

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION (DAAS)
MINUTES NOVEMBER 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Interim-President Jeremy Wallenberg called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

The (DAAS) Commission Secretary called the roll.

Present: Perry Lang, Katy Loo, Tedi Vriheas and Jeremy Wallenberg

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

Commissioner Wallenberg thanked Commissioner Richard Ow and Neil Sims for their long and diligent service on the DAAS Commission

A motion to approve the November 1, 2017 Commission meeting agenda

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Gustavo Serina

A motion to approve the October 4, 2017 Commission meeting minutes

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Gustavo Serina

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden commented on the status of the Dignity Fund Needs Assessment Community Forums. Nine community forums were completed with two more districts to go. Ms. McSpadden stated that DAAS has learned a lot from the community forum process and although there were a few challenges, they mostly received a good deal of positive information. Ms. McSpadden also mentioned that the Interfaith Forum was very successful. This is the first time that the department has worked with the Interfaith Council to help better serve older adults and adults with disabilities. Ms. McSpadden also thanked DAAS staff members Rose Johns, Tom Nolan and Valerie Coleman for their hard work and leadership with the Interfaith Forum and Commissioner Lang for his presence. In December, Ms. McSpadden will attend the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) board meeting in Washington DC and will not attend the December 6, DAAS Commission meeting. Deputy Director Cindy Kauffman will sit-in for Ms. McSpadden.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden and the DAAS Commission recognized Lucas Swanson. Mr. Swanson is an Estate Investigator from the Public Administrator’s Office. Ms. McSpadden thanked Mr. Swanson for his hard work and dedication.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/President Leon Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt stated that the Advisory Council met on Wednesday, October 18. Mr. Schmidt led the Council in a moment of silence for the Northern California fire victims and stated that a lot of those victims were seniors and adults with disabilities. Executive Director Shireen McSpadden presented her standing report and DAAS Intake Director Martha Huettl updated the Advisory Council on the DAAS Hub. The Advisory Council was introduced to and welcomed their newest member Ms. Anne Gallagher who is representing Supervisor Hillary Ronen from district 9. Advisory Council member Kay Parekh is researching senior driving rules and regulations in other states and countries. Finally, Mr. Schmidt congratulated Advisory Council member Dr. Marcy Adelman for her appointment to the California Commission on Aging.

ADVISORY COUNCIL’S JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT/Diane Lawrence

1. Joint Legislative Committee Items

- a. The Committee tracked 34 bills this first year of the 2-year session
 - 17 were signed by the Governor and Chaptered by the secretary of State
 - 2 were vetoed
 - 15 had no action taken by the end of the session
- b. Signed and Chaptered bills include
 - Age & Disability resource connection (AB 1200)
 - Cash Surrender Benefits (AB 1398 Kalra)
 - California transportation commission Membership (AB 179)
 - Physical and Sexual Abuse Awareness Training (AB 326 Salas)
 - Personal Income Tax: Voluntary Contributions to the CA Senior Citizen Advocacy Fund (AB 519)
 - Mandated Reporting: Allows mandated reporters to ignore POA if financial abuse reported (AB 611)
 - Increased Enforcement of Existing State Housing Laws (AB 73 Chiu)
 - Housing for a Healthy California (AB 74)
 - Ombudsman Role in Skilled Nursing Facility Discharge. (AB 940 Weber)
 - Mobile Home Registry Law (SB 147)
 - Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2)
 - CA LGBT Seniors Long-Term Care Bill of Rights (SB 219)
 - Housing Affordability and Accountability (SB 35 Weiner)
 - Sanctuary State (SB 54)

- Long Term Care facilities would have to provide earlier notice of closure—60 days rather than 30. (SB 275 Wood)
 - Continuing Care Retirement Community to dispute a transfer decision. (AB 713 Chiu)
 - Affordable Care Housing Bond Act of 2018—allow for a \$3 billion dollars bond issue to go before the voters. (SB 3 Beall)
- c. Vetoed bills:
- Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse which would have added the preponderance of evidence to elder abuse cases. (AB 859 Eggman)
 - Registered Home Care Aides: would have required registered home care aides to “opt out” of allowing their names and phone numbers to be shared with labor organizations (AB 1513)

2. New Business

- a. 2018 State Legislative calendar was shared and discussed
- b. Discussion of topics of interest for next meetings including a discussion of homelessness and older adults. Suggestions will be presented at next meeting

3. Old Business - None

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC) REPORT/Jessica Lehman UPDATE:

- Dignity Fund (Melissa McGee)
- Vision Zero-Safe Streets for Seniors program (Ana Zaltsmann)
- Nominations-(Marie Jobling)
- Dementia Care Excellence Oversight Committee (Cindy Kauffman)
- Age & Disability Friendly Task Force (Kelly Dearman)
- Long Term Care Service Map (Marnie Purciel-Hill and Rose Johns)

ACTION: Voting in new members:

- Ruth Zaltsmann (Health Systems Positon)
- Michael Blecker (At large Positon)

TAAC Report/Cathy Russo

Ms. Russo reported that all of the groups met in Sacramento. Ms. Russo is researching California Pan Ethic Health Network to see if this program helps seniors in need of dental care.

CASE Report/Greg Moore

October CASE Meeting Speakers:

- Needs Assessment Community Forums, RFP Schedule and Adult Day Health Care (DAAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden)
- Combat to Community Presentation and training (Tyler Solario/Swords and

Plowshares

- The November CASE meeting on Monday, November 13, will focus on finalizing CASE's advocacy platform.
- The CASE holiday party will take place on Monday, December 11, from 4-6:00 PM at 800 Larkin Street. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

General Public Comment

No Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Requesting authorization to modify the grant agreements with multiple providers to apply the Cost of Doing Business (CODB) increase; during the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019; in the additional amount of \$4,291,311. John Tsutakawa presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Gustavo Serina

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jessica Lehman announced that Senior Disability Action and Hand in Hand, Domestic Employers Network and Institute on Aging are putting on a media event on Thursday, November 16, regarding homecare affordability.
- Training Friday, November 3, for seniors and people who hire homecare workers and how to establish a good working relationship.
- Senior & Disability Action is hiring a community organizer. If you know anyone interested please contact Jessica Lehman.

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

Meeting adjourned 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary