

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION (DAAS)
MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Interim-President Gustavo Serinà
called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

The (DAAS) Commission Secretary called the roll.

Present: Gustavo Serinà, Perry Lang, Katy Loo, Michael Pappas, Tedi Vriheas and Jeremy Wallenberg

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

A motion to approve the February 13, 2018 Commission meeting agenda

The motion was unanimously approved

A motion to approve the January 3, 2018 Commission meeting minutes

The motion was unanimously approved

Executive Director's Report/Executive Director Shireen McSpadden

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden reported on a federal level that the President sent his budget FY2019 outline to congress yesterday. Much like last year, the budget request includes steep increases for defense discretionary programs and deep cuts to non-defense discretionary programs. The President's budget would cut non-defense discretionary spending by 2% over the next decade, which would slash overall domestic spending to 42 % below the current funding levels by 2028. The Administration also proposed deep cuts to Medicaid and Medicare, SNAP and disability programs, and would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. The Older Americans Act programs were spared. The budget also included a \$6M boost for nutrition programs. Unfortunately, the President's budget proposes to eliminate the State Health Insurance Assistance Program and cut funding for the Elder Justice Initiative, and requests significant cuts to several ACL disability programs. The president's budget threatens to eliminate and massively reduce funding to many other state and local programs that directly affects older adults and adults with disabilities. The California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) will hold Capitol day at the California State Capitol in Sacramento on Thursday, February 22, both Ms. McSpadden

and Deputy Director Cindy Kauffman will attend. Ms. McSpadden believes that Capitol day is an opportunity for lawmakers and their staff to indicate how older adults will fare in the upcoming budget and for advocates to spend some time visiting with state representatives to ensure that they are aware of key issues facing older adults in San Francisco and throughout the State. On a local level, Ms. McSpadden reported on the Reframing Aging campaign presentation and the introduction of Krysta Blythe-Gaeta who has been carrying out the role of Chief Program Officer for Homebridge. Ms. McSpadden also explained the Homebridge Tiered Wage Pilot implementation which began this week. Homebridge is calling this initiative the Homebridge “STEPS to Success” (Skills training & Employment Pathways). All Homebridge Care Providers are now classified as Home Provider I and have received a \$2 increase per hour across the board. This coming July with the minimum wage increase all Home Care Providers will also receive an extra \$1 increase. Homebridge will be conducting an evaluation of the program’s impact on our workforce metrics in collaboration with Learning for Action (LFA), an agency with deep experience in workforce development analysis. Ms. McSpadden also mentioned the Conservatorship article in the San Francisco Chronicle. Senator Weiner has taken the lead with trying to expand the powers of conservatorship and has been very careful to note that we are talking about a very small percentage of homeless in this case. The Senator is trying to create a bill that will strengthen the roles of Conservatorship so that when people go in-and-out of the psych emergency there will be a law to compel those individuals to seek treatment even if they don’t want to. This will also give us more tools to serve our homeless population. Ms. McSpadden also mentioned the Support-at-Home article which is a program aimed at middle income adults and adults with disabilities. The program helps people who need some home care and are able to contribute some money of their own to that home care and will help them stay at home safely. It will also prevent them from using other services that are more expensive. The Institute on Aging (IOA) and UCSF are evaluating the program and Ms. McSpadden hopes to get some really good feed-back on how the Support-at-Home program is working. The key is to reach out to more people with disabilities who might need these services. Ms. McSpadden mentioned that DAAS would like to see more people with disabilities that are not older adults utilizing this program. Finally, Ms. McSpadden mentioned the Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment process. On April 4, the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee and the DAAS Commission will hold a joint public hearing at City Hall from 9:30-11:00 AM in room 416 to hear a draft report on the Community Needs Assessment. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and public comment will be heard at that time.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden and the DAAS Commission recognized Liana Petrosyan, Saba Mesfin, Hang Kin Chan and Mark Zeiter from DAAS’s Independent Provider Assistant Center (IPAC) Division. Ms. McSpadden thanked Ms. Petrosyan, Ms. Mesfin, Mr. Chan and Mr. Zeiter for their hard work and dedication.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/President Leon Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt announced that the Advisory Council met on January 17. At this meeting representatives from Paratransit presented. Also at the January 2018 Advisory Council meeting Executive Director Shireen McSpadden and DAAS staff Rose Johns presented the DAAS FY 18-19 Area Plan update. Mr. Schmidt reported that he and other council members attended an excellent Reframing Aging workshop at the San Francisco Public Library. On Friday, February 23, 2018 DAAS will hold a special community training regarding suicide and depression. All are invited to attend.

