

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES
(DAS) COMMISSION

MINUTES July 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME/ President Martha Knutzen

President Martha Knutzen called our hybrid meeting to order in City Hall room 416 and virtually and stated that the DAS Commission acknowledged they are using the unceded homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula.

The (DAS) Commission Secretary called the roll:

Present: Commissioners Sascha Bittner, Wanda Jung, , Linda Parker Pennington, Nelson Lum, and President Martha Knutzen

Excused Absent:

DAS Executive Director Kelly Dearman was present,

Communications:

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

Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

A motion to approve the June 7, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THIRD-PARTY PRESENTERS WHO ARE NOT CITY EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND COMMISSION MEETINGS VIRTUALLY, PENDING ANY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE CHANGE OR MAYORAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION.

President Knutzen read the resolution to authorize third-party presenters who are not city employees to attend and present commission meetings virtually pending any government changes or supplements to the Mayoral Emergency Proclamation

No public comment.

A motion to approve the authorization to allow third-party presenters who are not city employees to attend commission meetings virtually, pending any California government code change or mayoral supplement to the emergency proclamation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT/Cindy Kauffman

Deputy Director Kauffman thanked the commissioners and started by letting them know Director Dearman is at a conference.

Dignity Fund will be cut due to deficit in the city budget.

Board of Supervisors had a meeting and informed all the agencies of the pending budget cuts

OCP updates, DAS received 1400 Ipads and will work with SF living, SF Tech, and Self Help for the Elderly that will support digital inclusion and prepare and distribute the devices. These devices came with funding from Aging Services and comes with training and tech support.

Staff updates, Shannon Morgan was welcomed as the new IHSS Director and her experience and leadership from San Mateo County is very much welcomed. Shannon was present and stood up to meet the commission.

July is Disability Pride Month and we are celebrating and the Mayor's Office on Disability is celebrating on July 26th.

Commissioner Bittner commented that she is grateful for this and asked if there will be a full public celebration and DD Kauffman was not 100% sure as of yet.

Commissioner Jung recognized that this is a challenging time for the budget but happy that programs will not be cut and services to our community will continue.

DAS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH June 2023

- Deputy Director Kauffman and the DAS Commission gave thanks and praised Flora for her hard work and dedication
- President Knutzen thanked and congratulated Flora Chan
- Flora thanked the commission and Deputy Director Kauffman and her entire team that have helps her everyday

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/Diane Lawrence

President Lawrence greeted the Commission and thanked them and let them know she has a brief report and welcomed Maceo Perrson as the new DAS special projects manager. Guest speaker Kate Hopke spoke from SF Village. Membership is an issue we are working on, we did look at BOS appointments that are not filled and there are a total of 5 commission seats vacant.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE REPORT /TACC Diane Lawrence

President Lawrence thanked the commission and said there was no TACC meeting but the JLC did meet on 6/22. There will be a report of what the focus is of the JLC and there will be a follow up on that.

Commission Knutzen thanked her for all the hard work.

CASE REPORT/ Dan Gallagher

CASE Report presented by Dan Gallagher who greeted and thanked the commissioners and DD Kauffman. Last month they went over programs threatening to bankrupt the Medicare Fund and looked into actions they could do to prevent that. Also, they had a guest speaker on the effects of tobacco use amongst older adults. In August they will have Vanessa Sousa will be presenting on the Alzheimer's Association.

Item 10 is GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment

Item 11 OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

Item 12 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreement with Community Music Center for the provision of Neighborhood Choirs program; during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$1,059,204 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,165,124. (Michael Zaugg will present the item)

Presenter Mike Zaugg is requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreement with Community Music Center for the provision of Neighborhood Choirs program; during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$1,059,204 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,165,124.

Commission Jung said she was really pleased and asked about districts 3,4,6,7 and asked if there is a possibility of expansion and presenter Zaugg said maybe dependent on the budget

Commission Pennington said this is an amazing plan to create community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany said how happy she was for this program and seeing community build networks with each other and is so happy that DAS is funding this wonderful program.

