

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION (DAS)
MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

The (DAAS) Commission Secretary called the roll.

Present: Gustavo Seriña, Katie Loo, Steve Arcelona, Martha Knutzen, Michael Pappas, Janet Y. Spears and Tedi Vriheas

DAAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

A motion to approve the January 10, 2020 Commission meeting agenda.

The motion was unanimously approved

A motion to approve the December 4, 2019 Commission meeting minutes

The motion was unanimously approved

Director's Report/Executive Director Shireen McSpadden

At the federal level, Executive Director McSpadden reported on the December National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) Board meeting in Washington DC. The December meeting is designated to next year's policy priorities. The issues that came up were expected issues which included aging and homelessness and food and security. Ms. McSpadden also mentioned the workforce issues around caregiving, gerontology and geriatricians. There was also a big focus on the need for jobs for older adults and the need for support for jobs for older adults and advocacy. Ms. McSpadden stated that it's always interesting to hear from other people across the country and sobering to realize that these issues are widespread. Next, Ms. McSpadden mentioned that City College of San Francisco (CCSF) announced that they intended to immediately cut fifty of the fifty-eight classes from the Older Adult Learning Program. The Mayor's Office, Board of Supervisors and DAS were very dedicated to figure out how to preserve some of those classes for older adults. Fortunately, because of the Dignity Fund and the 'one time only' funding available, DAS was able to work with the Mayor's Office to preserve some of the classes by funding the classes directly for three years. Ms. McSpadden said that they are still working through the details of what that will look like but older adults in San Francisco are very excited that their classes will continue. Ms. McSpadden presented a mid-year update of the FY 19-20 Action Plan

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Marie Morabe from the DAS Office of In-Home Support Services (IHSS) was honored by Executive Director McSpadden and the DAS Commission for her hard work and dedication.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/ President Diane Lawrence

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Advisory Council did not meet in December. This report summarizes the work the Advisory did in 2019.

1. Legislation

- a. Our first Joint Leg Committee meeting will be on January 15, 2020.
- b. The Joint Legislative Committee began tracking over 50 bills at the start of the year and by the end we focused on 46.
- c. Passed—19s Bills were signed and chaptered—See October 2019 Report for details.
- d. Vetoed—the Governor vetoed the 6 bills and issued veto messages for them.
 - i. AB 506 Kalra: Long-term health facilities.
 1. This bill revises the criteria used by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to impose class "AA" violations in long-term care facilities.
Patient safety and quality care is of the utmost importance, and I am committed to protecting the vulnerable residents of long-term health care facilities. This bill began as a laudable effort to update the standard for determining a facility's responsibility for the death of a patient or resident. However, I am concerned that the language, in its current form, would create more confusion than clarity and would not help CDPH to enforce the law.
I encourage the Legislature and stakeholders to work with CDPH toward a resolution that enables the Department to better hold facilities accountable for causing the death of a patient or resident.
 - ii. AB 550 Flora and Berman: Veterans: Medical Foster Home Pilot Program.
 1. This bill would authorize a Medical Foster Home Pilot Program for veterans that would be exempt from state licensure or regulation and subject only to oversight by the federal government.
Other community care facilities in the state are subject to licensure and regulation by the Department of Social Services to ensure safety standards and safeguards.
The state should maintain oversight of the operation of the homes proposed under this bill to ensure that California veterans in these homes do not have fewer safety protections than residents in other community care settings.
Therefore, I am directing the California Health and Human Services Agency and the Department of Social Services to explore a workable regulatory model, including any necessary statutory changes, to allow such a pilot program to move forward. I am committed to working collaboratively on a regulatory model that preserves California's oversight and values while allowing for Medical Foster Homes to operate in our state.
 - iii. AB 970 Salas: California Department of Aging: grants: transportation.

1. This bill would fund near-zero emission and zero emission vehicles for transportation to nonemergency medical services for older individuals and disabled persons by allocating Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) dollars through the Clean Mobility Options program. While funding additional types of near-zero emission or zero emission vehicles may help the State meet both the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing community access to nonemergency medical service transport, this bill would create a cost pressure on the GGRF. This allocation of potentially many millions of dollars should be discussed as part of the overall GGRF expenditure plan in the budget.
- iv. **AB 1382 Aguiar-Curry: Master Plan for Aging.**
1. These bills [1382 and SB 611] create an aging housing task force and a master plan for aging that focuses on workforce priorities, and require the state to consider applying to join a voluntary network. Earlier this year, I issued Executive Order N-14-19, which directs the Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency to work with a broad array of stakeholders, including the Legislature, to develop a Master Plan for Aging to serve as a blueprint that can be used by state government, local communities, private organizations and philanthropy to build environments that promote healthy aging. Issues relating to workforce and affordable housing needs, as well as opportunities to engage with other jurisdictions, will be considered as part of this holistic approach to addressing the needs of older Californians. When the Master Plan is completed, I look forward to working with the Legislature to evaluate and implement its recommendations.
- v. **SB 127 Wiener: Transportation funding: active transportation: complete streets.**
1. I am returning Senate Bill 127 without my signature. This bill creates a process to require the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to add complete streets elements to certain projects on state highways. I fully support improving facilities to increase walking, biking and accessing public transit. However, this bill creates a prescriptive and costly approach to achieve these objectives. By implementing my Executive Order N-19-19, Caltrans is increasing and accelerating its investments in active transportation where appropriate and feasible. I am committed to holding the department accountable to deliver more alternatives to driving while continuing to maintain our state's highways and bridges. The new leadership we are putting in place at Caltrans will be key in implementing this vision and approach.
- vi. **SB 611 Caballero: Housing: elderly and individuals with disabilities.**
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- e. There were 11 bills where no action was taken before the September 13, 2019 deadline

- f. There are 10 bills that were held “Under Submission” and we should know by the next meeting if any action is taken on these.
- g. The California Senior Legislature released their priorities for 2020. They were detailed originally in the December report and are presented again here.
 - 1. AP-1: Oral Health Care in Skilled Nursing Facilities
This measure would require the State Department of Public Health to promulgate regulations to authorize registered dental hygienists in alternative practice to provide oral health in-service training to staff in skilled nursing facilities and provide oral health care services in skilled nursing facilities.
 - 2. SP-13: Medi-Cal: Long Term Care: Personal Needs Allowance
This measure would increase the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$80 per month and annually adjust the personal needs allowance by the same percentage as the consumer price index.
 - 3. SP-2: Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly: Emergency Disaster Plans
This measure would require the Department of Social Services, the Office of Emergency Services, and the California Department of Technology, in partnership with the private sector, to develop and implement a secure online Emergency Management Database with an Emergency Disaster Technology Tool, to be maintained by the Department of Social Services and accessible by emergency response personnel, and would require all licensed RCFEs to upload their emergency and disaster plans to the database by July 1, 2021
 - 4. AP-15: Proposition 13: Real Property Taxes Senior Portability
This measure would authorize any person over 55 years of age or any severely and permanently disabled person to transfer the base year value of an original property to a replacement dwelling located in a different county without the adoption of a county ordinance so providing and to allow the transfer more than one time.
 - 5. AP-4 Task Force: Missing Individuals with Memory or Cognitive Impairment
This measure would establish a statewide task force to develop strategies for preventing cognitively impaired individuals from going missing and locating cognitively impaired individuals who have gone missing.
 - 6. AP- 5: Senior Citizen Housing Developments: Cohabitants
This measure would prohibit any rule or regulation that would prohibit a qualifying resident in a senior citizen housing development from sharing their home with an appropriate roommate, cohabitant, or co-occupant for companionship, caregiving, or increased income.
 - 7. SP-1: Health Care: Medical Goods
This measure would allocate \$800,000 for a 3-year pilot program to establish a comprehensive reuse and recycle program for home-based medical equipment and home health supplies for the counties of Napa, Solano, and Sonoma.
 - 8. SP-7: Residential Care Facilities
This measure would allow a hospice-certified, terminally ill patient who has been diagnosed with a prohibited health condition to remain in a residential

care facility for the elderly, under hospice supervision, so the patient can remain in familiar surroundings with family and friends in the final days of the patient's life. This measure would further memorialize the legislature and the governor to enact legislation that would authorize the staff of a residential care facility for the elderly to administer certain palliative care medications to a patient who is incapable of self-administering those medications.

