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

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**TIME:** 10-12pm

**PLACE:** Teams

*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, Diane Lawrence, Anne Warren, Marcy Adelman, Morningstar Vancil, Eva Aber, Juliet Rothman, Tia Small, Kay Parekh, Chris Dillon, and Allegra Fortunati.

**Members Absent:** Kay Parekh

**Guests:** Adithi Vellore, Cindy Kaufman, and Mike Zaugg

**WELCOME:** Call to order and welcome Council Members and guests

**Roll Call/Secretary**

**Motion to approve** the March 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved

**President and Executive Director Report:**

**Acting Executive Director Cindy Kauffman** discussed the issues of Laguna Honda and losing their certification for Medicare/Medicaid. They are hoping to get all the requirements to extend their certification extended within 30 days. Also addressed the needs assessments that won't be due until October but will need to start addressing these programs shortly.



**London Breed**  
Mayor  
**Kelly Dearman**  
Executive Director



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**President Lawrence** let the Council members know that she presented their survey results to the DAS Commission and the commissioners expressed their gratitude to the council members for their continued hard work. And asked Adithi to come back to present her Committees of Color Report.

### **New Business**

**Adithi Velore** works in the planning unit of HSA and presented the Listening Sessions with Communities of Color: A Summary of Findings and Recommendations focused on consumer focus needs, barriers, and system level infrastructure. How can the BIPOC system needs be met and improved.

**Ravi Durbeej** updated the council on the California Senior Legislation Elections (CSL). There was a unanimous vote to confirm Anne Warren to the CSL. We have reached out to our DAS community partners to distribute the CSL applications and forms but have not received any applications yet. I will be reaching out to having another round of applications sent out to our community partners.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Joint Legislative Committee:** President Lawrence gave an update on the Joint Legislative Committee, approved the Area Plan and will have Melissa McGee present on the Needs Analysis. New Bills: Personal Needs Allowance, raised to \$80 from \$35; bills on Alzheimer to conduct Alzheimer's related studies and treatment; Bill 1684 for Alzheimer's care; Scholarship act for up to 1000 people; changes to CalFresh to enroll authorized retailers to purchase California grown fruits and vegetables; Covid 19 bill to combat senior isolation; Surrogate consent laws for patient family members to make healthcare decisions for seniors; Police officer training on how to interact with persons with Alzheimer's and dementia; Grant to address the data shortfall; Bill to petition to conservatorships for people who are gravely injured;
- **Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee Update:** Marcy did not give an update this month because she had an excused absence



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**Reports from the field** Dr. Juliet Rothman left early but wanted to let council members know that site visits virtually can find things about the site that you might have overseen.

**Old Business and Updates** President Lawrence gave us updates for the next few meetings and asked for suggestions for guest speakers after June.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements this month.

**Adjournment** at 12:00pm