## County Of Sonoma
### Agenda Item
### Summary Report

**Department:** Human Services/IHSS Public Authority  
**4/5 Vote Not Required**

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**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:**  
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority Advisory Committee (first hearing of ordinance change)

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**
1. Adopt Resolution of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to amend Sonoma County Code Section 2-362 by:
   a. eliminating the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee; and  
   b. establishing a Public Authority Advisory Committee.
2. Adopt Concurrent Resolution of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Sonoma County IHSS Public Authority Board of Directors to approve By-laws for Public Authority Advisory Committee.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT - None.**

**Explanation (if required):**  
None.

**Prior Board Action:**
- 06/12/01: Approved Ordinance to establish the Sonoma County IHSS Public Authority  
- 09/12/00: Adopted resolution to establish IHSS Advisory Committee

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:**
Non-approval or delay would result in continuation of existing IHSS Advisory Committee.
Background:

As reported to the Board during the FY 11-12 Budget hearings, the State's Human Services Budget Trailer Bill (SB 72), adopted in March 2011, made the county IHSS Advisory Committee optional and eliminated the $52,966 allocation. However, the Public Authority Advisory Committee continues to be mandated. FY 11-12 funding for the PA Advisory Committee will be $5,660 (state and federal).

On 09/12/2000, in compliance with the then existing State law, the Board of Supervisors established an IHSS Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee was originally responsible for recommending to the Board of Supervisors the preferred administrative model of employer of record for IHSS providers in Sonoma County, as well as providing ongoing advice and recommendations to the Board and any IHSS administrative and service delivery entities.

On 06/12/2001, the Board of Supervisors approved an Ordinance to establish the Sonoma County IHSS Public Authority. Section I, 2-362 of the Ordinance specifies that "The existing IHSS Advisory Committee shall serve as the advisory committee to the Authority and shall fulfill the roles and responsibilities required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 12301.6."

To comply with the change in State law, the Human Services Department and IHSS Public Authority recommend eliminating the existing IHSS Advisory Committee and establishing a Public Authority Advisory Committee. The PA Advisory Committee will meet annually and for special meetings as needed. On 06/27/2011, the existing IHSS Advisory Committee met and concurred with the recommendation to establish a PA Advisory Committee. The Human Services Department, Public Authority, and Advisory Committee also recommend adoption of By-laws for the PA Advisory Committee similar to those of the IHSS Advisory Committee. Some of the key changes include:

- the number of committee members shall be reduced from 10 to 8;
- the appointment term for committee members shall increase from two-years to four-years; and
- the length of term for officers shall increase from annually to every three years.

The resolution authorizing the Public Authority Advisory Committee also provides for a per diem compensation for attendance at meetings by members of the Committee.

The change to establish a PA Advisory Committee will require an amendment to Sonoma County Code Section 2-362, changing the name to the Public Authority Advisory Committee and reducing the number of committee members to 8.

Recommendation: Adopt concurrent resolution to eliminate existing IHSS Advisory Committee and establish Public Authority Advisory Committee, approve related By-laws, and approve Ordinance to amend Sonoma County Code Section 2-362.

Attachments:

1. Concurrent Resolution to eliminate IHSS Advisory Committee and to establish Public Authority Advisory Committee.
2. Public Authority Advisory Committee By-laws.
3. Resolution to Introduce Ordinance and Waving Further Reading
4. Ordinance to amend Sonoma County Code Section 2-362.
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