

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION (DAS)
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Martha Knutzen called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The (DAS) Commission Secretary called the roll:

Present: Martha Knutzen, Nelson Lum, Barbara Sklar and Janet Y. Spears

DAAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

Communications:

Commission Secretary Bridget Badasow provided instructions for any members of the public that would like to submit a public comment to the DAS Commission.

President Knutzen provided the Commission with the new Committee announcements.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the July 14, 2020 DAS Commission meeting Minutes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT/Shireen McSpadden

DAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden began her report at the federal level. Ms. McSpadden announced that the House of Representatives and Senate have yet to come to an agreement regarding the budget. The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) and other groups continue to make phone calls to ask Congress to add money to the budget to support Older Americans Act programs. Ms. McSpadden indicated that we have yet to see if those calls will result in more funding. N4A usually holds its conference in July but because of the pandemic is will be held in September. N4A bestows Aging Innovations Awards on Area Agencies on Aging and San Francisco normally does really well in the award categories. This year was no exception. San Francisco received Aging and Innovations awards for Technology and Connections at Home, a program run by the Curry Senior Center and Weaving Hearts an intergenerational program run by the Mission Neighborhood Center, also San Francisco received an Aging Innovations award for Reframing Aging San Francisco, which is spearheaded the Community Living Campaign the Metta Fund and DAS. Finally, San Francisco received an achievement award for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection training program, which was led by DAS staff Tom Nolan, Melissa McGee and Dana Leavitt. At the state level, Ms. McSpadden reported on the Master Plan for Aging and announced that she was recently appointed to the Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder and Advisory Committee. The Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder and Advisory Committee is in the process of vetting the many recommendations that have come from sub-committees, individuals and organizations and is

helping to direct the California Department of Aging (CDA) on finalizing the recommendations that will go into the plan. There is an increasing realization that the plan needs to be immediate due to all the issues that have transpired related to COVID-19. Locally, Ms. McSpadden informed the Commission on the DAS budget which is now in the final stages and will stand slightly below \$435M. Ms. McSpadden stated that \$47M was added into the DAS budget for the COVID-19 Command Center feeding operations. As far as the addback process, Ms. McSpadden said that there was a number of small addbacks some to bridge the digital divide and provide support for our community organizations. The biggest addback was \$1M for the COVID-19 Command Center feeding operations. Ms. McSpadden specified that DAS has been working with the COVID-19 Command Center to be ready to handle smoke and heat issues and to safeguard the air quality for seniors and people with disabilities.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approval of FY 2020-21 California Department of Aging Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) contract SP 2021-06 with the amount of \$125,587 and all subsequent amendments. (Staff: Tiffany Kearney will present).

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Swords to Plowshares for the provision of Supportive Services and Service Connection for Veterans; during period of September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, in an amount of \$641,898, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$706,087. (Tiffany Kearney will present the item).

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved.

- C. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Thriving in Place for the provision of a Palliative Care Workgroup Pilot Program during the period of July 1, 2020 to June

30, 2021, in the amount of \$100,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$110,000. (Ofelia Trevino will present the item).

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved.

- D.** Review and approval of The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 748) emergency funding allocated to the City and County of San Francisco. (Staff: Michael Zaugg will present).

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved.

- E.** Review and approval of California Department of Aging – Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers (MIPPA) contract MI-2021-06, associated budget, all subsequent amendments, and modification of Self-Help for the Elderly HICAP grant to include MIPPA funding for the MIPPA contract term. (Staff: Michael Zaugg will present).

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved.

- F.** Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) during the period of January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$1,364,052 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$1,500,457. (Ofelia Trevino will present the item).

No public comment

A motion to approve:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary