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

DATE: Wednesday, September 21th, 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, , Tia Small, , Allegra Fortunati, Eva Aber, , Morningstar Vancil, Marcy Adelman, and President Lawrence

Members Absent Excused: Juliet Rothman, Kay Parekh, Chris Dillon, Darlene Ramlose

Guests:

WELCOME: Call to order and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve August 17 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved

President Lawrence President's Report

President Lawrence reported from the TACC that SF has been working with the state and CSL on aging services. Spoke on reaching out to the various district supervisors and their staff for representation throughout the council.

Joint Leg report, the governor has 900 bills on desk to decide upon. Two CSL bills, maintenance allowance and that are in hope to be signed. Tracked the Care Courts as well and will meet in October to see what bill were passed/ vetoed



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Anne Warren spoke on CSL updates- will meet in October and have approximately 19 proposals that will be vetted into a top 10. Last year 8 of 10 were picked up and some are in position to be signed this year which puts the CSL in a great position.

Anne also asked about the budget, when a bill is passed on the floor, the budget committee should also try and pass the monetary amount for that bill simultaneously as the bill, so the funds are already there.

Allen asked about the CARE Court which was passed and signed and give people the right to take people that are deemed mentally ill to this court. And felt this was an encroachment on civil rights and could be used against people. Margaret Graf shared Allen's concerns and Allegra asked if SF has a behavior health court already and Allen responded yes and spoke on the problem of no housing for mentally unstable patients and seniors might suffer the most due to lack of support. Tia asked about court appointed conservatorships and most people do not want to accept that role because the courts are stringent on them.

Marcy Adelman LGBTQ Updates:

The California for All conference asking commissions for 3 top priorities to focus on. On Sep 8th Open House had grand opening delayed 2 years because of Covid. Focused primarily but not exclusively on LGBTQ adults. The CFA conference in Sacramento felt much more focused on disability and aging and there's been a change in the focus which was good to see.

Anne wanted to add she was very happy to attend and see that they added the three priorities from the commissions. Morningstar commented that the Curry House received a grant to help LGBTQ seniors with connecting and training them on iPads at Curry House or be able to go to their homes.

Marcy Adelman District 10 Updates:

Underlying problem is the city is not looking at the problems in District 10 for the clean up of the Naval Shipyard and it's affecting the residents of



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Hunters Point health. Allegra commented there was protests when she was on a community board and the city turned a blind eye to the pollutants in the ground that is now causing detrimental health effects.

Dignity Fund and Oversight Committee and this will start the service allocation plan which begins a new 4-year cycle. The RFP process will be detailed and sent out.

Eva site visit – Bayview/ Hunters Point Senior Center is the website intuitive and clear; Eva did not feel it was in the beginning. Most of the focus of the site was geared towards Bayview site. The font site was good, and the site was only in English but there was a clear list of services with clear contacts to reach out to. There was no audio for the site for vision impaired clients and Eva is looking forward to going to the location in person and do that portion of the visit.

Old Business and Updates

No old business

Announcements

Margaret shared about the 80 over 80 Project. 80 people all ages 80 and over from San Francisco will be celebrating October 17 at UC Hastings on top floor all the people who were involved of this project will be there to celebrate the release of this book.

Marcy announced 1939 Market St was bought for affordable housing and is LGBTQ welcoming.

Opportunities at Cal Academy Science for participants who are blind or low in vision as well as deaf persons to test for accessibility

Next meeting October 19th 2022

Adjournment at 11:48m