



**San Francisco IHSS Public Authority
Governing Body – Regular Meeting
Minutes of May 12, 2009**

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Roll Call

Present: Sharon Brunn, Rosie Byers, Kelly Dearman, Tatiana A. Kostanian, Elva Moran, Gustavo Serina, Tricia Webb and Alice Wong. Excused: Mike Boyd, Luis Calderon and Jim Illig.

**Others
Present**

Donna Calame – Executive Director, Patrick Hoctel – Executive Assistant and Manuel Molina – Fiscal & Operations Manager. Members of the Public: Mary Beth Schuler (NUHW).

**Call to Order
& Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m., followed by the roll call.

**Agenda &
Minutes**

The agenda was accepted after item 8B. *Ideas for Board Activities* was moved up to become item 5D. The March 10th minutes were adopted.

**Director's
Report**

In view of a packed agenda, Donna Calame kept her report brief, saving most items for the Annual Review. She observed that the last three months had been an incredibly busy time and referred board members to the Director's Report in their packets for more details. She did note that she had joined San Francisco State's ICCE Advisory Board and resigned from the Direct Care Workers Alliance due to time constraints.

**Issues &
Reports**

Ms. Calame gave an *Update on Union Developments*. She remarked that even though there was a lot happening on that front, the Authority was remaining neutral. To clear up some rumors and misstatements, we recently sent out a letter to all our IP workers, reaffirming the neutrality of both the Executive Director and the agency in the debate between SEIU-UHW and NUHW. The letter stressed that if IHSS home care workers desired union representation, it was solely up to them to decide which union should represent them. The Board decided that it was a good idea to meet with our lawyer to clarify some union issues.

For the *Annual Review of Past Year*, Ms. Calame distributed a "Select narrative of Public Authority work" to supplement the listing of major projects, activities and accomplishments (both internal and external) already in Board packets. During the review, she detailed many of the intricacies of the budget process on federal, state and local levels; how one impacts on and influences the other; and how IHSS is potentially affected by changes in all three. She was clear that although no one yet knows how all the budget dynamics will play out, IHSS was "in the middle of it" and she needed to speak to our lawyers and do more research to get a better understanding of a very complex situation.

In response to Gustavo Serina's asking about the Governor's budget proposals in the May 19th special election and their possible effect, Ms. Calame said that it was her feeling that there were greater cuts in store for IHSS even if the proposals passed. It was more a question of where the ax would fall.

She also reported that since IHSS figured so prominently in these budget discussions, the program is increasingly in the media spotlight. More people were interested in us, what we do and hearing our perspective, especially as regards allegations of "rampant fraud" in the system. She noted that oft repeated anecdotes had taken on the air of actual fact and we were learning how to best interact with and educate the media as well as the general public on this subject and

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