

County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report		<i>Clerk of the Board Use Only</i>	
		Meeting Date ____/____/____	Held Until ____/____/____
		Agenda Item No. _____	Agenda Item No. _____
Department: Human Services/IHSS Public Authority		<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required	
Contact: Jo Weber/ Michael Humphrey	Phone: (707) 565-5802 (707) 565-5701	Board Date: 06/23/09	Deadline for Board Action
Agenda Short Title: Agreement between In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority and Human Services Department			
Requested Board Action : Concurrent approval and authorization for the Director of the Human Services Department and the Sonoma County IHSS Public Authority Manager to sign the Agreement for Services between the Sonoma County Human Services Department and the Sonoma County IHSS Public Authority and any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.			
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT			
Estimated Cost	\$ 0	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$
Amount Budgeted	\$ 0	Unanticipated Revenue (Source:)	\$ 0
Other Avail Approp	\$ 0	Other Transfer(s) (Source:)	\$ 0
Additional Requested:	\$ 0	Total Source of Funds:	\$ 0
Explanation (if required): Funds for this contract are in the FY 09/10 Public Authority budget.			
Prior Board Action(s): 06/27/06 Approved Agreement between the Human Services Department and the IHSS Public Authority 07/01/03 Approved Agreement between the Human Services Department and the IHSS Public Authority 01/29/02 Approved Agreement between the Human Services Department and the IHSS Public Authority 10/16/01 Approved administrative structure and Interagency Agreement for the IHSS Public Authority 06/12/01 Approved Ordinance to establish the Sonoma County IHSS Public Authority			
Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Non-approval would result in the inability of the IHSS Public Authority to continue to meet the mandated service requirements.			

Background:

Requested Action:

The Human Services Department and In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority request approval to renew a contract to provide State mandated functions (registry, referral, screening, and training). This contract includes 1.0 FTE Social Service Supervisor I, 3.5 FTE Home Care Support Specialists, 2.0 FTE Home Care Aides, and funds for County extra help public health aides, as well as overhead costs associated with these positions and other County Departments' services. The Public Authority Manager maintains autonomy to direct the functions of the Registry Services provided under this contract. The Human Services Department shall be reimbursed for services as budgeted in accordance with the annual allocation established through the County budget process. The term of the contract shall be from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

On 01/29/02, the Board of Supervisors and the Public Authority Board of Directors authorized an initial contract between the Human Services Department and the IHSS Public Authority. The contract was renewed on 07/01/03 and again on 06/27/06. The current contract expires on June 30, 2009.

Because of California's budget crisis, the Governor has proposed substantial reductions to IHSS; however, in the opinion of County Counsel, Sonoma County has an obligation to provide IHSS Public Authority mandated functions until legislative action has occurred and we are officially directed otherwise by the State of California. In order to protect the County in the event of reductions in IHSS, the agreement between the Human Services Department and IHSS Public Authority contains the following clause:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, IHSS-PA acknowledges that any payments to be made, as provided herein, shall be expressly contingent upon the receipt of sufficient federal and state funding. County's obligations hereunder may be satisfied only out of federal and state funds received and allocated expressly for this Agreement."

Historical Background:

IHSS Program: IHSS is a Human Services Department program mandated by the State to serve clients who need assistance (shopping, cooking, housecleaning, bathing, etc.) in order to live in their homes. Those eligible are aged, blind, and disabled clients of public assistance or with low incomes. There are nearly 5,000 clients served by the Human Services Department's IHSS program.

Attachments:

On File with Clerk:

Agreement for Services

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Board Action (If Other than "Requested")

Vote:

IHSS Public Authority: By statute, the purpose of the IHSS Public Authority is twofold: 1) to act as the employer of record for IHSS caregivers for the purpose of collective bargaining over wages, hours, and other conditions of employment; and, 2) to provide specific functions (referral, registry, screening, and training) to IHSS clients and caregivers. On 06/05/01, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance to establish the IHSS Public Authority, as an independent public entity, with members of the Board of Supervisors serving as the Board of Directors. Through an Interagency Agreement between the Public Authority and the County, the Public Authority operates within the Human Services Department.

Recommended Action:

Approve authorizing the Director of the Human Services Department and the IHSS Public Authority Manager to sign the Agreement for Services.