

**San Francisco IHSS Public Authority  
 832 Folsom St., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA  
 Governing Body – Regular Meeting  
 Minutes of January 12, 2021**

<b>Board of Directors</b>
<b>Melvin Beetle</b> President Older Consumer Representative
<b>Kenzi Robi</b> Vice President Younger Consumer Representative
<b>Daisy McArthur</b> Secretary Union Representative
<b>Tricia Webb</b> Younger Consumer Representative
<b>Alex Madrid</b> Mayor’s Disability Council Member
<b>Sascha Bittner</b> Younger Consumer Representative
<b>Rita Semel</b> Human Services Commissioner
<b>Robin Wilson-Beattie</b> Younger Consumer Representative

**Roll Call**

Directors Present: Melvin Beetle, Kenzi Robi, Rita Semel, Daisy McArthur, Alex Madrid, Sascha Bittner, Robin Wilson-Beattie

Director’s Excused: Tricia Webb

Also Present: Kelly Dearman – *Executive Director*, Eileen Norman – *Deputy Director*

**Call to Order**

Melvin Beetle, President of the Governing Body, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. A quorum of the members was present.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was held via videoconference. This decision was made in compliance with San Francisco’s “Shelter in Place” ordinance.

**Agenda & Minutes**

- The agenda was reviewed.
- The minutes of November 10, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Rita Semel. The motion was properly seconded by Daisy McArthur. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

**Director’s Report**

- The PA staff are still working remotely. This will likely continue for the next six months. Though the vaccine is not mandated it is strongly recommended.
- The Governor has released the state budget
  - There will not be a 7% budget cut for IHSS this year.
  - There will be adjustments made to the EVV system in order to meet federal laws and requirements.



- There is money in the budget allocated to Emergency On Call services and PPE for IHSS. We will be able to continue providing these services.

## Issues & Reports

- **COVID Response Update – Kelly Dearman**
  - One Medical began vaccinating PA On-Call Providers on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - All IHSS Providers will receive a text, email or letter with instructions about how to set up a vaccination appointment.
  - Residents over 65 or who have multiple medical conditions are considered a priority but a vaccination plan for them has not yet been established.
  - The PA will be introducing educational webinars for Providers who have questions about the vaccine. It will be offered in multiple languages.
- **Programs Report – Eileen Norman**
  - There has been an increase in referrals and the demand for services
  - Due to the limited number of On-Call Providers available, we are only accepting high needs emergency cases at this time.
  - We are amplifying our recruitment efforts. It has been difficult due to COVID-19, but we are continuing to move forward with these endeavors.
- **Thriving in Place – Kelly Dearman**
  - Thriving in Place has contributed to several programs this past year. These programs have made a positive impact on the communities we serve.





- “Empowered Cities” (in partnership with Citibank)
- “Learning Journeys” (in partnership with Palliative Care Workgroup)
- “Mindful Caregiving” (in partnership with Zen Hospice)
- Tech assistance trainings for Independent Providers

**Public Comment/  
Announcements**

- No public comment or announcement was made.

**Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 2:00p.m.

