

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Edna James called the meeting to order at 9:30.

The Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) Commission Secretary called the roll.

Present: Edna James, Gustavo Serinà, Richard Ow, and Neil Sims

Absent: Samer Itani, Katie Loo and Kaushik Roy

Interim Deputy Director Melissa McGee was present.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 DAAS COMMISSON MEETING AGENDA

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Samer Itani, Katie Loo and Kaushik Roy

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 DAAS COMMISSON MEETING CONSENT
AGENDA

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Samer Itani, Katie Loo and Kaushik Roy

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 3, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The motion was unanimously approved with amendments.

Absent: Samer Itani, Katie Loo and Kaushik Roy

General Public Comment:

No public comment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim Deputy Director Melissa McGee apologized for Executive Director Shireen McSpadden's absence and explained that Ms. McSpadden was on vacation. Ms. McGee updated the Commission

on the Aging and Disability Friendly San Francisco Work Group. In 2014, Mayor Lee signed a letter to join the age friendly cities and communities. Since that time, a work group was created focusing on different areas of San Francisco and aging friendly. Recently, a task force was organized to complete a baseline assessment and action plan as the next step. The assessment and action plan is a comprehensive record of age and disability friendly efforts in the city. The taskforce has two co-chairs Aneeka Chaudhry the Mayor's Senior Advisor on Health Policy and Kelly Dearman, Executive Director of the IHSS Public Authority have graciously agreed to co-chair the Age and Disability Friendly Taskforce. The taskforce should have their first meeting in the next couple of weeks. Secondly, Shireen was asked by California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) to be the Education Committee Campaign Chair. The Goal of this group is to look at ways to promote aging and to change the aging conversation in California. Lastly, DAAS's Office on Aging, as well as the DAAS Contracts Department and the Planning Department are working together to develop requests for a proposal schedule for the entire year.

Commissioner Samer Itani and Kaushik Roy are present.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Interim Deputy Director Melissa McGee and the DAAS Commission recognized Sylvia Zhang from the DAAS Public Conservator's Office for her intelligence, superb administrative skills and graciousness.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/Elinore Lurie

Mrs. Lurie reported that the Advisory Council met on Wednesday, August 17, and announced the retirement of Walter Devaughn. Mr. Devaughn received an honor from Mayor Lee for his years of community service. Mrs. Lurie also reported on the DAAS training which was held at UCSF Mission Bay. Executive Director Shireen McSpadden also presented her report to the Advisory Council. Afterwards, Mrs. Lurie continued to report on the two presentations that were held during the Advisory Council meeting 'Tenderloin Safe Passages' and 'Vison Zero'. Mrs. Lurie also stated that Rick Appleby and the Education Committee is working with UCSF on the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Project. The next DAAS training will be held in October with future trainings and goal setting on the agenda. Advisory Council Member Marcy Adelman noted that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) passed the motion for data collection of the older LGBTQ population. This was based on a well-designed and researched survey form created by UCSF and several other agencies including DAAS. Mrs. Lurie also mentioned that Marcy Adelman was honored by the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women for her work on behalf of LGBTQ seniors in survey research, advocacy and especially on dementia with older LGBTQ women and for co-founding Project Openhouse.

ADVISORY COUNCIL'S JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT/Neil Sims:

- A. Dignity Fund Legislation Is Approved by the Board of Supervisors: It was reported to the committee that the Dignity Fund has been approved for the November ballot by the Board of Supervisor on July 19. The Dignity Fund ballot measure calls for sustained funding to ensure that San Francisco seniors and adults with

disabilities are able to live with dignity, independence and choice. The Dignity Fund Coalition now enters a campaign mode to get the public's awareness and vote in November.

