



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors
From: In-Home Supportive Services
Agenda Section: Departmental

SUBJECT:

Humboldt County Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) 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 IHSS Public Authority and consider the following agenda;
 - a. Approve recommendation to appoint Mr. Jack Breazeal to the IHSS 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 No. 2000-50 which established the Advisory Board on In-Home Supportive Services as mandated by Assembly Bill 1682. On Sept. 10, 2002, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 2278 (Humboldt County Code Sections 2213-1, et seq.) which established the Humboldt County Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services. Section 2213-4 of the Humboldt County Code provides that the Board of Supervisors serves as the governing body for the Public Authority. Section 2213-6(c) of the Humboldt County Code 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: Jack Breazeal, Deputy Director, Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health (DHHS - Behavioral Health). Per the bylaws, the composition of the Advisory

Board consists of 11 voting members which include six current or past users of IHSS services, two current or former IHSS care providers, one member of an organization that advocates for the elderly or people with disabilities, one member from the community, and one current DHHS employee. Mr. Breazeal will fill the vacancy for a member who is a current DHHS employee. Mr. Breazeal's experience, knowledge, and current assignment as Deputy Director of DHHS - Behavioral Health makes him an excellent candidate to serve on the Advisory Board. Pursuant to the approved bylaws, the Advisory Board recommends the appointment of Jack Breazeal as a voting member of the Advisory Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appointment of members on the Advisory Board does not have a direct fiscal impact. Expenditures for DHHS staff assigned to support the IHSS Advisory Board are included in the approved fiscal year 2020-2021 budget for DHHS - Social Services budget unit 1160-511. As a result, appointment of Mr. Breazeal to the IHSS Advisory Board will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended action supports the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

IHSS Advisory Board; Humboldt County Public Authority for IHSS

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to appoint Jack Breazeal to the IHSS Advisory Board. However, this alternative is not recommended because the proposed appointment follows current bylaw guidelines and is recommended by the IHSS Advisory Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

IHSS Advisory Board Bylaws

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: I-2

Meeting of: 07/23/19

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