

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES  
(DAS) COMMISSION

MINUTES July 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME/ President Spears

President Janet Y. Spears 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, Wanda Jung, Martha Knutzen, Vice President Nelson Lum, President Janet Y. Spears, and Linda Parker Pennington, and Barbara Sklar

Excused Absence: Barbara Sklar

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 5, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes from  
The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT/ Kelly Dearman – Presented by Executive Director Kelly Dearman

Spoke on the budget and the State Budget includes many DAS items and we are happy with this resolution. The APS funding was fully funded for \$70M, IHSS funding as well was approved. This reduces the IHSS backup systems provider budget and approves a 1-time shift for the

Ombudsman program with an increase of \$1 million in funds. Advocacy for DAS programs really helped, and I am happy.

Locally, the city budget and the Dignity Fund was funded its \$3 Million allotment. Unfortunately, there will not be any new programs for the Dignity Fund.

DAS participated in the World Elder Day, which was well attended by the Mayor, City Attorney, etc. and how all of these parties are working together to help seniors against senior scams which is almost a \$3 billion

Was invited by the government at Seoul Korea to speak at a program on older adults and our programs and there were speakers from all over the world and other American Cities. Seoul had many accessible ramps throughout the city which I was impressed by. But they also have the highest suicide rate and the lowest birth rate.

Commissioner Knutzen asked if there was a reason San Francisco was invited, and Director Dearman said they are sister cities.

Commissioner Bittner said she was very happy about the budget and hoped she got to see the city too.

#### DAS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH July 2024 Jackie Wan

- Director Dearman and the DAS Commission honored and thanked Jackie Wan for her all her help as an IHSS social worker and all her help for clients and her entire Team. She has been an amazing coworker who is known for her kindness and understanding for both her colleagues and clients alike.
- Jackie thanked everyone and expressed her gratitude for all IHSS team members

#### CASE REPORT/ Judith Dancer

CASE Report presented by Judith Dancer, spoke on a speaker from CalTracks and July will have researchers for UCSF who are researching the implied consent on stroke victims at the emergency room.

There have been some changes at the CASE Board. Valerie retired and new member Colletti will be joining us from NBP.

Still waiting for the Behavioral Health Pilot, RFP will be coming hopefully in July.

#### Item 8 is GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

Member of the public spoke on new military upgrades to the city's police department which is bringing us to a police/surveillance state. In 1967 MLK spoke on AI and all must stand up and denounce this as it is killing friends and citizens in San Francisco. Requesting this board make this a priority and not use this emergency disaster equipment on citizens.

Item 9 OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

Item 10 NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS A THROUGH F ARE ACTION ITEMS AND REQUIRES A VOTE BY  
THE COMMISSION

- A. Requesting authorization to enter into a new contract with Compassionate Community Care, for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$180,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$198,000. (Kari Kientzy will present the item)

Presenter Akilles Cerone presented for Kari Kientzy and is requesting authorization to enter into a new contract with Compassionate Community Care, for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$180,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$198,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Pennington.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING - Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) CONTRACT HI-2425 AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS. (Melissa McGee will present the item)

Presenter McGee is requesting the REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING - Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program

(HICAP) CONTRACT HI-2425 AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET, AND ALL  
SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve

The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Jung and the Commission thanked Presenter McGee for her a and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

- C. Requesting authorization to enter into grant agreements with multiple providers for the Community Ambassador Program for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in a combined amount of \$313,636 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$345,000 (Lauren Jarrell will present the item).

Presenter Jarrell is requesting authorization to enter into grant agreements with multiple providers for the Community Ambassador Program for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in a combined amount of \$313,636 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$345,000.

Commissioner Pennington asked about the 2 recipients and since the funding is split 50/50 between the Vietnamese and Bipoc communities and does that reflect the size of both communities?

Paulo Salta replied that there is a higher need and if there is additional funding, they would definitely allocate more. There was a targeted fund proposal

Vice President Lum asked about if this is a new program and presenter Jarell said no, it is a continuation.

Commissioner Jung asked about the funding if the ambassador training is per person or per session? Presenter Jarell responded it was the hours of training. Jung then asked about the wide discrepancies and present Jarrel replied that these are the service deliverables that are attainable, and that Mission YMCA will be monitored to make sure they can deliver their proposals.

Commissioner Knutzen asked if they are adding community ambassadors or replacing some? Presenter Jarell stated that these programs will help further community members who need these benefits the most.

Commissioner Pennington asked if it's possible to see the metrics as the program progresses.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Sklar.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- D. Requesting authorization to enter into two new grant agreements with Legal Assistance to the Elderly (LAE) to provide Health-Related Law & Life Planning Services for LGBTQ+ for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in an amount of \$486,374, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$535,011 (Mike Zaugg will present the item).

Presenter Zaugg requesting authorization to enter into two new grant agreements with Legal Assistance to the Elderly (LAE) to provide Health-Related Law & Life Planning Services for LGBTQ+ for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in an amount of \$486,374, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$535,011.

Commissioner Knutzen asked if there is an income or any other regulations for this program, but there is not- it's open to all older adults and adults with disabilities. And spoke on the access LGBTQ couples who were not married needed for this legal assistance.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Bittner.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- E. Requesting authorization to enter into a grant agreement with Curry Senior Center for the provision of mental health connections and technology support for LGBTQ+ Older Adults with disabilities for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026; in the amount of \$1,221,611 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,343,772. (Maceo Persson will present the item)

Presenter Mike Zaugg presented for Persson and is requesting authorization to enter into a grant agreement with Curry Senior Center for the provision of mental health connections and technology support for LGBTQ+ Older Adults with disabilities for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026; in the amount of \$1,221,611 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,343,772.

Commissioner Pennington asked for clarification if it includes older adults that are not in the LGBTQ community and presenter Zaugg confirmed that it is for all older adults.

From a legal standpoint they cannot turn any people away, but the focus is on the LGBTQ population.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Knutzen.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- F. Requesting approval of a new contract with San Francisco Health Plan for the provision of Community Supports services to San Francisco Health Plan members. (Zhiqing Li will present this item)

Presenter Zhiqing Li is requesting approval of a new contract with San Francisco Health Plan for the provision of Community Supports services to San Francisco Health Plan members

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Knutzen.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements – There will be no August DAS Commission Meeting for Summer Recess

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:49am by President Spears