

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION (DAS)
MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2019

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, Michael Pappas and Janet Y. Spears

Absent: Absent Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

DAAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

A motion to approve the December 4, 2019 Commission meeting agenda.

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

A motion to approve the November 6, 2019 Commission meeting minutes

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

Director's Report/Executive Director Shireen McSpadden

At the federal level, Executive Director McSpadden announced that just before Thanksgiving law makers agreed on a short term federal funding that would keep the government open. The law makers now face another funding deadline before the December holidays. To achieve a long term funding bill the House and Senate appropriators still need to agree on an overall funding allocations for federal agencies. Unfortunately, the Older Americans Act is caught up in that wait. The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) is asking for continuing advocacy from localities to push the Older Americans Act package forward. Executive Director McSpadden thinks we may be looking at the next calendar year (2020) for the Older Americans Act to pass. At the state level there continues to be a ton of activity around the Master Plan for Aging. Last month the Long Term Supports and Services Sub-Committee of the Master Plan Advisory Committee asked Ms. McSpadden to present on the DAS Benefits and Resource HUB model. The state was very excited and the presentation was well received and now the California Welfare Director's Association asked Ms. McSpadden to present the DAS Resource HUB model during their meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Ms. McSpadden believes that the DAS HUB model may very well become a piece of the recommendations of the Master Plan on Aging. DAS has various additional models that

the state is also considering. Locally, all city departments are waiting for the Mayor's budget instructions that should be announced during the next Mayor's Department Head staff meeting on December 16th. The Mayor has been very clear with her priorities which include, street homelessness, substance abuse, conservatorship issues and mental health treatment. These priorities will be her primary focus and where any new and existing dollars will go to help alleviate some of the issues for people on the streets.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/ President Diane Lawrence/Report submitted

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Advisory Council met on Wednesday, November 20, 2019

- Our meeting began at 9:30 using some of the Joint Legislative Committee's time. We used this meeting for an end of the year celebration.
- Commissioner Knutzen attended the meeting as she was a member of the Pedestrian Safety Committee.
- We had a guest, a potential representative from District 7. And we received word that representatives from District 6 and 10 had appeared before the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee. This leaves us with one District opening and two Commission openings.
 - There are a number of re-appointments next year and we have discussed consolidating them for efficiency for the Rules Committee. The same will be true for Commission appointees.
- Due to a conflict the C4A meeting, the presentation on the Area Agency Plan was postponed until the January meeting.
- Executive Reports
 - The Age and Disability Friendly Report was presented.
 - There was discussion on the report and our role which is basically to decimate the information.
 - The Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee presented their initial findings and draft report.
 - It was decided to continue working to get the word out and to participate where appropriate.
- Reports from the Field
 - Dignity Fund Oversight Committee Update/Elinore Lurie
 - No report. The Oversight Committee's next meeting is in January.
 - LGBT Updates/Marcy Adelman (Dr. Adelman was attending the California Commission on Aging meeting)
 - No report
 - Site Visits
 - We had one site visit report for the Alexis Apartments.

- California Senior Legislature: The CSL met October 31-November 2 and set their 2020 priorities. These include:

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.

- Miscellaneous:

- We will begin our Joint Legislative Committee meetings in January.
- Next TACC Meeting: December 3rd and 4th.

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC) REPORT/Valerie Coleman

Ms. Coleman reported that the LTCCC held their last meeting on November 14th. This meeting provided numerous presentations which included a representative from the Department of Public Health (DPH) who came to speak about their Health Care Services Master Plan, a presentation from DAS staff Melissa McGee regarding the Dignity Fund update, a lengthy presentation regarding Census 2020 and IHSS around the electronic visit verification process their timeline and challenges and different ways for the LTCCC to support that initiative. Ms. Coleman introduced the LTCCC's newest member Ms. Fiona Hines.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden and the DAAS Commission recognized Mary Grace Obico from the DAS Office of Adult Protective Services (APS). Ms. McSpadden thanked Ms. Obico for her hard work and dedication.

CASE REPORT/Greg Moore

Mr. Moore reported that CASE was busy in November finalizing their 2020-21 Budget Funding Request, with ad hoc committees working to finalize their requests for funding in five areas, Aging and Disability Resource Center Salaries equity, Outreach, Efforts to reach and engage Isolated LGBTQ seniors, staff trainings, Behavior Health support including clinical staff rotating through all service centers and trainings for staff. Chris Flannery also presented on the important new Health Homes. Monday, January 13, will be the roll-out of the Dignity Fund Service Providers Work Group being co-hosted by CASE and the Dignity Fund Coalition. Also, on January 13, 2020 author Louise Aronson will speak about her work. CASE will hold their annual holiday party on December 9, at Hazel's 1446 Market Street from 4-6:00 PM. Lastly, Mr. Moore mentioned the abrupt announcement by City College to end almost their entire curriculum for older adults.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

DAS staff, Valerie Coleman presented on the Age and Disability Friendly San Francisco effort.

- A. Requesting authorization to modify multiple grant agreements with non-profit service providers to apply Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO) funding increases; during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; in the additional amount of \$1,055,840. John Tsutakawa presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

- B. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Shanti Project for the provision of Care Navigation and Peer Support; during the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023; in the amount of \$700,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$770,000. Tiffany Kearney presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

- C. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services for the provision of Community Services at Rosa Parks; during the period of December 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$131,975 for a new grant in the amount of \$561,003 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$617,103. Rick Appleby presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

- D. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services for the provision of Community Services at Western Addition; during the period of December 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$132,119 for a new grant in the amount of \$562,253 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$618,478. Rick Appleby presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

- E. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center for the provision of Community Services at Cortland; during the period of December 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$70,000 for a new grant amount of \$624,291 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$686,720. Paulo Salta present the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

- F.** Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center for the provision of Community Services at Excelsior; during the period of December 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$50,000 for a new grant amount of \$718,689 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$790,557. Paulo Salta presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved.

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

- G.** Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Shanti Project for the provision of Animal Bonding services For Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBTQ+) older adults and adults with disabilities; during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$250,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,076,684. Rick Appleby presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved.

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

- H.** Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Russian American Community Services for the provision of Nutrition services to older adults and adults with disabilities; during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$40,000 plus contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,843,320. Lauren McCasland presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved.

Absent: Martha Knutzen and Tedi Vriheas

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary