

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION (DAAS)
MINUTES APRIL 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Gustavo Seriña
called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

The (DAAS) Commission Secretary called the roll.

Present: Gustavo Seriña, Katie Loo, Felicia Elizondo, Martha Knutzen, Michael Pappas and Tedi Vriheas

DAAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

A motion to approve the April 3, 2019 Commission meeting agenda.

The motion was unanimously approved

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

The motion was unanimously approved

Director's Report/Executive Director Shireen McSpadden

Executive Director McSpadden welcomed the newest DAAS Commissioner Felicia Elizondo to the Commission. Ms. McSpadden reported on the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) Policy Briefing in Washington DC that she attended in March along with other California aging advocates. The board meeting/policy briefing also gives the California contingency the opportunity to visit our representatives. Ms. McSpadden was able to visit with Senators Harris, Feinstein and Pelosi's offices along with Congresswoman Jackie Speier's office and believes that there is a bigger momentum with respect to how people are focusing on and thinking about aging, older adults and adults with disabilities. Also discussed with our leaders was the age wave, the growing population of older adults, the importance of insurance, retirement and housing. There was opportunity to advocate for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act which sunsets on September 30, 2019. Ms. McSpadden and the California contingency was asking specifically for the reauthorization to happen but also asked for increases in funding for caregivers, case management and community services. Ms. McSpadden received wonderful feedback and was able to share our Community Needs Assessment and the deeper dives that our planning staff put together. People were thankful to have data from San Francisco which addresses issues that are not only happening here in California but that are widespread across the country. Ms. McSpadden also reported on the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) board meeting and hearing that took place with Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. Assemblymember Nazarian has taken the lead on aging issues in the Assembly and put forward a couple of bills that are still very much in the early stages but together combine the idea of a masterplan on aging and people with disabilities. Ms. McSpadden felt the same momentum at the state level that she did at the federal level with

regards to aging and how we address the needs of older adults and adults with disabilities. At the local level, DAAS is continuing to work with the Mayor's Office with the specifics of the DAAS budget. The final numbers will come soon. Ms. McSpadden announced the passing of Rev. Fred Hubbard. Rev. Hubbard was the Executive Director of the Western Edition Senior Service for many years. Rev. Hubbard's funeral will take place Friday, April 5, at the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at 2159 Golden Gate Avenue.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Executive Director Shireen McSpadden and the DAAS Commission recognized Krista Blyth-Gaeta, Sara Hofverberg, Elizabeth London, Lucas Swanson and Luciana Tsay, from the DAAS Wellness Committee. Ms. McSpadden thanked the Wellness Committee for their hard work and dedication.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/ President Diane Lawrence

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Advisory Council met on Wednesday, March 20, 2019

- Presentation from John Tsutakawa and Michael Zaugg on the Contracting Process
 - John outlined the process for us and explained the parameters under which the RFPs are issued and contracts awarded.
 - Members' questions were answered and members offered some suggestions as well.
- Pedestrian Safety Committee did a brief update as there had been no meeting since February Advisory Council meeting; the ad hoc committee is meeting this Friday.
- Two site visit reports were given
 - Castro Street Senior Center at Most Holy Redeemer Church's Community Room
 - Geen Mun Senior Center
- LGBT Updates—Director McSpadden reported on the 5th anniversary celebration of the LGBT Taskforce. 11 of the 13 recommendations have been implemented—the remaining 2 are not under DAAS purview.
- Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee Update
 - The Dignity Fund Services and Allocation Plan, 2020 to 2023 Funding Plan has been released.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT/Diane Lawrence

- This was the committee's first reading of bills pertaining to Aging and Adults with Disabilities issues

- We will track changes and monitor those bills that seem to have traction
- There are already competing and conflicting bills in the mix
- We expect to see some consolidation
- Since this the first year of a two-year cycle, some of these bills will no doubt be two-year bills
- A few of the bills are repeats from previous years
- We have begun tracking 36 bills and nine budget items
 - Master Plan on Aging (5)
 - Medi-Cal (7)
 - Older Californian’s Act—Community Living Act (2)
 - Residential care facilities, long term care, caregiver resources and tax deductions (7)
 - Veteran’s Housing, rental assistance (3)
 - Elder and Dependent Abuse including mandated reporting
 - Transportation
 - Criminal background checks for care facility employees
 - IHSS
 - Alzheimer’s—Governor Newsom has established a Task Force on the topic and appointed Maria Shriver to work on it.
 - Clean-up Legislation for SB 1045—conservatorship bill
 - Pedestrian Safety by Weiner—we would like to see this bill’s language strengthened to include seniors and disabled for specific reference and consideration.
- One federal bill—HR 7217 (Barton)—three-month extension of Money Follows the Person and of the Spousal Impoverishment Provisions. The purpose is intended to preserve both programs. There are also some cuts in the bill. The bill was being sent to the Senate in December.
- California Senior Legislature is sponsoring the following 10:
 - AB 387 Gabriel—Labeling of Prescription Drugs
 - AB 970 Salas—Transportation: Seniors’ and Disabled Individuals’ Access to Transportation to Medical Services
 - AB 797 Greyson—Financial Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporting
 - SB 725 Rubin—Veterans Housing: Affordable Rental Housing
 - SB 280 Jackson—Fall Safe Housing
 - Pending
 - Portantino: Affordable Housing for the Elderly
 - Dental Insurance
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations —space for a van

- Homelessness: Seniors and Persons with Disabilities—propose that a count of the number of homeless individuals include the number of seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Travel Safety—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 accommodations.

