

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION (DAAS)  
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Gustavo Serinà  
called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

The (DAAS) Commission Secretary called the roll.

Present: Gustavo Serinà, Katie Loo, Michael Pappas, Tedi Vriheas and Jeremy Wallenberg

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

A motion to approve the September 5, 2018 Commission meeting agenda with amendments

The motion was unanimously approved

A motion to approve the August 15, 2018 Commission meeting minutes

The motion was unanimously approved

Executive Director's Report/Executive Director Shireen McSpadden

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden announced that DAAS created their Residential Care Facilities (RCF) workgroup to look at the need for Residential Care Facilities in San Francisco and discuss how the city can maintain the stock that they currently have while thinking about expansion. DAAS will look at the demand and what the supply is. DAAS is also looking for strategies to look at residential care in the best way possible for San Franciscans. This includes looking at some state waivers and working with other city departments for incentives that the city could offer to help keep people in business. Ms. McSpadden hopes to have recommendations by the end of the calendar year. The workgroup is up and running with a couple of committees that are meeting and will be reporting back to the DAAS Commission over the next few months regarding the progress that the RCF workgroup is making. Ms. McSpadden was happy to announce the passing of SB1045 which was authored by Senator Scott Wiener and will help increase the powers of the Conservator's Office by reaching-out to people with gravely disabling drug addictions or mental illnesses. Ms. McSpadden commended and thanked DAAS Deputy Director Jill Nielsen for spearheading the effort to make SB1045 work in San Francisco. The Mayor is hoping that

there will be an ordinance past by the Board of Supervisors that accepts San Francisco moving forward with this expanded power of conservatorship. Ms. McSpadden hopes to have more information for the DAAS Commission in the next few months. Next, Ms. McSpadden stated that the Mayor announced last night that we have a new Commissioner Martha Knutzen. Commissioner Knutzen is an activist in the LGBTQ senior community and has a long history of prominence in San Francisco. Ms. McSpadden is looking forward to working with Commissioner Knutzen and welcomed her to the DAAS Commission. Finally, Ms. McSpadden provided the DAAS Commission with a response to Mayor Breed's July 2018 Policy Summit recommendations that each San Francisco city department was asked to submit.

At this time President Serinà asked for Public Comment:

Jessica Lehman made a comment on the significant opposition of conservatorship from the senior and disabled communities and the misinformation in San Francisco that we have all of the services that people need but are not accessing. Ms. Lehman stated that this is simply not true. We don't have enough housing and we don't have enough voluntary mental services. Once we get these services available then we need to see if people are accessing them and if not why. But this is not the case right now. Ms. Lehman hopes that the DAAS Commission will look at this and work together with the community to figure out how people can get the services that they need without losing their rights.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden and the DAAS Commission recognized Tiffany Kearney from DAAS's Office on Aging. Ms. McSpadden thanked Ms. Kearney for her hard work and dedication.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/ President Leon Schmidt

No Report

ADVIOSRY COUNCIL'S JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT/Diane Lawrence

Ms. Lawrence stated that the Joint Legislative Committee did not meet in August so there was no report. Ms. Lawrence did follow up on the last meeting's action items.

**1. Action Items from August Meeting:**

- a. AB 1914 by Flora. Presence at health care facilities: conviction of crimes—new since last month—broadened facilities definition. Was new in June but has been gutted.
  - It became on bill on Underground Installations—excavations
  - No apparent reason for the change.
  - Sponsor remains the same

- b. AB 2994 by Holden.
  - i. Bill changed such that grab bars are eliminated and the language change to read:  
This bill would require the Division of the State Architect to review the existing disability access standards for public restroom stalls and to develop and propose to the commission for consideration updated standards on the required number of ambulatory accessible stalls in public restrooms.
  