The choir sang for the commission and Commissioner Knutzen said this was probably the best public comment of all time.

A choir member thanked the commission and told them how it resonated so much for her and everyone and is so touched by this program and the overwhelming love. With the commission's support she wants to see more growth for everyone

Angie from the chorus said she has joined them in 2012 and it helps the seniors to be mentally, physically, and mentally fit! And she is so thankful for this beautiful program and thanked the commission.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Requesting authorization to enter into a grant with Institute On Aging for the provision of the Home Safe program for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025, in an amount of \$5,000,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$5,500,000. (Ben Seisededos will present the item)

Presenter Seisededos is requesting authorization to enter into a grant with Institute On Aging for the provision of the Home Safe program for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025, in an

amount of \$5,000,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$5,500,000.

Commissioner Lum asked is it fills an interim need of a more permanent need and presenter Seisdedos replied that it is a housing transition needs and more vulnerable and medically fragile adults in shelters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Requesting authorization to enter into grants with multiple providers for the provision of Neighborhood-Based Programs; for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027; in an amount of \$2,913,264 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,204,590. (Paulo Salta will present the item)

Presenter Salta is requesting authorization to enter into grants with multiple providers for the provision of Neighborhood-Based Programs; for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027; in an amount of \$2,913,264 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,204,590.

Commissioner Pennington wanted to thank presenter Salta for the range and specificity for this item.

Commissioner Jung commented that she is really pleased to see this contract in place and specifically for plans to connect individuals to research. She also commented about the site chart, asking about specific funding to the plan.

The director of Villages spoke and said it was a special program funded by the Dignity Fund.

Commissioner Jung also asked about why there is no services being provided in certain districts and presenter Salta said they are open to that with additional funding.

Commissioner Knutzen asked about the advisory board for this grant and they are pleased that is part of the program so there is public engagement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director of Next Village came up to speak on this grant and about their program and services they offer.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Requesting authorization to enter into grants with Shanti Project for the provision of Care Navigation and Peer Support, Social Isolation Prevention, and Animal Bonding Services for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$9,111,840, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$10,023,024. (Sara Hofverberg will present the item)

Presenter Hofverberg is requesting authorization to enter into grants with Shanti Project for the provision of Care Navigation and Peer Support, Social Isolation Prevention, and Animal Bonding Services for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$9,111,840, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$10,023,024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Caller called in to say they were very thankful for this funding. From the pandemic this funding will hopefully keep seniors not isolated and there is a task force to help prevent elder abuse.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant with San Francisco LGBT Community Center for the provision of Smart Money Coaching for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in the additional amount of \$78,092 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total amount not to exceed \$408,702. (Melissa McGee will present the item)

Presenter McGee is requesting authorization to modify the existing grant with San Francisco LGBT Community Center for the provision of Smart Money Coaching for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in the additional amount of \$78,092 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total amount not to exceed \$408,702.

Commissioner Knutzen commented that financial abuse to elders can be a problem and this very helpful

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreements with multiple providers for the provision of Intergenerational program; during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$3,596,760 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,956,436. (Paulo Salta will present the item)

Presenter Salta is requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreements with multiple providers for the provision of Intergenerational program; during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$3,596,760 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,956,436.

Commissioner Jung asked about the San Francisco Village model about 500 hours of powers of care and services and presenter McGee said this is a new service where they will be training staff to provide resources.

Commissioner Pennington asked for the link and Presenter Salta said he would share it with the commissioners and asked how they do the outreach for intergenerational outreach and presenter Salta replied that funding pays for the connection of different services of the age groups.

