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

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**TIME:** 10-12pm

**PLACE:** Zoom

*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:** Allen Cooper, Allegra Fortunati, Margaret Graf, Diane Lawrence, Elinore Lurie, Tia Small, Anne Warren, Morningstar Vancil, Juliet Rothman, Kay Parekh,

**Members Absent:** Marcy Adelman (excused), Louise Hines (excused), Beverley Taylor (excused)

**Guests:** Kelly Dearman, Mike Zaugg

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

**Roll Call/Secretary**

**Unable to approve** the October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Will do so at the next meeting.

**President and Executive Director Report:**

**President’s Report**—Diane Lawrence

A moment to remember and honor Bettye Hammond, who passed away recently. The members sent the family a card on behalf of the Council with thoughts, remembrances, on behalf of the council.

**DAS Executive Director Report**—Kelly Dearman

Kelly provided an overview of a few projects, including:



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- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) has launched a pilot program, Stability and Wellness Supportive Housing, that connects people living in permanent supportive housing or moving out of shelters to IHSS workers. The longer term goal will be to expand the program to folks in other types of housing. Initially, clients served in this pilot will be smaller with the hope to expand to more people later. Currently, SF is the only county in the state operating an agency based, contract mode homecare model.
- The APS Homesafe program keeps clients safely housed thru intensive case management and placement in long term care or permanent supportive housing. Members had questions about the number and type of staff supporting this program.
- The high risk self-neglect multi-disciplinary meetings is a collaboration between the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) and DAS and is an invaluable resource for case managers, social workers and other direct service providers by facilitating the coordination of services to address high needs/risk clients.
- Also, shared that DAS staff member, John Gallagher, who works with the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) received an award in recognition of his work.

Members had question about the OCP Case Management report and if the results would be available for public review – Director Dearman will check with staff and get back with an answer.

#### **New Business:**

**December 15, 2021 Meeting:** Director Dearman will update/review the ad-hoc homelessness report; the Advisory Council will identify goals for 2022, discuss the California Senior Legislature (CSL) elections and get an update on the Master Plan.

**January Agenda:** Will include an Age and Disability Friendly (ADF) update, discuss CSL applications, and Cindy will discuss the Department’s advocacy process.

#### **Reports from the Field and Committee Reports**

**Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory (DFOA) Update—**  
Elinore Lurie shared that the DFOA was developing the Dignity Fund needs assessment process including five neighborhood



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forums. There was discussion about timing of the process and staff capacity. Additional discussion of hybrid service provision model and which programs would benefit or suffer from a fully remote model. Budget presentation and update on budget allocations. Was mentioned that people with HIV/AIDS are still underrepresented in services provided. Valerie forwarded the email which included a list of virtual town hall meetings and encourage all members to participate in at least one, a great opportunity to hear what the needs are. VC – send meetings

**California Senior Legislators (CSL) Legislative Goals for 2022**—Anne Warren discussed the upcoming CSL election, applications due March 31, 2022 – Council will continue to discuss at January meeting but members can share widely within their communities before then. Representatives from the AAA throughout the state are seeking proposals for legislation – SF has 3 representatives (Senators and Assembly members, mirrors States legislative model). Anne will send sheet to share, technical difficulties and unable to provide an update during the meeting.

### **Old Business and Updates**

Members had questions and discussion about next steps for on-site visits by AC members to organizations. Mike recommended that members postpone until early 2022 (to discuss in Feb and visit later), with a note from OCP to provide a heads up. The challenges of opening up (proof of vaccinations, isolating, people’s comfort levels, etc.) are already a burden to providers.

A robust discussion about the possibility of a resource guide for SF – what’s existing, what DAS is hoping to create, etc.

Discussed a Board of Supervisor (BOS) hearing on the “Policy Decisions Balancing Housing and Transportation Coverage, Service Frequency, Long Term Impacts, and Geographic Equity” chaired by Sup. Melgar.

CLC had their yearly good neighbor award, was discussed.

### **Announcements**

**Adjournment** at 11:33am



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