

**Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)
Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

TIME: 10-11:30am

PLACE: 1650 Mission St. 5th Floor, Golden Gate Room

To protect the health of the Advisory Council members, DAS staff, and members of the public during the COVID-19 health emergency, the DAS Advisory Council will continue to hold meetings remotely. Members of the public are encouraged to also participate in the meetings remotely.

Members Present: Diane Lawrence, Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, Chris Dillon, Anne Warren, Morningstar Vancil, Marcy Adelman, Ivy Chang, Juliet Rothman, Lisa Cook, and Renee Richards

Members Absent Excused: Darlene Ramlose, Tia Small Steffany Dignum

President Lawrence introduced a guest Beverley who is looking to join the Council as the District 7 appointee.

WELCOME: Call to order 10:03am and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve May 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes: approved.

Public Comment: No public comment

Director's Report, Director Kelly Dearman:

Director Dearman spoke on the budget situation and the State Budget has some good news with the APS expansion was funded and training money for APS and other reversals. A \$51 million request for IHSS services and a new budgeting service will be rendered for a portion of that funding. HomeSafe money will be reappropriated to 2026. Older Californian's Act for nutrition funding was also funded.

In terms of City Budget, the HSA was asked to decrease the budget by \$11 million ongoing. DAS was able to pass the budget without further cuts. The Dignity Fund money was funded but a portion was given back to pay for cost of doing business. Our DAS staff, Mike Zaugg in particular, was highlighted for all their hard work in saving some of our services.

In June there was a World Elder's Abuse Day that was well attended by the Mayor, Police Chief, DAS, and some supervisors to bring attention to this problem of senior scams.

I attended a forum in Seoul South Korea that was attended by members of world Aging Services.

Was in the USAging conference in Tampa and there was a whole section dedicated to LGBTQ elder service which felt very special.

Alan asked about costs of services and nursing home care costs and the advantages of IHSS.

Morningstar asked about promises of services to Native American's that were promised by the government and many of these elderly Natives are without housing. She asked about a survey to identify these people and how this can come about?

President's Report, Diane Lawrence:

The council has added 3 new members and a new possible member, plus many advancements to site visits and handbook for all members. We'll be talking about forming a nominating committee to vote on upcoming openings on President and 1st Vice President.

There are still openings in District 2, 9, and 10 plus a few commission appointments available.

New Business:

A. Site Visit- Procedures and Form by Juliet Rothman

Council member Rothman passed out the new Site Visit forms. Spoke on how important these visits are and now we do both virtual and in-person site visits. It is suggested to do the virtual visit first and then the in person visit. Then went over the instructions on the form that will be available online shortly.

B. Reports from the Field

- Dignity Fund OAC Report

Dr. Marcy Adelman
Dr. Allen Cooper
Diane Lawrence

Good news since the Dignity Fund was approved for the next fiscal year despite budget concerns and everyone thanked Allen for his advocacy and they will be ready for more advocacy when it heads to the BOS.

- LGBTQ Updates

Dr. Marcy Adelman

Marcy spoke on the LGBTQ survey and how important this data is and how great it is to get this vulnerable community accounted for and spoken for.

- Joint Legislative report

Diane Lawrence

President Lawrence spoke on bills that are being championed through the state legislature.

- CSL Priorities & Updates

Anne Warren

No updates from Anne

- Member Updates

A family donated a house to Self Help for the Elderly which was upgraded and used for a senior family.

- **Announcements/Reminders**
- **Adjournment: 11:27am**

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 21, 2024