9. AP 7: California Community Colleges: Equal Funding for Noncredit Education

This measure would equalize the funding formula for all California Community College noncredit programs and courses.

10. AP-12: Travel Safety

This would require all hotels, motels, inns, and bed and breakfasts to install grab bars in the tub and shower areas and nonskid surfaces on the tub and shower floors in all rooms available for public accommodation by January 1, 2025.

The following were identified as the **Top Four Federal Legislative proposals**:

1. AFP-1: Personal Income Taxes: Earned Income Tax Credit: Age Limit

This measure would eliminate the upper age limit for individuals who do not have

a qualifying child and allow an individual who is 65 years of age or older to claim

this credit.

2. SFP-4: Financial Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporting

This measure would amend the Federal Bank Secrecy Act to explicitly include suspected Elder Financial Abuse as a condition that triggers mandatory filing of suspicious activity reports by financial institutions, including money services

businesses, increase penalties for financial institutions that fail to report elder financial abuse, and hold financial institutions fully liable for reimbursement of financial losses suffered as a result of elder financial abuse. The measure would propose that the Federal Government increase its enforcement activities against financial institutions that facilitate elder financial abuse.

3. SFP-1: Health Care: Medical Registries

This measure would research the benefits of creating, and would establish, a National Registry for Seniors Hospitalized for a Traumatic Injury.

4. SFP-2: Taxes

This measure would reauthorize the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and amend the Internal Revenue Code to add low-income older adults to the list of specified groups for whom employers may claim a Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

2. Membership

- a. The Council filled 1 Commission vacant seat and there are 2 still open
- b. Two Board of Supervisor seats were filled at year end with a third pending.
- c. For the coming year:

- i. there are 4 Commission and are 5 BOS re-appointments to be made. Our plan is to consolidate the re-appointment process where we can.
- ii. There are 2 BOS openings—districts 1 (Fewer) and 6 (Haney). We will reach out to these supervisors again and set up meetings if necessary

3. Site Visits

- a. 10 site visits were completed
- b. Nutrition sites that had not been visited in the recent past have been prioritized and assigned. The target is our February meeting to begin reporting.

4. The Pedestrian Safety Committee

- a. The Committee presented a preliminary report and the Council decided to continue efforts this year.
- b. Paratransit and other transportation issues will be considered.

5. The topics for this year are:

- a. Census 2020—speaker planned for January
- b. Master Plan for Aging/Alzheimer’s
- c. Pedestrian Safety/Paratransit
- d. Housing—speaker tentatively planned for March
- e. Isolation

TACC/Diane Lawrence:

1. TACC—The Triple –A Council of California met December 3-4, 2019
2. Presentations’ Summaries
 - a. Meeting Dates
 - i. February 26 and 27 to coincide with Advocacy Day at the Legislature
 - ii. May 11 and 12 to coincide with Senior Rally Day on May 11.
 - iii. October 27 and 28
 - iv. December 1 and 2
 - b. Commission on Aging Report
 - i. Master Plan for Aging—8 Commissioners are working on various working groups and committees.
 - ii. On the ENGAGE Ca website one can sign in for updates--
EngAGE@aging.ca.gov
 - iii. The California Department of Aging is launching Wednesday Webinars in January to discuss high priority topics for the Master Plan. One can sign up for the webinars on the website.
 - iv. The Commission (CCoA) website has links to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and various subcommittees. The subcommittee reports are due at various times during 2020 and will be incorporated into the final report.
 - v. Elder Economic Forum

