

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES
(DAS) COMMISSION

MINUTES June 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME/ President Martha Knutzen

President Martha Knutzen called our hybrid meeting to order in City Hall room 416 and virtually and stated that the DAS Commission acknowledged they are using the unceded homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula.

The (DAS) Commission Secretary called the roll:

Present: Commissioners Sascha Bittner, Wanda Jung, Vice President Janet Y. Spears, Linda Parker Pennington, Nelson Lum, and President Martha Knutzen

Excused Absent:

DAS Executive Director Kelly Dearman was present,

Communications:

Commission Secretary Ravi Durbeej provided instructions for any members of the public that would like to submit a public comment to the DAS Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

A motion to approve the May 3, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THIRD-PARTY PRESENTERS WHO ARE NOT CITY EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND COMMISSION MEETINGS VIRTUALLY, PENDING ANY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE CHANGE OR MAYORAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION.

President Knutzen read the resolution to authorize third-party presenters who are not city employees to attend and present commission meetings virtually pending any government changes or supplements to the Mayoral Emergency Proclamation

No public comment.

A motion to approve the authorization to allow third-party presenters who are not city employees to attend commission meetings virtually, pending any California government code change or mayoral supplement to the emergency proclamation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT/Kelly Dearman

Director Dearman thanked the commissioners and started locally by letting them now DAS is participating in world Elder Abuse Day by participating in fundraising and raising awareness. Within DAS they are proud to welcome Maceo Perrson in Disability and LGBTQ+ work throughout DAS. He could not be here today because he is participating in the AIDS Life Ride.

Budget matters are being worked on and will be at BOS defending the budget next week. On the state level the governor is trying to balance the budget via delayed spending and safety net withdrawals. Grants for older adults and some revisions for some DAS and DAS related programs and funding. IHSS providers and the City reached an agreement where their hourly wages will be \$19.25 per hour. On the federal level, happy to see that the the country is not going into default which would've affected DAS clients.

Lastly, want to announce that at the USAging Conference in July where DAS will be honored for grocery delivery to the community.

Vice President Spears asked if the CBO's will be travelling to the conferences and Director Dearman answered that yes, they will be.

DAS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH June 2023

- Director Dearman and the DAS Commission honored the entire Collaborative Caregiver Support Team (CCST).
- President Knutzen thanked and congratulated the entire CCST team.
- The entire CCST Team thanked the Commission and thanked all the members of the team for all their incredible hard work.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/Diane Lawrence

President Lawrence greeted the Commission and thanked them and let them know there was no quorum with no meeting but had a discussion. They did meet a new candidate for the Advisory Council and will have an attendance email to see if there will be a quorum for future meetings.

Commissioner Pennington asked which districts are underrepresented by the council and President Lawrence replied it's districts 1,5,7,9,10.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE REPORT /TACC Diane Lawrence

President Lawrence thanked the commission and said there was no quorum for the JLC as well.

CASE REPORT/ Dan Gallagher

CASE Report presented by Dan Gallagher who began with a meeting in May with the program director from OpenHouse at their last meeting. Speaking on resources for self-sufficiency. In June will be a presentation on Medicare and Obesity as a threat to seniors. In July we will have a guest speaker on helping to reduce senior tobacco use and a new member was welcomed to the CASE board.

Item 10 is GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment

Item 11 OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

Item 12 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Item 12A on this month's consent agenda were voted on and unanimously approved:

- Glide Foundation \$ 146,719 \$ 8,185 \$ 15,490 \$ 170,394
 General 7/1/2021-6/30/2025 6/1/2023

*The additional funds are to support a meal rate increase for FY22-23, 23-24, and 24-25.

Public Comment:

A caller thanked the commission and urged them to vote for this approval because of the current food crisis due to the pandemic. Many services are being cut but nutrition is still a big problem with seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Requesting a vote by the Commission to appoint Steffany Dignum to the DAS Advisory Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Requesting a vote by the Commission to appoint Commissioner Nelson Lum to the position of Vice President for the DAS Commission.

President Knutzen thanked Commissioner Lum for all his hard work and dedication.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Requesting a vote by the Commission to appoint Vice President Spears to the position of President for the DAS Commission.

President Knutzen thanked everyone and her fellow commissioners as it was an honor to serve as president and is happy to have Vice President Spears as the new President of the commission.

Vice President Spears thanked the commission and is very much looking forward to her new role as President.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO) for the provision of Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Program; for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025; in the additional amount of \$300,000 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total amount not to exceed \$638,252. (Ben Seisdedos will present the item)

Presenter Seisdedos is requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO) for the provision of Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Program; for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025; in the additional amount of \$300,000 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total amount not to exceed \$638,252.

Commissioner Jung was pleased to see this service is in place and asked if the numbers are for the 2 years or annual and presenter Seisdedos said it was annual.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Caller called in to say they were very thankful for this funding. From the pandemic this funding will hopefully keep seniors not isolated and there is a task force to help prevent elder abuse.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Review and approval of the FY23-24 California Department of Aging (CDA) Area Plan Budget, associated contract AP-2324-06, and all subsequent amendments. (Genevieve Herreria will present this item)

Presenter Herreria requesting to review and approval of the FY23-24 California Department of Aging (CDA) Area Plan Budget, associated contract AP-2324-06, and all subsequent amendments.

Vice President Spears asked if this money could be in the negative and presenter Herreria replied they will know about the federal funds and state allocations later in the year

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Requesting authorization to enter into new grants with multiple providers to provide programs using the Village and the Community Bridge model, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$3,205,352 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,525,887. (Melissa McGee will present the item)

Presenter McGee is requesting authorization to enter into new grants with multiple providers to provide programs using the Village and the Community Bridge model, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$3,205,352 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,525,887. (Melissa McGee will present the item)

Commissioner Jung asked about the San Francisco Village model about 500 hours of powers of care and services and presenter McGee said this is a new service where they will be training staff to provide resources.

President Knutzen thanked presenter McGee for these services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment. After the vote a comment from the public about thanking for the support and they have a formal office on Filbert St now.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Requesting authorization to enter into a grant with Community Living Campaign for the provision of a Community Connector program; for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$2,844,484, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,128,932. (Reanna Albert will present the item)

Presenter Albert is requesting authorization to enter into a grant with Community Living Campaign for the provision of a Community Connector program; for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$2,844,484, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,128,932.

Commissioner Sklar asked how the communities were selected and presenter Albert said they were selected by neighborhoods that did not have these services already and to get rid of social isolation.

Vice President Spears asked about if the other districts had need for more services and Albert responded that was a great question.

Commissioner Jung asked if a site chart was being developed and Albert said there is one and could be sent over to the commissioners.

President Knutzen asked if this grant will provide to new locations, but Albert said this will target existing locations.

Commissioner Lum asked about identifying locations and activities and the kind of outreach that will be provided and presenter Albert responded that the use U.S. mail, email, text messages, phone calls, and in person activity calendar, social media, and through the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public commented that this was a great program and was greatly supported. Member of public via WebEx commented and thanked for the ongoing support. They thanked for the great outreach this item will do.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Sklar was absent.

H. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of Peer Ambassador and Senior Escort Services during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027; in the amount of \$3,312,876, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,644,164. (Sara Hofverberg will present the item)

Presenter Hofverberg is requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of Peer Ambassador and Senior Escort Services during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027; in the amount of \$3,312,876, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,644,164. (Sara Hofverberg will present the item)

President Knutzen noted how comprehensive and well thought out this grant was.

Commissioner Lum asked how many ambassadors and senior escorts will this program be employing? Hofverberg replied there will be 4 ambassadors and 5 escorts with additional support. This will be group and individual escorts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commentors thanked DAS and let them know how important this item is for seniors in San Francisco about letting them not feel isolated and safe. There have been many senior attacks and this program will hopefully lower that number. They have already served 1500 seniors with

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

I. Requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreements with multiple providers for the provision of Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) services in San Francisco; during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$1,229,948 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,352,943. (Sarah Chan will present the item)

Presenter Chan is requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreements with multiple providers for the provision of Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) services in San Francisco; during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$1,229,948 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,352,943. (Sarah Chan will present the item)

Commissioner Jung asked about the budget for Kimogi and residents and presenter Chan said since the residents average age to stay at 94, this funding will help residents who might not have the funds to pay. And Commissioner Jung asked about the staffing needs and other support and presenter Chan said this will help fund those items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

J. Requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreements with Bayview Senior Services and Conard House for the provision of Money Management Services Program; for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027; in an amount of \$872,688 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$959,957. (Melissa McGee will present the item)

Presenter McGee is requesting authorization to enter into new grant agreements with Bayview Senior Services and Conard House for the provision of Money Management Services Program; for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027; in an amount of \$872,688 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$959,957. (Melissa McGee will present the item)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.
Commissioner Lum was not present for the vote.

K. Review and approval of California Department of Aging contract OM-2223-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments. (Staff: Mike Zaugg will present this item)

Presenter Zaugg is asking for review and approval of California Department of Aging contract OM-2223-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments. (Staff: Mike Zaugg will present this item).

Commissioner Pennington asked if the commission is voting on this item and presenter Zaugg replied yes and explained this is a budget request and how the contract is entered upon. Commissioner Pennington thanked for the explanation.

President Knutzen also thanked and let the commission know that the details will be forthcoming.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

L. Requesting approval of a sole source waiver and authorization to enter into a new sole source grant agreement with Felton Institute for the provision of the Senior Companion Program during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028; in the amount of \$496,065 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$545,672. (Erica Maybaum will present this item)

Presenter Maybaum is requesting approval of a sole source waiver and authorization to enter into a new sole source grant agreement with Felton Institute for the provision of the Senior Companion Program during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028; in the amount of \$496,065 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$545,672. (Erica Maybaum will present this item)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

M. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant with The ARC San Francisco for the provision of Supportive Employment Services, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$467,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$513,700. (Noah Gallo will present the item.)

Presenter Gallo is requesting authorization to enter into a new grant with The ARC San Francisco for the provision of Supportive Employment Services, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, in an amount of \$467,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$513,700.

Commissioner Jung commented that this is a great program since 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

N. Review and approval of California Department of Aging's Modernizing Older Californians Act – Nutrition Grant, contract number NM-2324-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments. (Tiffany Kearney will present the item)

Presenter Kearney is requesting a review and approval of California Department of Aging's Modernizing Older Californians Act – Nutrition Grant, contract number NM-2324-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments.

Vice President Spears asked about the dates of this item and presenter Kearney let her know that the dates reflect the dates they can spend the funding.

Commissioner Sklar asked if this funding is for services or infrastructure and presenter Kearney let her know most or all of the funds will go to nutrition and services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

O. Requesting authorization to modify existing grant agreements with multiple providers for the provision of SF Connected program, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in an additional amount of \$2,428,973 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total amount not to exceed \$8,096,025. (Sarah Chan will present the item)

Presenter Chan is requesting authorization to modify existing grant agreements with multiple providers for the provision of SF Connected program, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in an additional amount of \$2,428,973 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total amount not to exceed \$8,096,025.

Commissioner Sklar recused herself from this vote due to her receiving services from one of the providers listed in this grant.

President Knutzen thanked for all the details on this comprehensive report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Sklar was recused.

Announcements

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm by President Knutzen