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

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

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**Members Present:** Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, Diane Lawrence, Anne Warren, Marcy Adelman, Morningstar Vancil, Juliet Rothman, Tia Small, Kay Parekh, Chris Dillon, and Allegra Fortunati.

**Members Absent:** Louise Hines (excused), Marcy Adelman (excused), , Kay Parekh

**Guests:** Adithi Vellore, Marie Jobling, and Kelly Dearman



**London Breed**  
Mayor  
**Kelly Dearman**  
Executive Director

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

**Roll Call/Secretary**

**Motion to approve** the February 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved

**President and Executive Director Report:**

**President's Report,** Diane discussed the welcoming the newest Advisory Council member, Eva Aber. Eva introduced herself and gave the council an idea of her background and the company that her and her husband ran, elderly care facilities mostly specializing with Alzheimer's.



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**Executive Director Dearman** discussed the HSA Black History Month Celebration and talked about the invasion of Ukraine. City employees back to the office 2 days a week and masks can be taken off as of Monday 3/21/22. Report on the Conservatorship on the office of Budget new meetings next month. Update on Tenderloin Linkage Center, using data to focus on system change. American Rescue Plan (ARP) DAS will receive just over 3 million for nutrition programs, family support, and planning. One time fund and must be used by Sep 2024. Many questions from Council Members about meal options and public availability of conservatorship meetings.

### **New Business**

Adithi Velore works in the planning unit of HSA and presented the Annual Update of the Area Plan 2022-2023. Changed the Public hearings section of the report- Focused on the technology section addressing concerns of Adv Council members on the digital divide. Updated DAS ORG Charts to show changes. Unanimous vote to approve this.

Marie Jobling from the CLC presented the Keeping us Connected Campaign. Report on the Needs Assessment and taking this presentation around the city. Focused on the digital divide for seniors and people with disabilities. Surveyed over 3000 people with over ½ living in San Francisco. It was very accessible. Majority were older age seniors aged 60+ along with younger people with disabilities. Key findings: 64% respondents cited that technology was a barrier to receiving vital services. Keep us connected campaign (Pandemic Edition).

### **Committee Reports**

- **Joint Legislative Committee:** Diane gave an update on the Joint Legislative Committee with Allegra. CSL provided Bills that will be up for approval next month. Most are part of the Master Plan. 2 Bills, AB848 – to increase the needs allowance for Medicare recipients from \$35 to \$50. Asking for Council approval in form of a letter, motion was approved.

Allegra talked about Bill AB2483 – jurisdictions to allow medical resources for housing for assisted living facilities and unhoused seniors and people with disabilities. Motion to write the letter



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approved. Senior Rally Day is May 3<sup>rd</sup> and virtual this year. Open seat for the Dignity Fund, Advisory Council, and CLC that are being sought after at the moment.

Proposal to fill the 2 positions to appoint President Lawrence and Dr. Juliet Rothman to the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee, unanimous vote to approve.

- **Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee Update:** Marcy did not give an update this month because she was an excused absence

**Reports from the field** Dr. Juliet Rothman quickly gave an update and asked Council Members to do site visits for next month.

### **Old Business and Updates**

#### **Announcements**

There were no announcements this month.

**Adjournment** at 12:01pm