1. A White Paper was to be written by a UCLA student based on Forum findings and that report was to be given to the Governor this week.
 2. At the Commission's January 7 and 8 meeting a discussion on Health Disparities in Underrepresented Communities was to be presented.
- c. Reports for PSAs
- i. PSAs are focusing on the Census, wildfire safety, Master Plan—local forums were held, emergency planning.
 - ii. There is change being planned for LA County and City—their focus is homelessness, shared housing. Because of the county's size in population and geography there are some unique challenges.
 - iii. Future topics
 1. Shelf stable foods
 2. APS
 3. Public Benefit and caregiving.
- d. California Healthy Aging Initiative from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- i. Programs within the CDPH will be coordinated and leveraged under a broader Healthy Framework which will
 1. Align resources with a focused coordinated leadership
 2. Acknowledge the aging spectrum, determinants of health, and the interconnected health issues that impact older adults and their families and caregivers
 3. Focus on primary prevention
 4. Enhance cross-sector partnerships.
 - ii. Looking at Healthy Brain Initiative and have received \$750k funding for grants to rural (2), coastal (1), and urban counties (3)
 - iii. A division is being set up to handle addictions.
 - iv. A plan is being developed and the goal is to launch in October.
- e. Creating a Welcoming Environment for All, presented by the Friendly Visitor Coordinator for the Lavender Senior Center in the East Bay
- i. Focus is improving the quality of life for the LGBTQ community
 - ii. Two major programs
 1. Friendly Visitor Program working with community volunteers to visit isolated seniors with a goal of once weekly.
 2. Safe and Visible designed for healthcare workers to help make the community more comfortable speaking appropriately with LGBTQ seniors. This program is posted on line and available to anyone.
- f. Census 2020 Update—well-funded by the Legislature

- i. California Complete Count is reaching out to the community and trusted resources for help
 - ii. Samples of questions are already online
 - iii. Focusing on how to reach hard to count populations—
 - 1. those with technology limitations—there will be paper forms, phone and in person follow up if no response.
 - iv. group living arrangements—a point person will be used to do the counting. This includes everything from dorms to congregate living facilities.
 - v. Strong communication presence—social media, YouTube, web-based materials and videos.
 - vi. Ten regions have been set up each with their own managers tasked with overseeing the count in their communities
 - vii. April 1 is Census Day and there are no citizenship questions.
 - viii. Hacking and data integrity is a big issue and work is being done to monitor and prevent.
 - ix. Census Bureau has a strategy to count homeless, college students, nursing homes, etc.
 - x. It was recommended during the discussion to contact Independent Living Resource Centers for assistance as a trusted source.
- g. Listos (It's Ready) California—Helping Communities Prepare for Natural Disasters
- i. This program was started in June 2019 and is a collaboration between the state and Community Based Organizations.
 - ii. \$50 million in urgency funding was set aside
 - iii. Goals include
 - 1. A social diverse and isolated community
 - 2. Bolster resiliency
 - 3. Empower selves for safety
 - iv. Grants have been disbursed to 24 counties and Catholic Charities is contracted with 8—Butte, Glenn, Shasta, Trinity, Napa, Sonoma, Imperial and San Diego
 - v. What is emergency preparedness to them?
 - 1. Internal Consistent Terminology
 - a. Food resource centers
 - b. Residential sites
 - c. Congregate meal sites
 - 2. External
 - a. Trusted agencies by older persons
 - b. Red Cross, local Departments of Emergency Management.
 - 3. In San Diego, for example,
 - a. Reaching out with clear, concise, and culturally specific messages
 - b. Specifics

- i. Alert San Diego—getting folks to sign up for text alerts.
 - ii. Reverse 911
 - iii. Go To Bags
 - c. Technical Assistance in signing up for the Alerts and Reverse 911.
 - d. Training Curriculum
 - i. Types of emergencies—smoke detectors for wildfire areas; earthquake preparedness.
 - ii. Specific and small group focused.
 - iii. Top 10 Tips has been completed in San Diego contact was modified for Imperial County.
 - e. Regular meetings to evaluate how it fits with the state emergency plan; also, quantifying what is being done.
- 4. Imperial County
 - a. Developing a Go To Bag
 - b. Emergency Contact Card
 - c. Reverse 911 sign-ups—where to call when there is an emergency
 - d. Understanding Disasters such as the Shake Out program
 - e. Smoke Alarms
- h. The next TACC meeting is February 26 and 27.

