

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 21, 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:** Diane Lawrence, Allen Cooper, Morningstar Vancil, Tia Small, Anne Warren, Steffany Dignum, and Margaret Graf

**Members Absent Excused:**, Juliet Rothman, Darlene Ramlose

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

**Roll Call/Secretary**

**Motion to approve** April 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

**President Dearman's President's Report:** June 15<sup>th</sup> was Elder Abuse Awareness Day, there was a press conference to speak on that and DAS and Kelly was present. City Hall was purple that day for the event. At the state level budget does not look good, state is 30 billion dollars in the negative. On the City level Kelly defended the DAS budget to BOS and the City has similar problems with budget cuts and deficits.

Anne Warren asked about Elder Abuse Awareness Day and who in the city is the steward of this information and Kelly responded it is APS who logs these cases and the DA's office as well.

Morningstar asked if the information is broken down by race/gender/etc. and Kelly was not sure and would find out.

Allen said the Dignity Fund \$3 million allotment would not happen and Director Dearman concurred.

**Maceo Perrson** introduced himself to the group as a new member of DAS and his work with the LGBTQ+ and Trans community. Maceo is very happy to be the new DAS Special Projects Manager who oversees the LGBTQ and Disability Projects.

**President Lawrence President's Report:** Officially welcomed newest Adv Council member Steffany Dignum and welcomed Tia Small to the Joint Legislative Council. Kay Parekh also officially resigned due to family obligations.

**Guest Speaker Kate Hoepke from The Village** spoke on her work at the Village and the work they do for the elder and disabled community of over 1,000 people. They work on innovative solutions for older adults and 90% of us will age in place but we do not have services in place for moderate to middle income people. The Village takes a human perspective in caring for older people and building community for everyone. Kate brought newsletters from the Village to share with the Advisory Council members and reminded everyone of the larger social impact.

Margaret asked about the services and Kate spoke on transactional value proposition and how they use relationship value proposition to build relationships and lasting relationships. And no requirements for volunteers.

Director Dearman thanked Kate and reiterated how the middle class in San Francisco is having a harder time and Kate agreed. Director Dearman then excused herself due to a speaking engagement.

**Mike Zaugg spoke on Site Visit Priorities** Lighthouse, Curry Senior Center, Self Help has many sights to visit, and other sites that we can prioritize for Council Members to visit and report on.

**President Lawrence** let the council know about some amendments to the Brown Act and will continue to lobby for bills to enact teleconferencing. Spoke on other bills that the Joint Legislative Committee is monitoring.

### **Announcements**

Next meeting special day Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 10:00am

**Adjournment** at 11:29am