

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION (DAS)
MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Gustavo Serifa
called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

The (DAAS) Commission Secretary called the roll.

Present: Gustavo Serifa, Katie Loo, Martha Knutzen, Barbara Sklar and Janet Y. Spears

DAAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

President Serifa welcomed the newest Commissioner Barbara Sklar to the DAS Commission

Commissioner Sklar gave the Commission a few words of insight on her background.

A motion to approve the February 5, 2020 Commission meeting agenda.

The motion was unanimously approved

A motion to approve the January 10, 2020 Commission meeting minutes

The motion was unanimously approved

Director's Report/Executive Director Shireen McSpadden

Executive Director McSpadden welcomed Commissioner Barbara Sklar to the DAS Commission and is looking forward to the great experience she will bring to the Commission. Next, Ms. McSpadden acknowledged Commissioner Katie Loo and stated how much she has enjoyed working with her over the years. At the federal level, Ms. McSpadden reported on the Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization. Last week leaders on the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions and Aging Committees introduced a bipartisan bicameral compromise bill to reauthorize the OAA for five years. The support of OAA in 2020 reflects a diligent effort from both the US Senate and the House of Representative law makers to achieve an OAA reauthorization proposal that supports the needs of the nation's growing number of older adults. Included were many of the priorities that the National Association of Areal Agencies on Aging (n4a) has been lobbying for at the federal level. The final compromise measure includes many of the same or slightly modified provisions that were in the House bill that Ms. McSpadden mentioned earlier. N4A endorsed the bill and it is looking optimistic in the aging advocacy field that the Senate and House would advance the compromise measure. We need to continue to aggressively push the legislature to get this passed. Ms. McSpadden asked the DAS Joint Legislative Committee to take this up when they meet next to see if they can offer support locally with our law makers to remind them of the importance of the OAA. At the state level, Ms. McSpadden reported on the Master Plan

for Aging. Ms. McSpadden is also a member of the Research Sub-Committee for the Master Plan on Aging. The Subcommittee focused on what data is available now that can be collected and used state-wide, what systems are available and can be expanded, how do we think about good outcomes for older adults in California and how to track once the Master Plan is in place. The California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) of which Ms. McSpadden is president, and the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) have very strong opinions on the actual structure of the Master Plan and how the money flows from the state into localities. There is definitely a difference of opinion on what those two groups want. C4A prefers the Triple-As as they are now but wants them to be the place where people come for services. The CWDA is interested with having the AAAs sit within welfare departments in every county and they were urging the state to increase the number of AAAs. Ms. McSpadden heads to Sacramento tomorrow to continue conversations with c4a and the CWDA on what the Master Plan for Aging structure should ultimately look like. The plan needs to be completed and on the Governor's desk by October 2020 but even then Ms. McSpadden believes we might not know what the actual structure is going to look like at that time. Ms. McSpadden plans to update the DAS Commission monthly on the state level activities. On a local level, some managers at the Human Services Agency (HSA) are receiving a Good Government award from the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR). The SPUR award is a very prestigious award that is given to managers who are innovative, collaborative and have done great government work to serve San Franciscans. One of this year's award recipients is the CalFresh Expansion team which is an integrated team with people from all parts of HAS. The Expansion team has done a phenomenal job of reaching-out and actually getting a huge amount of people signed on to CalFresh many of them being older adults and SSI recipients. Next, Ms. McSpadden mentioned the racial equity work that HSA is doing. HSA's leadership team has decided to focus first on internal practices and staff so that staff feels safe and supported and that they are better able to serve San Franciscans in general. HSA plans to dig deep into their human resource practices by looking at how they decide who gets promotions, how they coordinate outreach to the community, and how to examine their disciplinary processes and ensure there is equity around these issues. In addition, DAS will pull together an internal team to think about culture and equity within their own department. Ms. McSpadden believes this is very important and is excited about this work and hopes to create equity at all levels within the organization. Ms. McSpadden mentioned that DAS is beginning their interfaith work again. Tom Nolan is the lead for DAS staff and is working closely with Michael Pappas from the Interfaith Council. Ms. McSpadden hopes to get the word out to people of various faiths within the community and who are interested in coming together to work on a toolkit. Ms. McSpadden mentioned that DAS and their Community partners are getting ready to embark on Reframing Aging Phase II. Also mentioned, was the very challenging work that is going to be needed to get Reframing Aging Phase II off the ground. This will take a number of months to pull together but Ms. McSpadden hopes to have this next phase out by late summer or early fall. Lastly, the draft Area Plan for FY 21-24 will be presented to the DAS Commission's Advisory Council to get their input on February 19. March 4, the Area Plan will be presented to the DAS Commission and in April DAS staff will return to the DAS Commission to seek approval.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Ken Yeung from the DAS Benefits and Resource Hub was honored by Executive Director McSpadden and the DAS Commission for his hard work and dedication.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/ President Diane Lawrence

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2019

1. Advisory Council

- a. Met on January 15, 2020.
- b. Welcomed new member Allen Cooper from District 6 and potential new member, Janice Pettey from District 7 who attended as a guest.
- c. A representative from Census 2020
 - i. Timetable was reviewed along with the process for the Census
 - ii. There is work being done at meal sites that will help answer questions
 - iii. Accessibility and assistance with technology is important.
 - iv. There are 9 questions on the Census-these are posted on line.
 - v. Some of the Advisory Council members have applied for jobs with the Census
- d. Master Plan
 - i. Dr. Marcy Adelman provided an update on the Alzheimer's Task Force which had not met by the meeting date.
- e. Area Plan Presentation—2021-2024
 - i. Team received guidance with the focus to simplify the process
 - ii. Structured by the 5 goals of the Department
 1. Using actionable statements that we can accomplish
 2. At this February meeting, the Council will discuss what specific objectives the Council may want to focus on
 - iii. All members were sent the previous plans along with the Strategic Action Plan
- f. Membership
 - i. We continue to work on membership—new members and re-appointments
- g. Site Visit reports will be presented at the February meeting

2. Legislation

- a. Our first Joint Leg Committee meeting was held on January 15, 2020.
- b. The Committee focused on the bills that were left over from last year
 - i. We discussed that the Master Plan will impact legislation and that there are placeholder bills

- c. There was very little activity the first 2 weeks of the session.
- d. Calendar:
 - i. January 24—last day to hear and report to the floor; bills introduced in that house last year (odd-numbered year); also, last day to submit to the Leg Committee
 - ii. January 31—was the last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house last year (odd-numbered year)
 - iii. February 21—last day for the bills to be introduced
- e. California Senior Legislature
 - i. Stills working on official bills
 - ii. Medi-Cal Long Term Care: Personnel Needs Allowance has been introduced again. Will raise the personnel allowance from \$35 to \$80 per month
 - iii. AP5—Senior Housing Developments: Cohabitants has Assembly Member Phil Ting as a sponsor.

LTCCC REPORT/Jacy Cohen

Ms. Cohen reported on the highlights of the Thursday, January 9, 2020 Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) meeting. The topics provided at the January 9th meeting included the Dignity Fund’s Allocation plan for the \$3M growth funding and the City College of San Francisco potential closure of fifty-eight classes and the challenges of class closures. The Nominations and Membership Committee provided an update on open LTCCC member positions including the vacant labor seat, the In-Home Support Services Workforce representation and the open seat in the hospital and health services category. The Steering Committee introduced a recommendation to move from monthly meetings to bi-monthly meetings beginning in July 2020. Staff members from the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) presented on the Health Care Services Master Plan. DPH staff also provided a presentation on the overview of the San Francisco Health and Improvement Partnership, a city wide initiative designed to improve the health and wellness of all San Franciscans. Brief updates on related partner efforts were provided, including: the California Advancing and Innovated Medical (CalAIM), the 2020 Census, the Behavioral Health Workgroup and the Transportation and Workforce Group.

CASE REPORT/Greg Moore

Mr. Moore reported that on January 13, CASE staff hosted the first Dignity Fund Service Providers Workgroup meeting under the new leadership structure led by CASE and the Dignity Fund Coalition. DAS staff Melissa McGee and Rose Johns presented an overview of the Dignity Fund Data and Evaluation Report followed by questions and answers. Mr. Moore attended the CASE and DAS monthly standing meeting. One topic discussed was CASE’s 2020-21 funding ask. Also discussed, the status of City College of San Francisco’s senior classes. CASE pledged to continue efforts to support the full restoration of all cancelled senior classes and a permanent secure funding stream. CASE’s February meeting will consist of a transportation panel with participants from San Francisco Municipal Transportation (SFMTA) Accessibility Services, Transdev and Transit riders. CASE’s March 2020 meeting will include Mason Smith of Cruise

Automation. Mr. Smith will present on autonomous technology– a resource that could have significant impact on seniors and persons with disabilities and transportation needs.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities; during the period of February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$62,103 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$486,308. Mike Zaugg presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- B. Review and Approval of the DAS FY 20-21 and 21-22 Budget. Dan Kaplan presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Lehman welcome Commissioner Sklar and thanked Commissioner Loo for her years of service. Ms. Lehman continued on to thank Dan Kapan and his team for a clear budget presentation and the focus on services. Ms. Lehman would like to see more funding for permanent housing and mentioned that housing is the major issue talked about amongst seniors and people with disabilities. Ms. Lehman had two questions for the Commission. The first question was regarding the Board of Supervisors working with the Homeless Coalition and the new budget transparency rules that were created. The next question was concerning the decrease in the Office of Community Partnership’s funding and asked why IHSS health and dental funding was lowered.

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jessica Lehman commented that she is delighted to be working with DAS staff Valerie Colman on the Census 2020 and trying to have effective outreach to seniors and people with disabilities. Ms. Lehman stressed that people with disabilities are considered one of the hard to count and undercounted populations. Ms. Lehman announced that on Friday, February 14, there will be a workshop at the Born Auditorium (170 Otis Street) from 2-4:00 PM for individuals and organizations who are interested in learning about and participating in senior outreach. Ms. Lehman mentioned that Senior and Disability Action is now hiring Peer Outreach Specialists to help with the Census 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Loo announced that this is her last meeting and gave thanks to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Executive Director Shireen McSpadden and Commission President Gustavo Serriña for allowing her to serve the disabled and senior community for eight years.

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary