



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/4/2021

File #: 21-474

To: Board of Supervisors

From: In-Home Supportive Services

Agenda Section: Departmental

SUBJECT:

Humboldt County Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services to Approve Recommendation to Appoint an IHSS Advisory Board Member.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adjourn as the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors;
2. Convene as the Governing Board of the Humboldt County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority and consider the following agenda;
 - a. Approve recommendation to appoint Sarah Mixon to the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board; and
3. Reconvene as the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Authority Fund 1160 Budget Unit 511

DISCUSSION:

On June 6, 2000, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2000-50 which established the Advisory Board on In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) as mandated by Assembly Bill 1682. On Sept. 10, 2000, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance #2278 (Humboldt County Code section 2213-1 et seq.) which established the Humboldt County Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services. Section 2213-4 of the ordinance provides that the Board of Supervisors serves as the governing body for the Public Authority. Section 2213-6(c) provides that the Advisory Board shall report directly to the Public Authority's Governing Board. On Sept. 20, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 05-62, transferring the oversight of the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board from the Board of Supervisors to the Public Authority Governing Board. On Dec. 18, 2013, the Board of Supervisors, convening as the Public Authority, approved Agenda Item No. H-3 approving the bylaws for Humboldt County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board.

Pursuant to the approved bylaws, the Advisory Board recommends the appointment of the following person: Sarah Mixon, a former recipient of IHSS services. Per the bylaws, the composition of the Advisory Board consists of 11 voting members which should include 6 current or past users of IHSS services, 2 current or former IHSS care providers, 1 member of an organization that advocates for the elderly or people with disabilities, 1 member from the community, and 1 current employee of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Ms. Mixon will fill the vacancy for a member who is a current or former recipient of IHSS. Ms. Mixon's experience as a former recipient and care provider of IHSS makes her an excellent candidate to serve on the Advisory Board. Pursuant to the approved bylaws, the Advisory Board recommends the appointment of Sarah Mixon as a voting member of the Advisory Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appointment of members on the Advisory Board does not have a direct fiscal impact. Funds for the IHSS Advisory Board are in the fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 budget for Social Services 1160-511. Expenditures for Department of Health and Human Services staff assigned to support the IHSS Advisory Board are included in the FY 2020-21 budget for Social Services (1160-511). There is no impact to the county General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to appoint Sarah Mixon to the Advisory Board. This is not recommended because the proposed appointment follow current bylaw guidelines and is recommended by the Advisory Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. IHSS Advisory Committee Application/Nomination Form for Sarah Mixon.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: I-2; H-2

Meeting of: 07/23/19; 10/06/20

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