

Fact Sheet

CICA's Mission

California's seniors and individuals with disabilities have a right to lead empowered, independent lives. The California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) is a statewide collaboration of IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committees and Governing Board members. CICA provides educational material, information, and networking opportunities for members to fulfill their mandate to advise on improvements to the IHSS program. CICA also assists in developing Advisory Committees and Governing Boards to their highest potential. CICA encourages participation from members of the Advisory Committees to individual Recipients of the IHSS program.

CICA is the voice of the IHSS consumer and their provider!

What is a Public Authority?

The Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) is a public agency whose purpose is to make the IHSS program in every county work better for consumers, who consist of the elderly, blind and disabled, and home care providers/personal assistants. The significant role the Public Authority fulfills

for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) is to offer services that assist consumers with greater access to providers. This has been accomplished by: 1) creating a provider registry, and 2) establishing the Public Authority as an employer of record. A provider registry is a computerized database listing qualified and screened IHSS providers. These services offered by the Public Authority provide consumers with a greater level of confidence when hiring providers. Aside from establishing a registry, the Public Authority is also responsible for: 1) investigating the qualifications and background of potential providers, 2) establishing a referral system to connect providers with consumers, 3) providing for training for consumers and providers, 4) performing any other function related to the delivery of IHSS. The Public Authority also gives consumers a voice in how IHSS services are provided. Services are provided at no cost to consumers or their providers.

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What is an IHSS Advisory Committee?

The role of the IHSS Advisory Committee is to serve in an advisory capacity regarding IHSS and the IHSS Public Authority to the County Board of Supervisors, the governing body of the Public Authority, IHSS Contractor(s), and any administrative body in the county that

is related to the delivery and administration of IHSS.

The IHSS Advisory Committee submits recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on preferred services utilized for in-home supportive services. This Committee advises and makes recommendations in regard to policy and funding, provides ongoing advice regarding services to the Board of Supervisors, and any administrative body that is related to the delivery and administration of services, including the governing body and administrative agency of the public authority, nonprofit consortium, contractor, and public employees.

Specific Advisory Committee duties may vary with each county. Check with your local IHSS Advisory Committee for more specific information about what they do.

What is a Governing Board?

The role of the IHSS Governing Board...

The Public Authority Governing Body is the official board designated to govern the Public Authority and make legally binding decisions on its behalf. In most counties, the Governing Body is the county board of supervisors. In some counties, the Public Authority operates independently of the county and has its own appointed Governing Board. These counties include current members: Marin County, San Francisco County, Los Angeles County (Personal Assistance Service Center), and Nevada County (not a member yet).

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