LTCCC REPORT/Kelly Dearman

San Francisco In-Home Support Services Public Authority (SF IHSS-PA), Executive Director, Kelly Dearman, announced that Alex Jackson joined the LTCCC. Mr. Jackson will serve as the second Department of Public Health (DPH) representative. Mr. Jackson is the Deputy Director of Adult and Older Adult Systems of Care at DPH’s Behavioral Health Services and the co-chair of the Behavior Health work group. During the December 2019 LTCCC meeting there were updates given on the Master Plan efforts and the Master Plan on Aging and how we can encourage the consumer prospective and stakeholder input throughout the entire process. There was also a robust discussion on Census 2020 and the fact that so much is now carried-out online and how important it is to make sure our older adults and adults with disabilities are counted.

CASE REPORT/Greg Moore

Mr. Moore reported that CASE members enjoyed a very festive Annual Holiday Party on December 9th, with the largest turnout in recent memory including community partners. CASE submitted their formal Funding Request for 2020-21 Budget to Director McSpadden mid-month, with the final Request totaling \$1,468,956 reflecting increased amounts in some areas of the draft version presented in our December Report.

-Aging & Disability Resource Center salaries equity	\$213,596
-Outreach including funds for individual agencies’ outreach	\$400,000

efforts and funding for Getting There Together 2.0	
-Isolated LGBTQ efforts to reach and engage these marginalized highly vulnerable individuals	\$295,000
-Trainings for agencies staff in pertinent and important areas including Able-ism, Trauma Informed Care, Compassion Fatigue, SF Budget process, Challenging Clients, to name a few	\$60,000
-Behavioral Health support including clinical staff rotating through all service centers, and trainings for staff	\$500,000

The CASE January Membership meeting next Monday will feature Louise Aronson, a Professor of Geriatrics at UCSF, and author of the NY Times bestseller “Elderhood”. Immediately following the CASE meeting will be the first Dignity Fund Service Providers Working Group (SPWG) under the collaborative leadership of CASE and the Dignity Fund Coalition. The CASE Co-Chairs, Sue Horst and Greg Moore has been working with Dignity Fund Coalition Co-Chairs Fiona Hinze and Marie Jobling throughout the Fall to develop a leadership model for the group. Melissa McGee from the DAS Office of Community Partnerships will be presenting on the Dignity Fund Data & Evaluation Report.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Executive Director McSpadden, DAS staff, the DAS Commissioners, and everyone else involved for the significant efforts resulting in funding to restore many of the City College San Francisco older adult classes which were abruptly cancelled last month. We believe this is an outstanding example of the power of collective and collaborative efforts, and a testament to the recognized importance of older adults and persons with disabilities in San Francisco.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Jonathan Cheng from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Paratransit, presented.
- Kelly Dearman, Executive Director of the San Francisco In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, presented.

- A. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Curry Senior Center for the provision of programming and social services for transgender and gender nonconforming

(TGNC) older adults and TGNC adults with disabilities during the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023; in the amount of \$353,003 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$388,303. Tiffany Kearny presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- B. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Openhouse for the provision of programming and social services for transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) older adults and TGNC adults with disabilities during the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023; in the amount of \$645,582 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$710,140. Tiffany Kearney presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Skultety, Executive Director of Openhouse, thanked DAS and the Dignity Fund Advisory Committee for the strong support for the work that Curry Senior Center and Openhouse will be doing together. Ms. Skultety knows how hard it is with Government contracts and how they work to build in room for creativity and flexibility and is excited to learn from the amazing Transgender community what they need from this contract. Ms. Skultety also thanked the Transgender community for their trust.

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- C. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Self-Help for the Elderly for the provision of Adult Day Program Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities; during the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$135,931 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$749,901. Rick Appleby presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- D. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Institute on Aging for the provision of the Community Living Fund during the period of February 1, 2020 through

June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$741,146 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$11,641,294. Fanny Lapitan presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marie Jobling, Director of the Community Living Campaign thanked DAS and Executive Director McSpadden for the efforts to save both the classes and the jobs that were associated with cuts to CCSF courses and programs. Ms. Jobling believes that it is an important first step but also that it is a part of a larger campaign to save the remaining classes. The Board of Supervisor's Budget Committee will take up the issue Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary