

AGE & DISABILITY FRIENDLY SF IMPLEMENTATION WORKGROUP

Friday, May 10, 10:00-11:30am

Zoom:

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INTRODUCTIONS – Eileen Norman, co-chair Executive Director of IHSS Public Authority and Kelly Dearman, co-chair, Executive Director of DAS facilitated introductions of meeting participants popcorn style.

COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION, & TECHNOLOGY DOMAIN

Recommendation: Implement Empowered SF Technology Needs Assessment.

Presenter: Andrew Broderick, Project Co-Director of SF Tech Council and Karla Suomala, Co-Director of SF Tech Council, presented a slideshow regarding the Digital Equity Act funds.

Goals for the Digital Equity Plan include participating in planning processes and developing a local Digital Equity plan for seniors and disabled people. Challenges identified are digital confusion and skill gaps. Recommendations suggest enhancing speed, investing, and advocacy.

Discussion: It was mentioned that 1 out of 6 homes in America rely on the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Progress on advocacy for keeping ACP includes:

- People sending letters to state legislatures (it has little impact).
- Talks with AT&T, Verizon and Comcast for low-cost options (it is not as affordable)
- California Lifeline Program for \$9.99 (signing up is difficult and takes 2 hours).

A brainstorm began about how to facilitate internet access:

- Subsidize hotspots for tenants in “Single-Residence Occupancy” (SROs) such as the Cadillac Hotel. This type of project may be dependent on the Fiber to Housing Program.

- SFUSD can be a resource for identifying areas with difficult internet access. During COVID, SFUSD worked with the Human Rights Commission to collect data on buildings that have difficulty accessing the internet for families.
- Education: 1) kiosks across SF to teach cyber security for older adults. 2.) kiosks to train SF Health Network patients on how to use My Chart.

Next Steps: For more information, please visit <https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/state-digital-equity-plan/> and <https://www.ilrcsf.org/> or email karla@sftechcouncil.org, andrew@sftechcouncil.org

ENGAGEMENT & INCLUSION DOMAIN

Recommendation: Create a Disability Friendly Community Space

Presenters: Eileen Norman, ADF Co-Chair, Kelly Dearman, ADF Co-Chair, and Emily Beitiks, Co-Director, Disability Cultural Center

Discussion: Upcoming DCCC events include:

- July 12th: Kick-off event
To launch the Disability Cultural Center, we will begin with a program dedicated to celebrating the range of beauty, creativity and innovation that disability culture brings to San Francisco. We will provide live performances by all disabled artists, a majority BIPOC as well, whose work in the genres of art, music, poetry, dance, and literature challenge perceptions about disability and instead celebrate the beauty that disabled people bring to our world. We will end the program with a community-wide dance and fashion party. Whether you'll come to our virtual red carpet in your cozy clothes during a pain flare or want to bust out your most couture look, and whether you dance with the movement of your eyes or with your whole body in motion, we're here for it because the opening of the Virtual Disability Cultural Center is cause for celebration!
- July 26th: Café Crip
Café Crip will be a monthly opportunity for participants at the SF Disability Cultural Center to come together to talk about important topics within our diverse disability community. Participants will receive readings in advance, but the discussion is organized so that anyone can attend and participate whether or not they have a chance to come prepared. This event is led by Bianca Laureano, a talented facilitator who leads the group through community agreements and access principles to ensure that everyone can be a part of this informal community-building hangout. This month's program will follow our virtual night of Disability Culture on 7/12 with a conversation about the power of disability culture to fight ableism, both internalized and external, and promote disability justice.
- July 27th: Disability Portrait Day at San Francisco MOMA.
This collaboration between the Disability Visibility Project and the SF Disability Cultural Center will be in person at SFMoMA. We will host a powerful opportunity to celebrate the beauty of disabled people by inviting our diverse community to have their photographs taken and visit the museum afterwards for free. Too often, getting your picture taken as a disabled person has caused harm, clueless photographers who pressure their models to

hide their disabilities or mask as neurotypical. Even choosing to submit yourself to being stared at through the camera lens can be hard when so many people with apparent disabilities face stares as a part of daily life. Here, our photographer Mia Robinson, a queer trans disabled person, focuses their work on how to celebrate disabled bodies and minds and rewrite the experience of being photographed. Each participant will receive a print of their photo sent to them after the event and snacks and refreshments as we socialize with other portrait seekers on this celebratory day, marking the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act with this reminder that we're still here!

Next Steps: Assistance is needed for getting the word out about the Disability Cultural Center (DCC). For more information, please contact Emily Beitiks, emily@disabilityculturalcenter.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Community Living Campaign announced the Disability Pride event on July 11th, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at the San Francisco Public Library. There will be a life-size version of the board game “LIFE” where people will spin a wheel and engage with people and service providers about topics related to disability such as transportation, relationships, education etc.

The San Francisco Mayor’s Office on Disability (MOD) announced Nicole Bohn is leaving her position as the Director of MOD and to become the Executive Director of Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF).

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am (**estimate**)

NEXT MEETING: Friday, August 2, 10-11:30 am

Additional meeting information can be found here:

<https://www.sfhsa.org/about/departments/department-disability-and-aging-services-das/age-disability-friendly-sf>