

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES
(DAS) COMMISSION

MINUTES April 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME/ President Spears

President Janet Y. Spears 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, Wanda Jung, Martha Knutzen, Vice President Nelson Lum, President Janet Y. Spears, and Linda Parker Pennington, Sascha Bittner and Barbara Sklar

Excused Absence:

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 March 6, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes from
The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT/ Kelly Dearman

Thanked the commission and reported that last week was the American Society on Aging was here in San Francisco and congratulations to DAS staff that presented from IHSS and APS spoke. A lot of focus on the Master Plan on Aging and ways to move forward. Happy to report the state of California is way ahead of the nation in this department.

Last week was the Curry Senior Center Hub grand opening on Turk and Larkin and thanks to DAS Advisory Council member Morningstar Vancil who spoke at the event.

The most recent controllers report says the Dignity Fund still has a chance to be funded which is good news on the budget.

Commissioner Bittner asked about the IHSS Governing Body meeting and Director Dearman said it was a pleasure to speak with them

Commissioner Pennington congratulated Director Dearman and asked about the budget timeline and thinks its May.

President Spears commented on the well-attended ASA Conference and did site visits at Chinatown YMCA and was very happy.

DAS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH MARCH 2024

- Director Dearman and the DAS Commission honored and thanked Jennifer Larsen for all of her hard work and compassion
- Jennifer thanked her team and all the staff at DAS and was extremely grateful for this acknowledgment

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/Diane Lawrence

President Lawrence thanked the commission and spoke on the Adv Council's unanimous approval of the Area Plan and how well it has been presented.

Completed the survey which included the BIPOC and LGBTQ communities which are needed to assist in representation and allocation of funds.

We discussed what are happening in the neighborhoods of council members and ways they can reach out to neighbors and let them know about DAS services.

There will be a wellness day at the next Sunset Neighborhood Farmer's Market with a booth to let people know of DAS services. In May the council will speak with the OCP team on site visits and ways of improving and moving forward.

Commissioner Knutzen thanked her and was grateful OpenHouse received the grant which will greatly assist the LGBTQ population.

CASE REPORT/ Judith Dancer

CASE Report was not presented this month, but the report was submitted in the official docket

Item 9 is GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

In person speaker spoke on the issues concerning change of San Francisco. We need to change to new surveillance laws, and this will be hard but attainable. Please read the email sent out.

Item 10 OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

Item 11 NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS A THROUGH E ARE ACTION ITEMS AND REQUIRES A VOTE BY
THE COMMISSION

- A. Review and Review and approval of the FY 2024-25 to FY 2027-28 Area Plan for the California Department of Aging (Staff: Executive Director Kelly Dearman and Adithi Vellore will present this Item)

Presenters Vellore and Dearman spoke on the approval of the FY 2024-25 to FY 2027-28 Area Plan for the California Department of Aging

Commissioner Jung asked about safety on public transportation issues and if they are working with MTA about senior concerns on SF public transportation and Mike Zaugg said he will speak with MTA officials on that topic. Commissioner Jung also asked about language services and Cindy Kauffmann spoke on Age & Disability Friendly and MTA is part of that group.

Commissioner Knutzen commented on the great input and President Spears thanked them for this amazing extensive report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Pennington

The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Requesting authorization to enter into a grant with Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Association for the provision of Community Services Program - Community Engagement at 66 Raymond Avenue, for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, in an amount of

\$140,270, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$154,297. (Sarah Chan will present the item)

Presenter Chan is requesting authorization to enter into a grant with Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Association for the provision of Community Services Program - Community Engagement at 66 Raymond Avenue, for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, in an amount of \$140,270, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$154,297.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Jung.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- C. The Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) requests authorization to enter into a grant with Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028, in an amount of \$3,608,376, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,969,214; for the provision family caregiver support programming to San Francisco residents who are informal caregivers. (Melissa McGee will present the item)

Presenter McGee requests authorization to enter into a grant with Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028, in an amount of \$3,608,376, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,969,214; for the provision family caregiver support programming to San Francisco residents who are informal caregivers.

Vice President Lum asked about the deficit and will it affect the funding of this grant? Mike Zaugg replied that hopefully everything will be taken care of before it reaches that point.

Commissioner Knutzen asked about clarifying who is receiving this support

Commissioner Pennington asked about the outreach and presenter McGee replied that they do outreach as much as possible.

President Spears asked if they could do more outreach and presenter McGee said they would like that expansion as well

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Knutzen.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- D. Review and Approval of the Office of Planning and Research Grant CV2311403, Associated Budgets, and All Subsequent Amendments. (Paulo Salta will present this item)

Presenter Salta is requesting Review and Approval of the Office of Planning and Research Grant CV2311403, Associated Budgets, and All Subsequent Amendments.

Commissioner Knutzen just wanted to clarify if this is a new funding and presenter Salta replied yes.

Commission Pennington asked how they will measure success and presenter Salta said that was a great question and they will be looking into that and check in later throughout.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Knutzen.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- E. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant with Community Living Campaign for the period of April 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026 in the additional amount of \$375,000 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total amount not to exceed \$3,746,767. (Paulo Salta will present the item)

Presenter Salta is requesting authorization to modify the existing grant with Community Living Campaign for the period of April 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026 in the additional amount of \$375,000 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total amount not to exceed \$3,746,767.

Commissioner Jung asked how they will be defined and funded and presenter Salta said it will be through community assessments.

Commissioner Pennington asked what will be the baseline number and presenter Salta did not have that number.

President Spears asked if there were measurements in place for social connectivity and presenter Salta replied that these programs do contain the metrics for social connectivity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve from Commissioner Knutzen.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements – President Spears spoke on the America Society on Aging conference that will be happening in San Francisco later this month.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am by President Spears