secured \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan funds to create a system of paid professional development training for providers, said Committee Chair Kate Laddish. "This will strengthen the whole program: supplying providers with professional development opportunities helps them grow and increases consumers' ability to live safely at home, rather than going into congregate care."

The IHSS Advisory Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and currently meets virtually on Zoom. Residents considering applying are encouraged to attend a meeting. Most committee members spend four to six hours per month on committee business.

Applications can be found and submitted at www.yolocounty.org/government/board-of-supervisors/advisory-bodies. For more information about the IHSS Advisory Committee or about applying to become a member, contact Kim Britt at (530) 661-2676.