- B. SB 547 (Liu) Passed the Assembly Appropriations committee to the full house. SB547 establishes and convenes a statewide aging and Long Term Care Coordinating Council. C4a and other advocates expect Governor Brown to reject the bill.
- C. LGBT Data Collection Ordinance passed the Board of Supervisors on July 26. The Ordinance requires five City Department to collect demographics on sexual orientation and gender identity. The ordinance will assist planning and services for older and senior LGBT people in San Francisco.
- D. AB 1584 (Brown):SSI/SSP COLA. The bill has been modified to implement COLA's for the SSP portion of Supplemental Security Income until January 2018. Apparently there was also some discussion of the actual percentage of the COLA. No across the board increase has been included in legislation or the Budget this year.
- E. Legislation deadline: The Legislature has until August 31 to pass bills. Bills not passed by then "die." The governor has until the end of September to act on the legislation.

California Senior Legislature/Anne Warren

Ms. Warren reported that CSL did receive one-time funds of \$500,000. Funds remain until end of June 2017. CSL did not receive the required \$250,000 minimum from the check off on tax forms. A bill to change the name of the check off box to CSL Advocacy Fund filed in suspense and then missed a deadline in Assembly Appropriations Committee (Lara, D, Chair). Possible that CSL will not have a tax form check off box next year.

CSL will hold its annual conference October 25 - 27 in Sacramento. Legislative Committee and Advisory Council members are invited to volunteer to be part of the Conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee members and guests discussed the issue of homelessness for seniors and people with disabilities recognizing the rise in those folks in the stats for homelessness and their invisibility. The concern about those who are under employed or unemployed and consequently lose their housing is a priority. Members discussed the possibility of encouraging legislation in this area. Ms. Warren

suggested CSL could work with council and other organizations to develop draft legislation and find support in Sacramento. Ms. Hammond noted that David Chiu also has a housing plan and may be a source of support.

A motion by Commissioner Ow to have the Director of the new Department of Homelessness and Supported Housing come to make a presentation to the Council was passed unanimously. Rick Appleby will follow up.

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL(LTCCC) REPORT/Melissa McGee

Ms. McGee announced that there was no LTCCC meeting in August. The next LTCCC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, at 1:00 PM.

TACC REPORT /Cathy Russo

No Report. Ms. Russo was attending the TACC meeting.

CASE REPORT/Dave Knego

Mr. Knego announced that the CASE Membership meeting in August was their annual advocacy brainstorming meeting. During the meeting CASE looked at their successes over the past year and brainstormed on how to make more improvements within the senior service system in San Francisco and what to propose for next year. The next CASE membership meeting will take place on Monday, September 12. At this meeting CASE will embrace and push the Dignity Fund for the November 8, elections.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Comment

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant with SHANTI PROJECT for provision of Social Isolation Prevention Services to LGBT seniors and adults with disabilities during the period of September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$640,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$704,000. Michael Zaugg presented the item.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

A MOTION TO APPROVE:

The motion was unanimously approved

Commissioners Neil Sims and Kaushik Roy

Absent: Katie Loo

- B.** Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant with SHANTI PROJECT for provision of Animal Bonding Services to LGBT seniors and adults with disabilities during the period of September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$200,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$220,000. Michael Zaugg presented the item.

Public Comment

No public comment

A MOTION TO APPROVE:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Katie Loo

- C.** Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant with LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED for the provision of transportation services (via taxi vouchers program) to seniors and adults with disabilities for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019; in the amount of \$68,082 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$74,890. Michael Zaugg presented the item.

Public Comment

Jessica Lehman, Senior and Disability Action commented on the growing concern in the disability community because UBER and LIFT are not disability accessible and also as UBER and Lift grow it is hurting the Taxi industry and making it harder to get wheelchair accessible taxis.

A MOTION TO APPROVE:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Katie Loo

- D. Requesting authorization to modify the grant with **CURRY SENIOR CENTER** for Community Services during the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018; in the additional amount of \$60,000 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total grant amount not to exceed \$754,059. Michael Zaugg presented the item.

No public comment

A MOTION TO APPROVE:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Katie Loo

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Serina announced a promise gift from him to the Legion of Honor of 18th Century soft faced porcelain ceramics from France is currently on display.

Jessica Lehman Senior and Disability Actions annual celebration will be held this Friday, September 9, at the ARC.

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary