

**IHSS Advisory Board
Humboldt County**



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**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
MARGARET LEWIS, CHAIR**

TO: Governing Board of the Humboldt County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority

FROM: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Request to Amend the Bylaws of the IHSS Advisory Board

BACKGROUND:

Over the past few years, it has been increasingly difficult to recruit members for the Advisory Board. In fact, it has been several years since we have had our full complement of eleven members.

Our budget of approximately six thousand dollars per year has very specific guidelines for use. One way we can use our funds is to provide stipends to our members for attendance at our monthly meetings. Considering the recruitment difficulties and other barriers to attendance, we felt that offering a stipend could provide an incentive for members to attend.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

Our Bylaws Committee reviewed the budget and our normal expenditures, which include travel reimbursements for those members traveling ten miles or more to meetings and determined that it would be possible to offer a \$40 stipend to members for attending meetings.

Therefore, we would amend the Bylaws, Section XI-Compensation to read:

“Members who attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings in person and are not otherwise compensated for attendance, shall be eligible for a \$40 stipend per meeting attended. This shall be separate from any travel reimbursement received. A member may waive the stipend by signing a waiver form to that effect and this can be rescinded at any time.”