President Knutzen asked for some examples and was storytelling and talking about events and challenges different generations have gone through.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment. After the vote a comment from the public about thanking for the support and they have a formal office on Filbert St now.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreements with multiple providers for the provision of Community Services to older adults and adults with disabilities; during the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$47,954,320 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$52,749,752. (Michael Zaugg will present the item)

Presenter Zaugg is requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreements with multiple providers for the provision of Community Services to older adults and adults with disabilities; during the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$47,954,320 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$52,749,752

Commissioner Jung recused herself due to being a member of one of the recipients of this grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public commented that this was a great program and was greatly supported. Member of public via WebEx commented and thanked for the ongoing support. They thanked for the great outreach this item will do.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Sklar was absent.

H. Review and approval of the California Department of Aging – Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Contract MI-2324-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) to include these funds for MIPPA program administration; for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; in the additional amount of \$63,833 with a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$70,216. (Erica Maybaum will present).

Presenter Maybaum is requesting to review and the approval of the California Department of Aging – Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Contract MI-2324-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) to include these funds for MIPPA program administration; for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; in the additional amount of \$63,833 with a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$70,216.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

I. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with San Francisco Marin Food Bank for the provision of CalFresh Expansion Program during the period of July 1, 2023 through

September 30, 2025; in the amount of \$288,783, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$317,661. (Leah Walton will present the item)

Presenter Walton is requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with San Francisco Marin Food Bank for the provision of CalFresh Expansion Program during the period of July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025; in the amount of \$288,783, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$317,661. (Leah Walton will present the item)

Commissioner Jung asked:

First if they will work specifically for SSI recipients – or for all older adults

Commissioner Lum asked if there was any effort made to help the Veteran’s community and presenter Walton said there is nothing specific right now but they are open to moving that way.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

J. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of CalFresh Healthy Living Program during the period of July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; in the amount of \$412,418, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$453,660. (Leah Walton will present the item)

Presenter Walton is requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of CalFresh Healthy Living Program during the period of July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; in the amount of \$412,418, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$453,660.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Lum was not present for the vote.

K. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant with Southwest Community Corporation for the provision of Food Support for Targeted Neighborhoods, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in an amount of \$230,770, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$253,847. (Tiffany Dang will present the item)

Presenter Dang is requesting authorization to enter into a new grant with Southwest Community Corporation for the provision of Food Support for Targeted Neighborhoods, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in an amount of \$230,770, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$253,847.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One member of the public spoke on support for this grant and how important it is for the community.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

L. Requesting authorization to enter into grants with multiple vendors for the provision of Volunteer Visitor Program, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$400,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$440,000. (Erica Maybaum will present the item)

Presenter Maybaum is requesting authorization to enter into grants with multiple vendors for the provision of Volunteer Visitor Program, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$400,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$440,000.

Commissioner Knutzen thanked for this well put together item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

M. Review and approval of the contract with San Francisco Health Plan for provision of enhanced care management along with associated exhibits, fee structure, and all subsequent amendments to San Francisco Health Plan members. (Melissa McGee will present this item)
Presenter McGee is asking for the review and approval of the contract with San Francisco Health Plan for provision of enhanced care management along with associated exhibits, fee structure, and all subsequent amendments to San Francisco Health Plan members.

Commissioner Pennington asked who the SF Health Plan covers and presenter McGee stated it's all residents that are not eligible for MediCal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

N. Requesting authorization to enter into grants with multiple vendors for the provision of Case Management services, Clinical Collaborative services, and Veterans Justice Court Services, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$17,427,704, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$19,170,476. (Erica Maybaum will present the item)

Presenter Maybaum is requesting authorization to enter into grants with multiple vendors for the provision of Case Management services, Clinical Collaborative services, and Veterans Justice Court Services, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$17,427,704, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$19,170,476.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

Commissioner Jung extended her thanks and appreciation to staff for how well prepared they are for all the items, and it makes our jobs easier, and she just wanted to thank them all for all their help and professionalism

Commissioner Knutzen and Vice President Lum echoed this sentiment. And Commissioner Pennington thanked them for raising the bar.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:57am by acting President Knutzen