

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023

**TIME:** 10-11:30am

**PLACE:** 1650 Mission St. 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Golden Gate Room

*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, Chris Dillon, Juliet Rothman, Tia Small, , Darlene Ramlose, Eva Aber, Marcy Adelman.

**Members Absent Excused:** Kay Parekh, Anne Warren, President Diane Lawrence, Morningstar Vancil

**WELCOME: Call to order and welcome** Council Members and guests there is a quorum.

**Roll Call/Secretary**

**Motion to approve** February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes, approved

**Motion to approve** March 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes, approved  
Amendment to the Minutes, Marcy was not present

**No Public Comment.**

**Vice President Graf's Report:**

Margaret wanted to promote the Sunset Health and Wellness Fair Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm at 37<sup>th</sup> & Ortega – Quintara. Celebrating API month and mental health awareness. Senior Power is a sponsor. President Lawrence did leave a note to congratulate Tia, Anne, and for applying for another two-year term to serve on the Adv Council.

**Executive Director Dearman's Report:**

Director Dearman let us know Monday is National Healthcare Direction Day. There was a press conference last week for palliative care and Director Dearman spent the day in Sacramento on a bill from assemblyman Ting about the need for caregivers for undocumented persons for IHSS services.

Area Plan upcoming and the budget is a problem as SF has a \$800 million deficit right now and DAS is being asked to take a 5-10% cut.

Allen asked about the pay for caregivers and does that bill have a financing arm? Director Dearman let him know they are in negotiations with the union right now. Margaret asked if giving better benefits is an option and Director Dearman reiterated that negotiations are being held but the \$25 an hour is a goal. Marcy commented about the waitlist for IHSS and noted this would be remedied by hiring more workers but now with a hiring freeze on the budget this will have to wait.

Tia asked about IHSS workers and their ability to work overtime and Director Dearman explained that they can most likely work 55 hours a week.

Chris asked how we could help, and Director Dearman replied that the best thing is to keep speaking on these subjects.

Allen commented that there is little in the Area Report with specifics on IHSS about programs and number of people affected. Adithi Vellore said she could look into this and send him some details.

### **2023 AREA PLAN ON Aging Presentation by Adithi Vellore**

- Some changes on page 7
- Persistent focus on housing support services especially culturally appropriate housing needs for our population
- Mental and Behavioral programs
- Staff training and development and opportunities
- Collecting data on this council about LGBTQ
- Updates on the term limit information
- Other changes on page 44

### **Vote on the Area Plan**

Motion for vote:

The unanimous vote was passed.

**Margaret Joint Legislative Report:** let the council know that the Joint Leg could use members. Marcy had questions about the purpose of this committee and Margaret let her know their role and how they put their support behind bills. Margaret then spoke on some bills going through the California Legislature right now. Some are listed below:

Bill to keep track of timelines of ambulance responses.

AB 386 – elderly crime response reports  
AB 486 – Calif right to financial privacy act  
AB 582 – tax credits for the elderly  
AB 751 – elder abuse

Allen asked about a pending bill re: Medi-Care/Medi-Cal monies.

### **LGBTQ Updates with Dr. Marcy Adelman:**

May is Older Americans Month, Marcy has a column in the Bay Times that was written on LGBTQ homelessness and other issues. Sunday is Open House's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they will be presenting Nancy Pelosi who will be there in person.

**Dignity Fund:** Allen let us know that there was no meeting this month and there is a four-year plan they are working on. Director Dearman let him know there is a new allocation plan but since there will be no more money added to the Dignity Fund, there will be no new initiatives. Margaret asked about no new money and Dearman let her know due to budget deficits there will be no money granted this year. Advocacy from this group is needed.

### **Site Visit Eva Aber/ Juliet Rothman:**

Eva visited the Russian American Community Services Center. It's only open Mon though Fri 10:15am – 12pm so they did a virtual visit. The website is great with full bilingual services. They deliver foods to people and serve a diverse population, but they serve a larger number of Russian people. Located at 300 Anza in the Richmond District. They serve 553 clients and serve over 103,000 meals per year. The meals are a suggested \$2 for seniors and \$6 for non-seniors. They open with coffee and tea and have monthly celebrations during the meals.

Juliet gave recommendations about the site visits and Marcy thanked Eva for this report and all her hard work.

### **Announcements**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Senior Rally Day in Sacramento  
San Francisco Interfaith Council, Empowering Older Adults 6-week class

Next meeting May 17th 2023

**Adjournment** at 11:29am