



**San Francisco IHSS Public Authority
Governing Body – Regular Meeting
Minutes of July 14, 2009**

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- Roll Call** Present: Mike Boyd, Sharon Brunn, Luis Calderon, Kelly Dearman, Jim Illig, Tatiana A. Kostanian, Ethel Richardson, Gustavo Serina, Tricia Webb and Alice Wong. Excused: Rosie Byers and Elva Moran.
- Others Present** Donna Calame – Executive Director, Patrick Hoctel – Executive Assistant, Manuel Molina – Fiscal & Operations Manager, Megan Elliott – DAAS IHSS, Anthony Nicco – DAAS IHSS and Rick Zawadski (RTZ Associates). Members of the Public: See list at end.*
- Call to Order & Roll Call** The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m., followed by the roll call.
- Agenda & Minutes** The agenda was accepted, and the May 12th minutes were adopted.
- Board Education** Rick Zawadski from RTZ Associates gave a detailed *Description of Public Authority Funding*. Referring to a PowerPoint, he looked closely at traditional IHSS funding options; how Public Authorities are paid (claim rate breakdown); funding streams and percentage paid by federal, state and local sources; the time-limited Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase through federal stimulus funds and how that affects state and local costs; state realignment dollars; and state budget changes and their impact both now and potentially in the future. His overall message was that the IHSS program had been an astounding success in California and should remain intact.

Mr. Zawadski fielded many questions from board members, who wanted to understand the relationship between Department of Human Services (DHS) and Public Authority funding; our “hourly rate” and its components; the complications around local share of costs vs. state realignment dollars; the complexities of the claim rate as far as who currently pays what and who picks up the slack if the state reduces its share; and the City’s Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO) and how that factors in, among other items.

Mr. Zawadski emphasized that California’s IHSS program, the largest such program in the country, had yielded the lowest rate of nursing home placement in the U.S., about half the national average. This had translated into tremendous savings for the state. Board members expressed that these financial facts needed to be stressed to legislators, who presumably wouldn’t want to slash IHSS funding only to spend more tax dollars to care for people in institutional settings.

Mr. Zawadski reiterated that IHSS was the major source of Personal Assistance Services (PAS) in the state for people trying to stay in their communities and a national model would be lost if the program were allowed to be torn apart. He added that emergency rooms, police and fire departments, 911 call centers, etc. would incur more expenses and constraints on their time if IHSS caseloads were drastically reduced. Anthony Nicco and Mr. Zawadski both agreed that although it was a hard thing to document, we needed to start tracking the costs, both human and economic, of proposed IHSS reductions.

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