

**Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)
Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

TIME: 10-11:30am

PLACE: 1650 Mission St. 5th Floor, Golden Gate Room

To protect the health of the Advisory Council members, DAS staff, and members of the public during the COVID-19 health emergency, the DAS Advisory Council will continue to hold meetings remotely. Members of the public are encouraged to also participate in the meetings remotely.

Members Present: Diane Lawrence, Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, Chris Dillon. and Anne Warren, and Lisa Cook. Darlene Ramlose, Morningstar Vancil, Marcy Adelman, and Steffany Dignum.

Members Absent Excused: Renee Richardson, Juliet Rothman, Tia Small, Ivy Chang

WELCOME: Call to order 10:05am and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve February 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes: approved.

Public Comment: No public comment

Director's Report, Director Kelly Dearman:

Director Dearman just came back from the USAging conference in Washington DC and reported on the Older American's Act which is being updated. Based on needs assessments from the AAA decide how much dollars should go to Senior Centers and there is a move to change how these funds are allocated.

Director Dearman met with CA representative, and they are all on board for change to the Older American's Act but expressed concern that Congress is at a standstill at the moment.

Re the budget, we have an amazing staff and we are hoping no positions will be cut.

Alan asked if the changes to the Older American Act are substantive, and Kelly responded that she was unclear and mostly changes to language.

President's Report: President Lawrence gave a quick update on new members that will be introduced next month, and her term was renewed by the DAS Commission

New Business:

- **Area Plan for FY2024/28 presented by Adithi Vellore for approval and vote:**
 - Updates to:
 - Updates to Description of Planning and Service Area
 - Updated program data on seniors with limited English speaking skills
 - Priority Services and Public Hearings
 - Representation of Indigenous populations
 - Language across DAS frameworks
 - Community voice
 - Budget terms
 - Area Plan Narrative Goals and Objectives
 - Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility
 - Strong workforce and collaboration
 - Advisory Board member survey
 - 100% return rate on the survey
 - Goals and Objective numbers
 - Service units for Caregiver Support
 - Updated Commissioner office terms
 - On the final timeline

President Lawrence thanked presenter Vellore for all the hard work and also thanked the whole Advisory Council for the great work.

Allen Cooper thanked them for the great work

Anne Warren liked the brevity of the summary and how easily to understand it is

Darlene Ramlose spoke on people who are falling through the cracks that are not aware about services and how they can assist these people.

Motion to approve

Unanimous Vote and Approved

- **OCP Response to the Site Visit Process** presented by Deputy Director Mike Zaugg. Presenter Zaugg thanked the council and decided to wait until May to speak on this when Council member Small is back.

LGBTQ Updates from Marcy Adelman: Gave an update on survey results and was happy to let everyone know that they did get much higher respondents than ever before. Asked to share results through all means.

Announced OpenHouse is being awarded \$660 million to services which are greatly needed and very happy to receive.

CSL Priorities for Anne Warren: Personal Needs Allowance to help support Elder Abuse, noted there is not much in the budget to for new propositions.

The Council spoke on ideas to better serve the community and how they can promote awareness. And how they can get better representation through their supervisors. Thinking about uniting to support the Dignity Fund.

Motion to consolidate Dignity Fund that President Lawrence will send to the Board of Supervisors and send letters of support to senior services and Dignity Fund dollars.

CSL Vacancies

Margaret Graf gave updates: booth on farmers market in Outer Sunset with DAS Support on April 14th. Art with Elders putting on an art program at the booth as well.

Adjournment at 11:28am