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

DATE: Wednesday, June 15th, 2022

TIME: 10-12pm

PLACE: Teams

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.

Members Present: Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, Diane Lawrence, Anne Warren, Juliet Rothman, Tia Small, Chris Dillon, and Allegra Fortunati.

Members Absent: Kay Parekh, Marcy Adelman (excused), Eva Aber (excused), and Morningstar Vancil (excused)

Guests: Pearl Howell

WELCOME: Call to order and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve the amended May 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved

President and Executive Director Report:

President Lawrence let the council know Executive Director Dearman is not present today. The legislature is voting this week, DAS had their Older American's Month celebration on the end of May. It focused on people over 80 with a video and book coming out later this year. At the last DAS Commission Meeting Executive Director Dearman announced that the Ed Lee Housing Project was opened, June is Elder Abuse month, and Susie Smith gave a presentation on the HSA Strategic Plan. They (HSA) serve over



London Breed
Mayor
Kelly Dearman
Executive Director



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200,000 people in San Francisco. The Federal Government thinks there are 20,000 people that meet the federal poverty level but in reality, it's almost 75,000, and it's a diverse ethnic population. There are about 100,000 seniors and that is the fastest growing population in San Francisco. President Lawrence reviewed the five goals of the Strategic Plan and the specific points of the goals.

Reports from the Field

President Lawrence gave an update on the Joint Leg. Committee Meeting that several bills are awaiting signature and where the funding will come from. The legislature has until the beginning of August to finish these bills or they will die, new bills will be introduced January. Representative Phil Ting sponsored a compassionate release bill to release persons over 55 who are terminally ill to be released from incarceration to (hopefully) receive care outside of confinement.

Marcy Adelman no LBGTQ update, Marcy is on a Master Plan meeting

Old Business and Updates

- **California Senior Legislature Vote**
 - **Pearl Howell CSL Senate Representative** sees this as a privilege and a pleasure to represent seniors. She has over 50 years of professional experience in many areas especially community development. She is in District 11 but might be changing due to redistricting. Anne Warren as well as many of the council members wanted to welcome Pearl and Anne has known Pearl for many years both professionally and personally. There was a unanimous vote to have Pearl as the CSL Senate Representative. Welcome Pearl Howell.
 - **Site Visits: Juliet Rothman** states that she is finding much different information between virtual and in person visits. She visited the YMCA in Chinatown on March 9th virtually. She found the site difficult to navigate, info for seniors was difficult to locate. She called as well and did



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not receive a return call after leaving a message stating that she was a member of the DAS Adv Council. Juliet did visit and the location on Grant and Stockton which is located near to many public transit routes, but accessibility is difficult for due to the steep street that it's located on. The primary focus at this YMCA for Asian elders. They are aware of the challenges of the website and are looking to upgrade but there is not much use of the site because many of the seniors that go there are not using the internet. There is meal service but is not regular because there are many sites that serve meals close by. There are regular Tai Chi and Chi Gong classes, as well as other classes for seniors and workshops. The members thanked Juliet for such a great site visit report. There were many questions from council members regarding trying to better the website, the monthly fee for members, and how DAS can work with them. An essential point was that due to Covid, council members now check the websites for site visits which is very essential in reviewing a site.

- **Membership Updates**

Allen Cooper – Allegra Fortunati and Allen Cooper met twice with Honey Mahogany, Chief of staff to Supervisor Haney of D6 (Cooper's District) to discuss the report on unhoused seniors. She suggested we approach Supervisor Mar, who is head of the Public Safety Committee and request a hearing on the issue. He and his staff listened carefully and agreed this was an appropriate topic for the committee and agreed to hold a hearing in the fall. He also asked about budget considerations for 2023. It was decided that this required more information about appropriate costs and to delay an ask until the next budget.

Announcements

Next meeting July 20th and will hopefully have a Dr. from UCSF & have an update for the Dignity Fund's Community Needs Assessment with Melissa McGee

Adjournment at 11:47am