

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION (DAAS)
MINUTES DECEMBER 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Interim-President Gustavo Serinà
called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

The (DAAS) Commission Secretary called the roll.

Interim-President Gustavo Serinà welcomed Commissioner Michael Pappas to the DAAS Commission and asked him to say a few words.

Present: Gustavo Serinà, Perry Lang, Katy Loo, Michael Pappas and Jeremy Wallenberg

Deputy Director Cindy Kauffman was present.

A motion to approve the December 6, 2017 Commission meeting agenda

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Tedi Vriheas

A motion to approve the November 1, 2017 Commission meeting minutes

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Tedi Vriheas

Executive Director's Report/Deputy Director Cindy Kauffman

Deputy Director Cindy Kauffman explained that Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was attending the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) Board meeting in Washington DC this week and will give a report on the N4A Board meeting during the January 2018 DAAS Commission meeting. Ms. Kauffman reported that she and other members of DAAS staff attended the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) annual meeting and Allied Conference in November. Ms. Kauffman stated that this year's C4A conference had one of the highest turn-outs ever. During the Director's meeting part of the conference topics were discussed such as: AB959 the State roll-out of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) question. The state turned to San Francisco and Los Angeles for best practices as how to handle the state SOGI roll-out, Assembly member Ash Kalra Chair of the Assembly of Aging and Long Term Committee held a hearing as part of the C4A conference itself. The hearing was one of three hearings across the state and focused on

potential of federal changes and implications of California's Aging and Long Term Care programs and services. The other two policy programs were very well attended and informative and included policy folks from N4A and Justice and Aging. They also had CVOs, providers as well as consumers that served on the panels. On the local level, the Mayor will release his budget today which will set in motion DAAS's budget process. Last week the Mayor introduced to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (BOS) a budget supplemental of \$9.6M in which \$8.8M will go towards In-Home Support Services (IHSS). San Francisco assumed an increase of \$11M in the budget that was approved in July but that has now increased to \$19.9M. Ms. Kauffman discussed the implementation of the Dignity Fund Needs Assessment and stated that Community Forums were held in each of the eleven San Francisco districts. DAAS will also hold thirty focus groups to help represent the diversity of San Francisco. Finally, surveys were launched last month and Friday, December 8, 2017 is the deadline to complete these surveys. Ms. Kauffman announced that the Dignity Fund Needs Assessment consultants have received over five hundred surveys from consumers and two hundred from providers. On November 8, 2018 in recognition of Veteran's Day DAAS co-sponsored a press conference to publicize the great work that the award winning Veteran's Benefit Protection Project (VBPP) has been and will continue to carrying out. The VBPP is a coalition of key stakeholders that are collaborating to fight pension poaching scams. DAAS's Executive Director McSpadden, San Francisco Supervisor Katy Tang, along with representatives from the Institute on Aging (IOA), and the San Francisco Veteran's Affairs Commission and the California State Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones all spoke at this highly publicized press conference. Lastly, Executive Director McSpadden together with the Metta Fund will host an event on Reframing Aging and Ageism by the Frameworks Academy. The Frameworks Academy is part of the Frameworks Institute that design, conduct events and publish multi-method disciplinary communications research to find the most effective way of reframing social and scientific topics. A few years ago, the Frameworks Institute partnered with eight national aging associations to create a better understanding of older adults needs and contributions to society and then to use communication and outreach to drive a more informed conversation about aging and its' implications for our community. Ms. Kauffman stated that the workshops are inspiring and changing the way we have conversations around aging. Executive Director McSpadden will send out save-the-date invitations for these workshops that are scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Commissioner Serinà thanked Ms. Kauffman and specifically the Dignity Fund Oversight Committee under Ms. McGee's leadership for doing a great job of assessing the needs of the community regarding the Dignity Fund Needs Assessment.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Deputy Director Cindy Kauffman and the DAAS Commission recognized Sandy Tran a Social Worker Supervisor from the Department of Aging and Adult Services' (DAAS) office of In Home Support Services (IHSS). Ms. Kauffman thanked Ms. Tran for her hard work and dedication.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/President Leon Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt stated that the Advisory Council met on Wednesday, November 15. The Advisory Council's membership committee distributed information to districts one, six and ten regarding the DAAS Commission Advisory Council with the hope that the council will gain members from these districts. Several members of the Advisory Council attended the Dignity Fund Community Forums

and brought back to the rest of the council a very impressive report. A positive site visit was made to the Geen Mun Activity Center that raised some questions and conversation around homeless issues that are happening around some of the other senior centers in San Francisco. Dr. Marcy Adelman reported on the LGBT Task Force Committee and announced to the council that Openhouse is starting construction on a seventy-nine unit senior housing and longevity center. This new development will be named after Dr. Adelman and her partner. Bruce Stier who is a member of the California Senior Legislature (CSL) will attend the January 2018 Advisory Council.

ADVIOSRY COUNCIL'S JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT/Diane Lawrence

Ms. Lawrence reported that the Joint Legislative Committee did not meet in November because of a quorum issue and announced that the legislative session was over in October so there are no updates. Ms. Lawrence stated that the (CSL) has already started to meet and that she, Ms. Kauffman and Ms. Valerie Coleman are discussing how they will kick off the New Year at the January 2018 Joint Legislative meeting. All three know that some of the bills are two-year bills and so they are hoping to see some of the bills come back. Ms. Lawrence will give her normal report in February 2018.

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC) REPORT/Jessica Lehman

Ms. Lehman reported that at the November LTCCC meeting Melissa McGee provided a Dignity Fund update. Institute on Aging (IOA) staff reported that a press conference was held on November 16, 2017 at City Hall to provide enrollment outreach for the new Support at Home Homecare Voucher Program. Maria Martinez presented on Whole Person Care which focuses on connecting people with health services and housing. Both of these presentations are available on-line. The next LTCCC meeting will take place on Thursday, December 14, at 1 South Van Ness.

TAAC Report/Cathy Russo:

No Report

CASE Report/Greg Moore:

Mr. Moore reported that CASE's Membership Committee met in November and focused on CASE's advocacy development. CASE's goal is to get their annual formal advocacy document over to Executive Director McSpadden within the next seven to ten days. Mr. Moore stated that CASE has five elements that they are focusing on which include: transportation, infrastructure and operational support, housing, behavioral health and marketing and outreach. The November board meeting was combined with the December meeting which was also spent mostly on advocacy development. CASE's annual holiday party is Monday, December 11, 2017 at 800 Larkin Street. All are invited.
General Public Comment

No Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Informational review of FY 17-18 Area Plan budget amendments related to one-time only funding. Rashi Kesarwani presented.

- A. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Family Caregiver Alliance to provide respite care during the period of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020; in the amount of \$1,250,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$1,375,000. Tiffany Kearney presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Tedi Vriheas

- B. Requesting authorization to modify existing grant agreement with SAN FRANCISCO MARIN FOOD BANK for the time period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2022, in the additional amount of \$3,727,250 plus a 10% contingency for a total not to exceed amount of \$9,254,273. Sarah Chan presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Tedi Vriheas

- C. Requesting authorization to modify existing grant agreement with SELF-HELP FOR THE ELDERLY for the time period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020, in the additional amount of \$258,460 plus a 10% contingency for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,120,407. Linda Lau presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Tedi Vriheas

- D. Requesting authorization to enter into a contract agreement with Swords to Plowshares for the provision of supportive services and connection for veterans for the time period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$758,199 plus a 10% contingency of \$75,820 for a total not to exceed amount of \$834,019. Tiffany Kearney presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Tedi Vriheas

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Tedi Vriheas

Meeting adjourned 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary