

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

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 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, and Chris Dillon. Juliet Rothman, Allegra Fortunati, Tia Small, Morningstar Vancil,

Members Absent Excused: Darlene Ramlose

WELCOME: Call to order and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve January 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved, amended to say Senior Rally Day

President Lawrence's Report: We will receive the Area Plan next month from Adithi and her team. At the commission meeting, the DAS HUB has added the assistance of voter registration.

Executive Director Dearman's Report: Looking at the Master Plan on Aging: to improve healthy aging and accessible transport as well as bridging the digital divide between – finalized the Action Plan which looks at increasing number of older adults and people with disabilities on City Commissions. CDA is doing a visit March 13 -17th to DAS and the DAS Commission. Thanked Mike Zaugg for all his help with the department and the CDA. Also there will be a pilot for the online resource directory. I am chair for the C4A and just finished our budget focused on caregiver support and many other programs and monetary concerns from the State. Currently there is 10 million dollars allocated to ADRC's which we believe is not enough and can be raised.

Allen asked what DAS is doing now about supportive housing via IHSS and Director Dearman. Mike Zaugg let Allen know that they have a target date for May or June for the RFP that will be handling this.

CDA Visit Update from Mike Zaugg: They will investigate the contract team about fiscal, legal services, health promotion services, and the DAS Commission. They will speak with President Knutzen and President Lawrence on how the DAS Commission and Advisory Council works. If they find any deficiencies in the agency, they will send a report 30 days after and then DAS has 30 days after that to respond.

Allegra asked who decides what they focus on, and Mike let her know that they do and they usually focus on areas that they fund as well.

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.

Director Dearman gave presentation:

Allegra asked if an unhoused person could go the hub and Director Dearman replied absolutely they can.

Marcy asked about the waiting list of the HUB,

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 March 15th 2022

Adjournment at 12:05pm