

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

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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.

Members Present: Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, President Diane Lawrence, Anne Warren, Tia Small, Eva Aber, Morningstar Vancil, Marcy Adelman, Darlene Ramlose, and Chris Dillon. Juliet Rothman, Allegra Fortunati, Tia Small, Morningstar Vancil,

Members Absent Excused: Kay Paresh

WELCOME: Call to order and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve November 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved

Executive Director Dearman's Report: No Commission meeting in January, it's budget season and DAS met with the Mayor's Office and was asked to reduce the budget by 5% this year and 3% next year. The online Resource Directory will be launched in February and DAS is very happy and thanks to Deputy Director Cindy Kaufman for all the help.

Allen asked about the wheelchair repair status and OCP manager Mike Zaugg let them know the program is now a 4-year program which just found a contractor in place starting in April 2023.

Area Plan Update from Adithi Vellore: This is the last year of 4-year Area Plan Cycle. This update talks about the overview process and membership of the Advisory Council. Adithi presented a timeline for the update and will send out the full Plan as well as all updates to all council members. She then spoke on the importance of the Advisory Council Member Survey.

Members voted to make it a non-anonymous vote and completed the survey.

Allegra announced elections: Diane Lawrence for President, Margaret Graf 1st Vice President, Tia Small, 2nd Vice President, and Kay Paresh for Secretary were all voted unanimously in. President Lawrence recommended Allen Cooper for the DFOAC and was voted in unanimously.

Guest Speaker Deputy Director Jill Nielsen: with Phyllis Pettus spoke on Care Courts which is implemented by Dept of Behavioral Services which impacts DAS. Care Court is designed to prevent conservatorship. Went over the Criteria for CARE respondents: 18 years or older, experiencing severe mental illness with schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, not clinically stabilized, and meets other criteria. Deputy Director Nielsen took many questions for council members regarding the implementation of this program and specific criteria needed for the courts.

OCP Manager Mike Zaugg let the council know that the California Department of Aging will be coming to DAS soon to audit/review multiple areas. They will meet with President Lawrence to speak on the Advisory Council for their review.

Allegra asked about how often does the state of California implement this kind of monitoring and Mike answered this happens usually about every 4-5 years. President Lawrence let Mike know that the council and herself will be available.

Marcy Adelman no new LGBTQ updates this month.

President Lawrence: Updated the council on the process of where the Dignity Fund directs itself now. In February the report on the Service Allocation Plan will be released and then on to the commission and then to the Board of Supervisors. The online directory, API population, and LatinX adults with disabilities will all be discussed at the next meeting on Monday. Asked for suggestions for representation throughout the districts.

Anne Warren on CSL Updates: 8 of the 11 bills were picked up and introduced by legislators which is very high and they are very happy about.

Old Business and Updates: No new visits this month, next month will have site visit reports. Senior Rally Day will be in person May 2nd in Sacramento. Chris Dillon let the council about finance reform in nursing homes and updates on the Laguna Honda process. Margaret announced classes at the South Sunset Senior Center, mostly Tai Chi.

Announcements

Next meeting February 15th 2022

Adjournment at 12:05pm