The first meeting of the IHSS Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2000 Agenda items for the first meeting include: adoption of bylaws, election of officers, establishment of a regular meeting schedule, presentation of the responsibilities of the committee and discussion of the committee's proposed work plan.

## IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Accept and file this report on the progress of the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee and direct the HRA Administrator to return to your Board on September 26, 2000 with a status report on the activities of the IHSS Advisory Committee.

Very truly yours,

CECILIA ESPINOLA

Administrator

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RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello

County Administrative Officer

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Commission on Disabilities

Seniors Commission

Long Term Care Interagency Commission

**SEIU** 

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## **County of Santa Cruz**

## **HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY**

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June 15, 2000 Agenda: June 27, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California

## STATUS OF IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Members of the Board:

On March 21, 2000 your Board directed the Human Resources Agency (HRA) to establish an eleven member In-Home Supportive Services (MSS) Advisory Committee by June 30, 2000. In addition HRA was directed to provide quarterly reports to the Board on the status of the committee. The purpose of this letter is to provide your Board with an update of activities since March 21".

HRA conducted an extensive recruitment of IHSS consumers and providers to solicit applications for the Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of eleven (11) at-large members including the following representation:

- a. Six current or past users of assistance services paid through public or private funds;
- b. Three persons fi-om existing County advisory bodies (one each from the Seniors Commission, the Commission on Disabilities, and the Long Term Care Commission); and
- c. Two providers from In-Home Supportive services (one each from the Independent Provider and the Contract modes of service delivery).

Over 3400 letters were directed to eligible participants, community-based organizations and advisory groups. Fifteen applications in all were received for the six consumer and two provider positions. These applications were forwarded to your Board at the end of May. In addition the Seniors Commission, Long Term Care Interagency Commission, and Commission on Disabilities have submitted nominations to your Board for representatives for their designated positions on the committee. Nominations for the committee were made by your Board on June 20, 2000. It is HRA's understanding that your Board will consider final action on the appointments elsewhere on today's agenda.