

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025

**TIME:** 10-11:30am

**PLACE:** 1650 Mission St. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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**Members Present:** Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, Chris Dillon, Ivy Chang, Beverly Karnatz, Diane Lawrence, Darlene Ramlose, Marcy Adelman, Tia Small, Juliet Rothman, Lisa Cook, Morningstar Vancil.

**Members Absent Excused:** Renee Richards.

**Welcome:** Call to order 10:02am and welcome all Council Members and guests.

**Roll Call/Secretary**

**Motion to approve the December 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

President Cooper made late amendments to the minutes, they were erroneously voted on and the amendments will have to be voted on and approved next month.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Director's Report, presented by Executive Director Kelly Dearman:**

ED Dearman met with mayor elect Daniel Lurie prior to inauguration to discuss the Dignity Fund and internal programs. He said DAS is one of the best run departments and ED Dearman replied that DAS listens to its community and monitors contracts closely. Mayor elect was impressed and noted that Kelly's position is not in danger.

Lurie had his first citywide Dept Head meeting last Thursday and emphasized the city's \$876M deficit and implemented an immediate hiring freeze until 6/30/25. Only essential services - police, fire, sheriff, nurses - can hire unless it is directly aligned with emergency services.

The mayor instituted a full time back to office directive to all Dept Heads effective immediately. He wants to encourage a return to the office for the public and private sector.

Lurie appointed 4 policy chiefs. DAS's area is Homelessness, Public Health and Children/Family, with Kunal Modi as our chief. Modi was a Larkin St. Youth Services board member and will meet with ED Dearman next week.

ED Dearman is preparing the DAS budget, working with the budget team and programs to cut \$4 million from DAS' upcoming budget.

Diane asked if the current LA fires could affect the current state's budget and ED Dearman replied there is no word from the state yet.

Marcy said she'd like some kind of workgroup to help MCI or dementia patients during a crisis like a fire or earthquake. ED Dearman replied that DAS can reach our vulnerable population and are already doing that. The Mayor's Office on Disability is moving to DAS and they work on emergency and responses as well.

Morningstar is having problems securing an affordable 2-bedroom apartment under Section 8. All apartments are unaffordable and ED Dearman replied the biggest problem is lack of affordable housing and DAS does not supply housing but can refer clients.

Allen asked about the \$876M deficit is a 2-year and if frozen jobs include IHSS. Kelly said just IHSS social workers, not caregivers were frozen, and maybe the same situation for conservators.

### **President's Report by President Dr. Allen Cooper:**

As new President Allen would like to have a conversation about our goals and what we want to learn about this year.

Margaret referred to the low-income senior 169-unit building being built at 1234 Great Highway. Self-Help for the Elderly bought the property and TNDC is constructing it and will be completed in 2028. Issues with it being 8 stories for seniors during emergencies and lack of nearby grocery stores.

### **New Business:**

#### **A. VFY 2025-2026 Area Plan Update Process Update – Izzy Clayter and Adithi Vellore**

Presenter Clayter said they are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 4yr Area Plan outlining plans for the next year. They are supplying an update to the state this year and presenter Clayton showed slides with goals and a timeline. She and Adithi will return to our meeting in February for input on the draft, in March for comments, and in April for final approval. They passed out a survey for us to fill out and the tribal affiliation checkbox was added thanks to Morningstar.

#### **B. Introductions**

- a. Harry Breaux is a candidate from District 2, introduced by Allen.

**C. Site Visit Canon Kip – Tia Small**

Presenter Small gave a detailed site visit on both the in person and virtual tours of Canon Kip. Her report was also forwarded to the OCP DAS team

**D. Discuss New Site Visits – Juliet Rothman**

Mike Zaugg will provide Juliet with a list as to sites that need re-visiting. We will focus on community centers with meals.

**E. Future Goals**

Spoke briefly on future presentations from staff and outside presenters

**Old Business:** None.

**Reports from the Field:**

**A. LGBTQ Updates – Dr. Marcy Adelman**

Open House is looking for an Executive Director and the remote area LGBTQ survey went public throughout the State. The Legislative Caucus for LGBT is hoping for a special committee to present results on the study and hold 15 focus groups with hard-to-reach people. Working with Dept of Aging at the state level has been extraordinary.

Morningstar told us about Two-Spirit PowWow at Fort Mason, 2/1 from 12-5 with vendors, drums, horses, full tribal regalia. Meals will be served, and we are encouraged to attend.

**B. Joint Legislative Process Review – Diane Lawrence**

The legislature has until 1/24 to submit their new bills, so she will have more next month.

**C. CSL Priorities & Updates**

- a. Vacancies for Assembly and Senate – need members!

**Announcements/Reminders:**

Send Allen suggestions on what we want at future meetings – email him at [ADC@stanford.edu](mailto:ADC@stanford.edu)  
Currently 3 supervisory vacancies and 6-7 commission vacancies.

**Adjournment: 11:30am**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday February 19, 2025**