

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING
SERVICES
NOTES ON THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Hybrid in Person/ Remote
1650 Mission Street – 5th Floor Conference Room, San Francisco
MS Teams**

Call to Order:

Margaret Graf called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Roll Call:

Present: Margaret Graf, Anne Warren Tia Small, Chris Dillon, Commissioner Bittner

Absent: Diane Lawrence, Commissioner Lum

Staff & Guests: Cindy Kauffman

Approval of April 17, 2024 Agenda: Approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes of February 21, 2024: Approved unanimously.

New Bills Discussed:

AB 1672 – In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act. Bill in the Senate.

AB 1906 – Persons with disabilities terminology. Changes terminology used in law from “dependent person” and “dependent adult” to “person with a disability” and “adult with a disability.”

AB 1968 – CalFresh supplemental nutrition assistance for senior citizens.

AB 1975 – Medi-Cal: medically supportive food and nutrition intervention.

AB 2329 – Energy: California Affordable Decarbonization Authority. Cindy recommended this be removed from the list. It is beyond committee’s scope.

AB 2356 – Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental needs.

AB 2360 - Developmental services: family services: counseling.

AB 2383 - State Department of Developmental Services: services for children with developmental disabilities: training programs.

AB 2410 – Meal program: senior citizens. Permanent to-go meals program.

AB 2423 – requires director or department to review rates.

AB 2636 – Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act. Being sponsored by C4A.

AB 2685 – Older individuals: case management services. Cindy removed because it doesn't really apply to SF. Amendment changed that. Four counties in CA.

AB 2689 - Personal income taxes: California Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund

AB 2704 - In-home supportive services: criminal background checks

AB 2753 - Rehabilitative and habilitative services: durable medical equipment and services.

AB 2800 – Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act. Cindy reached out to CEJC. They are a justice coalition. They have mixed feelings. The Ombudsman said it was an effort. Justice and Aging doesn't have concerns.

AB 2956 - Medi-Cal eligibility: redetermination. Keep Medi-Cal coverage for full 12 months regardless of income.

AB 3030 – Healthcare services and AI. Out of committee's scope. Cindy will remove for next time.

AB 3079 – In-Home Supportive Services program: undocumented related providers. Allows persons who are undocumented to provide care w/o getting a background check. Very controversial. Question as to why no background check when others are

required. Talk is to remove background checks for everyone. Noted IHSS has multiple regulations, and Cindy said it is hard to make changes. There's a hearing on this bill next week. Missed due date for letter of support by one day. Cindy will talk more about this during the Advisory meeting.

SB 1249 – Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act. Controversial. C4A has concerns. Cindy noted we are following this one very closely and will see if amendments get put back in.

SB 1278 – World AIDS day.

FEDERAL:

HR 7682 – PNA Modernization Act. To increase from \$30 per month to \$60 per month, individual.

HR 7697 – Dignity and Autonomy for Our Supplemental Security Income PNA. Beneficiaries Act.

We will follow both on federal level.

Bill review concluded.

Margaret noted Ann Warren sent a number of State bills for consideration and support. Cindy said some felt a little beyond committee's scope as a AAA. Cindy asked if an update can be given about others.

Anne updated that two bills were removed – one is in question, and one needs more information. Most on the list were supported. There are questions about one that relate to Laguna Honda. When Anne has list it can be shared with group and members of Community Living Board.

Margaret asked for any additional comments. No further discussion.

New Business:

No new business.

Budget Ask – Cindy noted requested one time funds of \$25 million. Grantees will administer housing.

Federal – Congress passed a budget to fund.

Announcements:

Margaret reminded about committee’s revised schedule. Next meeting is June 19. Noted importance of quorum. Please put the meeting on your calendar.

Cindy added an announcement about the implementation of the recommendations from the Senior and Disability Affordable Housing Needs Assessment. The City’s Planning Department received an addback last year from the BOS to hire an analyst to develop an implementation plan. The plan is developed but unfortunately the funding was only for one year and the position ends this year, leaving no one to coordinate efforts and drive the plan forward. If interested, the members of the JLC could reach out to their supervisor to encourage ongoing funding. Margaret recommended this as a good item to bring to the full board. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49am.

NEXT JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: June 19,2024