- c. AB 1811 a Human Services Omnibus. Included are the sections that impact our clients.
  - i. Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP). Includes provisions pertaining to the SSI/SSP program, including:
  - ii. a) Ends SSI Cashout with Hold Harmless for Current Cases. Grants CalFresh eligibility, as specified, to recipients of SSI, SSP, or both as of June 1, 2019, or an alternate implementation date determined by the department that is no later than August 1, 2019. Requires a county welfare department to determine continuing eligibility and benefits for households, as specified. Establishes the SSI/SSP Cash-In Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) Program to provide nutrition benefits to a CalFresh household that had its benefits reduced when a previously excluded SSI or SSP recipient was added to the household under the new eligibility provisions. Establishes the SSI/SSP Cash-In Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) Program to provide nutrition benefits to a CalFresh household that became ineligible when a previously excluded SSI or SSP recipient was added to the household under the new eligibility provisions. Provides that the SNB and TNB program benefits would be granted only to the extent funding is appropriated in the annual Budget Act. States legislative intent to continue funding a hold harmless for populations as specified, until natural program attrition negates the need for future funding. States legislative intent to provide ongoing funding for county administration for implementation for the duration of the hold harmless. The Budget Act includes \$200 million General Fund to enable the beginning of this initiative.
  - iii. b) COLA. Provides for a COLA, beginning in 2022-23, to the benefits under the SSI/SSP program, contingent upon funding in the annual Budget Act.
  - iv. In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS). Includes provisions pertaining to the IHSS program, including:
    - a) Waiver Personal Care Services(WPCS)Provider Parity. WPCS providers are currently excluded from the same collective bargaining rights as IHSS workers. This bill establishes county public authorities and nonprofit consortia as the employers of record for WPCS providers, and extends the same collective bargaining rights and structures that currently exist for IHSS providers to WPCS providers. Wages and benefits would be the same for WPCS providers as those of IHSS providers in the counties in which they serve.
    - b) Paid Sick Leave Workgroup. No later than February 1, 2019, requires the DSS, in consultation with the Department of Finance and stakeholders, to reconvene the paid sick leave workgroup for IHSS. Requires the workgroup to discuss how paid sick leave affects the provision of IHSS and to consider the potential need for a process to cover an IHSS recipient's authorized hours when a provider should need to utilize his or her sick time. Requires the workgroup to complete its work by November 1, 2019.
  - v. CalFresh. Includes provisions pertaining to the CalFresh program, including:
    - a) CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot. Establishes the California Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project in order to increase the purchase and consumption of California-grown fruits and vegetables that are financially out-of-reach for low-

income residents. Requires DSS, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture and stakeholders, to include within the EBT system a supplemental benefits mechanism that allows an authorized retailer to deliver and redeem supplemental benefits. Requires DSS to evaluate the pilot and make recommendations to further refine and expand the supplemental benefits mechanism, and submit a report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2022.

- vi. Home Safe Program. Establishes the Home Safe Program, which would require the DSS to award grants to counties, tribes, or groups of counties or tribes, that provide services to elder and dependent adults who experience abuse, neglect, and exploitation and otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for adult protective services, for the purpose of providing prescribed housing-related supports to eligible individuals. Requires the DSS to develop criteria and procedures to award the grants, and requires the DSS to enter into a contract with an independent evaluation and research agency to evaluate the impacts of the program. The Budget Act provides one-time funding of \$15 million General Fund for these purposes.
- vii. Department of Aging—Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Increases the base allocation for local Long-
  1. Term Care Ombudsman offices to \$100,000 annually.
  1. recommendation to move to consent calendar on 6/27/2018.

*\*\*For a more detailed Joint Legislative Report please contact the Commission Secretary: [bridget.badasow@sfgov.org](mailto:bridget.badasow@sfgov.org).*

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC) REPORT/Valerie Coleman  
Ms. Coleman stated that there was no LTCCC in August.

CASE Report/Greg Moore:

Mr. Moore stated that last month CASE kicked off their Annual Budget Advocacy effort. CASE's monthly meeting with Executive Director McSpadden was cancelled. CASE will meet with Ms. McSadden in September to continue conversation about CASE's interest and desire to have a celebration of aging event in the next calendar year. Finally, after a long conversation process and feedback from CASE's membership agency's CASE has moved their meeting site to Catholic Charities located on 90 Eddy Street. The DAAS Commission and the public are welcome to attend.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the DAAS FY 18/19 Schedule for Requests for Proposals, Contract Modifications, and Contract Renewals. Mike Zaugg delivered the presentation.

- A. Review and approval of the SUPPLEMENTARY NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -EDUCATION (SNAP-ED) contract, SP-1819-06, associated budget and all subsequent amendments, and modification to the Self-Help for the Elderly grant agreement to include Snap-Ed funds. Linda Lau presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- B Requesting authorization to modify an existing grant agreement with The Stride Center dba Reliatech for the time period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; in the amount of \$208,286, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$229,115. Paulo Salta presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- C. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Mission Neighborhood Centers for the provision of Community Services Program Pilot during the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020; in the amount of \$265,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$291,500. Tiffany Kearney presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- D. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) for the provision of expanding the range of caregiver support services to meet the needs of caregivers with limited English proficiency, low literacy, and/or are monolingual; during the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$550,000 for a new grant amount of \$1,800,000 plus 10% contingency for a new total amount not to exceed of \$1,980,000. Tiffany Kearney presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- E. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center for the provision of Community Services for seniors and adults with disabilities; during the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$100,000 for a new grant amount of \$1,152,196 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$1,267,415. Monte Cimino presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow  
Commission Secretary