SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
Department of Disability and Aging Services

Disability & Aging Services Advisory & Oversight Council

Voter approved changes



Changes in Legislation

- **Streamlines** how the City oversees aging and disability services.

- **DAS Commission stays in place** but after January 1, 2027, its governing rules will live in Admin Code, not Charter

- **All prior advisory bodies for DAS** (e.g., Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Advisory Council to DAS Commission) **are replaced** by a new body: the **Disability and Aging Services Advisory and Oversight Council**.

- The “Council” has a more diverse membership, expanded responsibilities, and formalized role in planning and evaluating Dignity Fund services

Composition

More diverse membership

- 22 members
  - Commission – 2 seats + 6 community/community provider members
  - BOS – 11 members
  - Mayor – 3 members

- At least 50% must be age 60+

- Must include people with disabilities, service providers, older adults, and those with greatest social/economic need

- Must be geographically and culturally representative

Responsibilities of New Council

Inherited from AAA Advisory

- Represent older adults and caregivers.
- Advise DAS as the Area Agency on Aging.
- Identify service gaps and unmet needs.
- Participate in planning processes.
- Review program performance.
- Promote public participation.
- Inform policy and budget priorities.
- Advise the DAS Commission.

Inherited from DF Oversight & Advisory

- Oversee Dignity Fund implementation.
- Review Community Needs Assessments.
- Review Services and Allocation Plans.
- Review spending priorities.
- Recommend funding decision processes.
- Review evaluation and data reports.
- Promote transparency and accountability.
- Recommend performance outcomes.
- Promote innovation and capacity-building.

Responsibility	AAA Advisory Council	Dignity Fund Oversight Committee	New DAS Advisory & Oversight Council
Community representation	✓ Primary responsibility	Secondary	✓ Expanded community
Consumer advocacy	✓ Primary	Secondary	✓ Yes
Needs assessment review	✓ Area Plan needs assessment	✓ Community Needs Assessment (CNA) review	✓ Both
Service planning	✓ Area Plan development	✓ Services and Allocation (SAP)review	✓ Both
Program evaluation	✓ Reviews aging program effectiveness	✓ Reviews Dignity Fund evaluation reports	✓ Review evaluation reports for all DF-eligible services
Provider engagement	✓ Limited	✓ Explicit duty	✓ Members of Council as well as outreach to community

Responsibility	AAA Advisory Council	Dignity Fund Oversight Committee	New DAS Advisory & Oversight Council
Advice to DAS	✓ Core function	✓ Core function	✓ Core function
Advice to DAS Commission	✓ Core function	Limited	✓ Limited
Dignity Fund oversight	No	✓ Core function	✓ Core function
Spending plan review	No	✓ Core function	✓ Core function
Funding allocation recommendations	Limited	✓ Core function	✓ Core function
Accountability and transparency	Advisory only	✓ Explicit duty	✓ Explicit duty
Data systems and outcomes recommendations	Limited	✓ Explicit duty	✓ Explicit duty

Expanded and formalized responsibilities

- Legislation expands the former AAA Advisory Council
- Traditional AAA advisory councils generally provide recommendations on aging services but do not have a formally defined role in reviewing:
  - Dedicated funding streams
  - Allocation methodologies
  - Services and Allocation Plans
- New Council is a consolidated governance body that combines:
  - Community advisory role of the AAA Advisory Council, and an
  - Accountability and funding oversight role of the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee

Next Steps

- Changes go into effect January 2027
- Current Advisory seats expired
- Current OAC on hold
- LTCCC & Service Provider Working Group bodies eliminated
  - Work with new Council and community to incorporate service provider input
- Determine interest, from current members in new Council
- DAS to work with Commission, BOS, and Mayor to identify new members

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