ADVIOSRY COUNCIL'S JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT/Diane Lawrence

1. Old Business

- a. Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse which would have added the preponderance of evidence to elder abuse cases. (AB 859 Eggman)—veto message by Governor Brown:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

"I am returning Assembly Bill 859 without my signature.

This bill lowers the standard of proof for claims of elder physical abuse or neglect made against a skilled nursing facility or residential care facility for the elderly when a judge has found intentional destruction of evidence.

Intentional destruction or concealment of evidence, known as spoliation, is illegal. Currently when judges find spoliation, they have numerous sanctions at their disposal which they can impose against an offending party. In appropriate circumstances, this will facilitate establishing a claim of abuse. Accordingly, I don't believe changing the standard of proof is warranted.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr."

- b. Nursing Home regulations scaled back by the President Trump Administration.
- According to New York Times reporting "The administration is scaling back the use of fines against nursing homes that harm residents...". Regulators will be discouraged from fining nursing homes.
 - These are Medicare protocols.
 - The scale back was requested by the industry.

2. New Business

- a. February 16, is the last day to introduce new bills.
- b. Joint Rule 56 "Bills introduced in the first year of the regular session and passed by the house of origin on or before January 31st the constitutional deadline are "carryover bills." Immediately after January 31, bills introduced in the first year of the regular that do not become "carryover bills;" shall be returned to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly or Secretary of the Senate, respectively."
- c. Joint Rule 56 applied to many of the bills noted below.

d. The following bills we were tracking last year have died in their various committees:

AB 71	Income Taxes: credits; low income housing for farm workers	Assembly: Died-Inactive
AB 796	Public social services: SSI/SSP	Assembly-Died-Appropriations
AB 806	Personal income taxes: credit: family caregiver	Assembly-Died-Appropriations
AB 1103	Bicycles: yielding: pilot program	Assembly-Died-Transportation;
AB 1500	Elders Living with Dignity, Empathy, Respect and Support (ELDERS) Bond Act	Assembly-Died-Appropriations
SB 177	Cognitively impaired adults: caregiver resource centers	Senate-Died-Appropriations
SB 202	Medi-Cal: beneficiary maintenance needs: personal needs allowance	Senate-Died-Appropriations

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC) REPORT/Bernadette Navarro-Simeon

Ms. Navarro-Simeon stated that the LTCCC met on Thursday, February 8, 2018 and discussed the Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment report to ensure that representation is there and updates were made and that needs are being discussed. Ms. Navarro Simeon also reported that that LTCCC discussed employment policies specifically for seniors who still want to work.

TAAC Report/Cathy Russo:

No Report

CASE Report/Staff:

No report

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Informational review of Amendment One to CDA HICAP contract HI-1718-06 and corresponding funding levels for the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP). Michael Zaugg presented. *Informational only.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

- A. Review and approval of the MIPPA (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act) Contract MI-1718-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments. Michael Zaugg presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- B.** Requesting authorization to enter into a Grant Agreement with Curry Senior Center for the period of January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$631,608 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$694,769. Tiffany Kearney presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- C.** Requesting authorization to modify existing grant agreement with SHANTI PROJECT for the time period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, in the additional amount of \$75,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total not to exceed amount of \$412,500. Rick Appleby presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- D.** Review and approval of DAAS FY18/19 and FY19/20 Budget. Dan Kaplan presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Jobling asked that the DAAS Commission work with DAAS staff and the Mayor's Office to find ways to support older adults and adults with disabilities that want to work specifically through programs that support working adults and adults with disabilities.

Charles Minster seconded Ms. Jobling's public comment.

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary