

# LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC)

San Francisco's Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) advises the Mayor and City on policy, planning, and service delivery issues for older adults and people with disabilities to promote an integrated and accessible long-term care system.

*Long Term Care System refers to the continuum of home, community-based, and institutional services and supports that help to address the medical and non-medical needs of people with limitations*

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**DATE:** THURSDAY, MARCH 11th, 2021

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Minutes

### **Members:**

**Present:** Alex Jackson, Akiko Takeshita, Amie Haltman-Caron, Ana Ayala, Benson Nadell, Bill Hirsh, Cathy Spensley, Cindy Kauffman, Debby Kaplan, Elizabeth Hewson, Erin McAuliff, Fiona Hinze, Jacy Cohen, Jennifer Walsh, Jessica Lehman, Julie Lifshay, Kelly Dearmna, Laura Liesem, Margy Baran, Mark Burns, Marie Jobling, Michael Blecker, Michi Yukawa, Ramona Davies, Samantha Hogg, Sandi Mori, Kate Shadoan, Shireen McSpadden, Traci Dobronravova, Valorie Villela

### **Members**

**Absent:** Anne Romero, Cathy Davis, Eileen Kunz, Jesus Guillen, Marlene Hunn, Patty Clement-Cihak, Susie Smith, Yomi Wrong

**Guests:** Jessica Rotthaar, Yoland Harris, Nora Martin-Wade, Carley Clemons

### WELCOME

### MINUTES & INTRODUCTIONS

#### DISCUSSION

##### **LTCCC 2021-2022 draft Policy Agenda/Laura Liesem**

Ms. Liesem delivered a detailed report on the work that the Steering Committee accomplished with policy agenda recommendations. Ms. Liesem asked council members to review the notes and provide feedback. The changes will once again be reviewed by the Steering Committee and then brought back to the LTCCC Council for a full-body vote.

#### UPDATES

##### **Long Term Care Consumer Rights Advocacy/Jessica Lehman**

Ms. Lehman presented an overview on the Long Term Care Rights Advocacy campaign contract between Senior and Disability Action and DAS. Ms. Lehman mentioned that to-date the number one issue with constituents is the housing need and landlord-tenant disputes.

## UPDATE

## **Review Policy Agenda Areas & Legislation**

### **HEALTH**

#### **Related Partner Efforts/Jessica Lehman/Fiona Hinze**

Ms. Hinze updated the council on the San Francisco IHSS taskforce by announcing the Vaccine Information Session for IHSS consumers and providers. This session will take place on Friday, March 12, 2021. Ms. Lehman stated that the taskforce is continuing to work with the regional IHSS taskforce on getting the state to extend flexibility on video and phone reassessments for IHSS consumers to make the process easier for all.

#### **Behavioral Health/DAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden**

Ms. McSpadden provided the Council with a Behavioral Health Project slide presentation for Human Services Agency (HSA) staff Susie Smith. The presentation included project objectives such as: identifying gaps in mental health service for skilled nursing and assistant living facilities (SNF) residents, exploring the role of telehealth in provision of mental health services and the role of digital access for social engagement, exploring access to socialization opportunities in the context of COVID-19 and the role of social engagement /connection as a factor in maintaining mental health and producing recommendations for best practices and promising approaches in mental health service delivery to SNF residents. Ms. McSpadden mentioned the SNF survey that Ms. Smith also mentioned in the January LTCCC meeting. The survey was distributed to staff at SNFs. The deadline to submit the survey is Friday, March 19, 2021.

#### **HOUSING/Jessica Lehman**

Ms. Lehman provided an update on the Long Term Care Housing taskforce and mentioned the flow issue. People are moving out of nursing homes and do not have the transitional housing option because individuals who are currently living in transitional housing do not have access to permanent supportive housing. Ms. Lehman said the taskforce is looking at other avenues to assist with this issue.

#### **NUTRITION/DAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden**

Ms. McSpadden stated that HSA and DAS remains engaged in COVID-19 nutrition work and continues to see people across the life span experiencing food insecurity. HSA and DAS are addressing these issues in a variety of ways. DAS is working with the Mayor's Budget Office on next year's budget which is expected to have less funding than the current year. DAS is also working with philanthropy to partner with and provide the needed funding that the city is unable to cover itself. Ms. McSpadden hopes that with the signing of President Biden's stimulus package we will continue to see dollars flowing down that will provide nutritional services and meals for the next year because the effect of COVID is expected to continue for quite some time.

#### **SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT**

**No updates**

#### **TRANSPORTATION/Jacy Cohn**

Ms. Cohen gave some highlights on Group Van Re-Launch a reintroduction taskforce in which Ms. Cohen is a member of. The taskforce was assembled to take a look at what riders should expect from the re-launch of all group van services. All of the participating agencies stated that there is no clear path to return to full congregate services at this time and are looking to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to provide guidance in regards to their physical space capacity.

**WORKFORCE**

No updates

**STATE LEVEL EFFORTS**

No updates

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcement

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3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow

**NEXT MEETING** Thursday, May 13, 2021 1-3:00 PM:

**LOCATION:** Zoom remote meeting