

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 20, 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, Anne Warren, Steffany Dignum, Margaret Graf, Marcy Adelman, Eva Aber, and Chris Dillon. Prospective Council Member Lisa Cook was in attendance.

**Members Absent Excused:** Morningstar Vancil, Juliet Rothman, and Darlene Ramlose, and Tia Small

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

**Roll Call/Secretary**

**Motion to approve** August 16, 2023, Meeting Minutes: approved

**Cindy Kauffman Deputy Director's:** Budget for next year is not promising, they will not cut existing programs but there will be no money for new programs. Director Dearman was at the CWDA Conference in Boston that awarded members of DAS. Director Dearman was also on a roundtable discussion with speaker Pelosi recently on the elderly community.

**President Lawrence's Report:** TACC meeting last month and JLC meeting where 3 bills on notice were sponsored; Bagley Keane Bill which would allow for more remote meetings; Older Americans on Boards and Commissions which is currently in suspense; AB 770 which is held up currently.

**ACTION ITEM: President Lawrence Spoke on the Joint Legislation Council:** There have been talk in the JLC about how to be more effective and using the time for advocacy so they voted to restructure their roles and meeting times.

Marcy asked a question about both roles of the JLC and the Advisory Council and President Lawrence replied they would speak on this next month to plan out their schedule and priorities of 2024. Kauffman also spoke on the matter of the JLC bills and advocacy. Anne Warren clarified the role and Alan Cooper also inquired onto bills they will follow.

**Unanimously approved.**

**President Lawrence spoke on Site Visits and the HUB:**

**Mike Zaugg spoke on the Disability Community Culture Center:** Will be the first of its kind on the 100 block of Grove Street. Currently in the planning stages and in person operations to be ready in 2025 and they are very much looking forward to that.

Marcy asked about the funding and speaker Zaugg said its primarily from the Dignity Fund and smaller funds.

**LGBTQ Updates from Marcy:** California Commission on Aging came to San Francisco and had an open house and general meeting where Cindy Kauffman presented on DAS Open House services. Alan asked about the JLC and acts that transferred Medicare into private hands.

**Updates:** Proposing to take December off and will vote on that next month

**Announcements:**

Council Member Graf spoke on a attending a community fair on Noriega this coming weekend which will have a get out the vote booth.

Council Member Dignum spoke on a free wireless program open to seniors and people w/ disabilities and will be on location Oct 26<sup>th</sup> on Howard St.

Next meeting Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:00am

**Adjournment** at 11:29am