

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

DATE: Wednesday, November 16th, 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, President Diane Lawrence, Anne Warren, Tia Small, Allegra Fortunati, Eva Aber, Morningstar Vancil, Marcy Adelman, Darlene Ramlose, , and Chris Dillon. Juliet Rothman, Darlene Ramlose, and Eva Aber

Members Absent Excused: Allegra Fortunati and Morningstar Vancil

WELCOME: Call to order and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve October 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved

Executive Director Dearman's Report: November is Family Caregiver's month-opportunity to acknowledge caregivers and DAS likes to extend their amazing work. The RFP for the Disability Cultural Center was announced in October. The online resource directory will go online for DAS in February. Wanted to thank and acknowledge the student nurses that give the influenza shots for HSA. Did speak with Sup. Walton about getting a new member for District 10 and spoke with Sup Ronen as well. Lastly DAS is extremely proud of Commissioner Bittner who has been appointed to the National Disability Council by President Biden.

President Lawrence Report: we started to update the Adv Council handbook to update it with new updates to site visits, members, etc. Will add links to resource directories (automatically updated). Asked council members to review the drafts and please update if necessary. No Dec meeting and Jill Nielsen will be the guest speaker in Jan. Juliet was working on pedestrian safety in San Francisco.

Dignity Fund is looking for a volunteer to join the DF Oversight and Advisory Committee. Many priorities will be worked on in the next few months.

Allen asked Director Dearman about the Disability Cultural Center and what services can they provide, Director Dearman let him know that when the RFP is awarded they will know specifically and there will be many services provided online as well. Mike Zaugg concurred and added that the hope that it will be very community driven by needs in terms of services provided.

Margaret Graf Bylaws: Elenore Lurie, Morningstar Vancil, and President Lawrence all assisted. The last time the bylaws were changed was 2015 so we are looking to make much needed updates and we wanted to be in conjunction with the DAS Commission's bylaws.

Proposing: (which can be amended) documents that gives us parameters. The members let the motion come to a vote for the new bylaws.

A vote was taken to approve the DAS Advisory Council updated by laws that are dated 10/31/2022 and was approved unanimously.

Allen Cooper spoke on the nominees for positions on the Council which will be voted on in January. The motion to accept the slate was approved unanimously.

President Lawrence: asked the members to provide any recommendations for new council members to recommend to the supervisors. Making updates to the Board of Supervisor website for outdated council members and updating the council member application form.

Site Visit from Juliet Rothman – Aquatic Park Senior Center

Asked if could do both virtual and in person site visits. Juliet felt that it was hard to find this senior center online because of how it was listed online through Sequoia. Once at the site, it is easy to find listing of their services on their site. Contact info is easily accessible and reception and assistance, but the font cannot be adjusted, and the fonts seem small. Oldest senior center in the nation and has been operating continuously. Center serves 150 daily and opens at 9am – 3:30pm Mon – Friday. Lunch is provided on an optional donation basis of \$2 and only needs an ID to get served. Many activities and fitness activities are provided and a tech with a computer lab for all to use with workshops. The center also has a Zoom activity program which began during Covid but will be extended due to popularity.

Site Visit from Eva Aber Western Addition Senior Center: The main entrance is closed due to construction but can enter through side door. Met with the Director Robin Bell and was given a tour and they do have many classes, but they do have lower number of attendees due to the pandemic. The biggest participation is for the free meals which they serve about 150-200 meals per day. About 50 served on site and then 150 served to go. There is a computer lab room available to all members as well. The center also does much more than that is stated on their one-page website.

Anne Warren on CSL Updates: Getting ready for new bills in January and ready to work with the legislative committee.

Old Business and Updates: Margaret Graf wanted to let the council know, since it is Caregiver's month, of an open meeting of caregiving upcoming this Friday at noon. President Lawrence thanked everyone and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Announcements

No meeting in December 2022

Next meeting January 18th 2022

Adjournment at 11:35am