



P.O. Box 7988
San Francisco, CA
94120-7988
www.SFHSA.org

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

DATE: Wednesday, May 18th, 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, Marcy Adelman, Morningstar Vancil, Eva Aber, Juliet Rothman, Tia Small, Kay Parekh, Chris Dillon, and Allegra Fortunati.

Members Absent: Kay Parekh, Allegra Fortunati (excused), Anne Warren (excused)

Guests:



London Breed
Mayor
Kelly Dearman
Executive Director

WELCOME: Call to order and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve the April 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved

President and Executive Director Report:

Acting Executive Director Cindy Kauffman discussed the issues of Laguna Honda and losing their certification for Medicare/Medicaid. They are hoping to get all the requirements to extend their certification extended within 30 days. Also addressed the needs assessments that won't be due until October but will need to start addressing these programs shortly.



P.O. Box 7988
San Francisco, CA
94120-7988
www.SFHSA.org

President Lawrence was on vacation but spoke on the Senior Housing Center in the Netherlands. Outside of Amsterdam there is a sustainable housing facility and their biggest challenge is to find nursing care for the residents. There was a TACC meeting that touched on training in the health care industry and Alameda County is focusing on the number of nursing in their area and the Master Plan.

Reports from the Field

President Lawrence gave an update on the Joint Leg Committee Meeting that several bills will go into suspense such as bills on housing and bills on police training for people with Alzheimer's, and Senator Weiner's CalFresh Bill on gender affirming training.

Marcy Adelman updated the Dignity Fund and they are in a new contract cycle with new budget allocations for technology and training, case management assessment. The HUB is trying to improve the waitlist for In Home Services and let's clients know there might be other resources available as well. Strategy is to improve wait times and add additional staff to serve under-represented populations.

Marcy Adelman gave us an update on the LGBTQ, Tom Nolan reviewed the recommendations of the task force helping older LGBTQ adults from 2014. The city was mandated in 2015 to collect SOJI data and DAS has been ahead in collecting the data. The new telehealth in the Curry Senior Services in the Tenderloin just received their funding to hire new staff that will target assisting BIPOC LGBTQ and long term Aids survivors.

Old Business and Updates

- **Site Visits**
 - **Tia Small - Castro Senior Center** did a virtual site visit and felt it was a stagnant web site that needs an update. Also, it is not a very accessible site. Tia met with the director Patrick Larkin and they are now serving hot lunch meals from Project Open Hand and it looks good. There was computer help that day with counseling and referral services offered unofficially by the director Patrick himself. And for communication they use many fliers because they



P.O. Box 7988
San Francisco, CA
94120-7988
www.SFHSA.org

estimate that only 15% of their clients are online. Seniors are returning to the center after 2 years of Covid and they have noticed the seniors have been affected.

- **Tia Small – Open House Senior Center** – virtual visit that she would rate as a 10 out of 10. Very accessible and visible site that was very easy to navigate and very interactive. Up to date listings for all activities. Tia went in person and met Carrie who is the director of in person facilities. Great facility, all very accessible with a number of activities for clients to choose from. Workshops, day health center, volunteers deliver groceries, and classes to choose from. Mon – Friday hot lunch is served in the courtyard which is a great facility. One concern was to try keep people in the houses for their lifestyle, IHSS supports them from 7:30am – 7pm but there is no support during the evening hours.
- **Director Dearman’s Executive Director’s Report:** Director Dearman wanted to let the council know about:

For the federal updates, budget priorities include for caregivers to be better equipped, working on transportation, elder justice, and connect health care and aging sectors to improve and lower health care costs. Strengthen systems to improve and support the workforce, technology, and improving health care for older adults.

Master Plan committee recommend focusing on building a system of care and ending older adult homelessness. The governor is focused on helping in the field and has people in the office working on that. C4A conference was last week to find out what other counties are working on.

On the local level Laguna Honda hospital has lost their ability to be funded by Medicare and Medical. DAS is in contact with them and has an active presence there to monitor the clients from the city. 114 residents there have a conservator or public guardian that are at stake if Laguna Honda gets closed. The residents are stressed out and anxious and fear that they will be moved to inadequate places due to lack of room for all 686 residents. Laguna Hospital has to reapply for certification and prepare for a hopefully unlikely situation if they have to close. Questions from Margaret Graf, Allen Cooper, Tia Small, President Lawrence, and Morningstar regarding what Laguna Hospital needs to do to stay open,



SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**Department of Disability
and Aging Services**

P.O. Box 7988
San Francisco, CA
94120-7988
www.SFHSA.org

where can the patients be relocated if the hospital closes and if their aid will remain if they are moved out of state and if the Council members can write letters of support or assistance for Laguna Honda. Chris Dillon asked if they are under temporary management, and Kelly let her know they are not there now. Margaret asked if any of the clients have any family that can take them back and Kelly responded that the residents just received a 60-day notice to start exploring those options.

May is Older America's month and DAS will host a celebration on May 26th.

Margaret Graf Speaking on 80 for 80 - 80 San Francisco residents over the age of 80 were interviewed, Holocaust survivors, internment camp survivors, retired baseball players were interviewed and quite a diverse group of amazing people who are still very active

Chris Dillon on District 11 – 20 years ago there was a riot with seniors against senior housing, but we have turned a page. But now there are new places opening in District 11. Permanent housing for the homeless coming in via HSS and there will be a community meeting on the matter next Thursday evening. There will be training through the family and process network for emergencies situations as to how to help seniors in their houses if they need evacuation help. There was no plan for a pandemic and there is vast amount of isolation due to no socialization and this has led to diminished cognitive abilities. The programs are starting to come back to up and running and friendly visits to isolated seniors.

Announcements

We need suggestions for CSL vacancies, there are 2 open seats.

Adjournment at 11:51pm