TACCC REPORT/Diane Lawrence

Presentation #1—Older Californians Act: The California Community Living Act; Derrell Kelch, Executive Director C4A

- Modernizing the Older Californians Act
- 1997 last revision of the Act and it was fairly significant change
 - 2008- programs in statute were defunding by Governor Schwarzenegger
 - Reasons for the modernization
 - fragmented system—19 departments handle some piece of the aging programs
 - Need to breakdown the silos;
 - Difficulty for the consumer in accessing information
 - Clarity of the role by the Dept. of Aging (state unit on aging for Older Americans Act)
 - Older Americans Act calls for the Dept. to be an advocate;
 - In revision, specific the role, goals.
 - Long Term Care system is broken which study after study has concluded
 - Need to address aging and disability services on functional limitations rather than just age. Also, an emphasis on preventive services
 - Services in a coordinated and streamlined manner;
 - no wrong door; rethink funding for home-based services; block grants rather than program by program;
 - coordination of all volunteer programs; emphasis on homelessness and affordable housing; better definition of ADRC programs—only 7-8 in the state.
 - Two biggest issues are transportation and housing.
- Administration on Community Living—federal model—bring together disability and aging into one department
 - Independent Living Centers (ILC) (only 28 throughout the state) more to empower the person to be an advocate for themselves—in Dept. of Rehab.
 - Bring in APS currently in the Dept. of Social Services
 - Caregiver Resource Centers—Dept. of Health Services
 - Not bring IHSS into the new Department, currently in Dept. of Social Services

- Not Medi-Cal
- Department focus more on policy and not just compliance; supportive and a greater advocacy; establish a mission, vision and goals along with core values of the
- Establish a new minimum base for administration—currently each gets \$50,000 raise it to \$150,000

Presentation #2—California Master Plan on Aging: Sarah Sethausen, Senior Policy Advisor, SCAN Foundation.

- We Stand with Seniors Campaign—goal was to get on the candidates’ agenda before the November election
- Committed to a Master Plan on Aging in the State of the State address
 - How will it be developed
 - What is the timeline?
 - Can be announced by Executive Order; don’t need legislation.
 - Awareness being raised re Aging
- Senator Hannah Beth Jackson—SB228—broad framework for a master plan, advisory body, lead person, “czar”, resources, feedback from stakeholders;
- ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Connection) and Planning—No Wrong Door—
 - AB1287—Nazarian—state hasn’t invested anything in the ADRCs—only 7-8 in the state.
- Comprehensive statewide strategy—process with priorities with benchmarks, healthcare, clean water, Jackson mentions marginalized communities
 - Emergency planning language
 - Intentional with resources
 - Funnel input into legislation
- Medi-Cal and Medicare have help with Alzheimer’s but carved-outs re mental health services;
 - AB388 a bill re Alzheimer’s
 - Law enforcement as a stakeholder
- SCAN is behind the scenes regarding the Master Plan—offer Aging Committee technical assistance as well as other committees
 - SCAN Summit will take on a different format this fall due to the renovations to the Sacramento Convention Center
- Executive Committee Report
 - Sent a welcome letter to the new governor
 - Tax check off is doing well
 - Website is being updated and looking to set up a social media presence—a committee of 3 was established to work on the website; It was suggested those

of us with LinkedIn accounts should add our participation in our local councils and TACC to our profiles.

- California State Commission on Aging Report—Executive Director Gretchen Ziegler
 - A number of members are up for re-appointment; they will sit on the Commission until a replacement is appointed or they are. Openings from State Senate and Assembly areas; two new members were appointed from Southern California—LA area and San Diego.
 - Governor’s Budget is on the SCAN website—aging related monies this year
 - IHSS—permanent restoration of 7% reduced in 2012, restore this July 1, 2019.
 - County Maintenance of Effort restoration where funding had been reduced recently. This will restore those funds and decrease local costs while increasing state costs.
 - Electronic Visit verification—electronic time card which the disabled oppose
 - SSI/SSP—\$1.22 million—raises benefit from \$931/month/individual to \$950/mo./individual and \$1093/mo./couple
 - Alzheimer’s Task Force—\$3m and Traumatic Brain Injury—\$1.2m
 - Caregiver Hearing (February 26, 2019)
 - Considerable amount of momentum and the momentum is building
 - A lot of activity and commitment
 - Likely anything will be a two-year bill
 - The Taskforce was the focus of the hearing
- Members attended the C4A Capitol Advocacy Day

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC) REPORT/Kelly Dearman
No Report

CASE REPORT:
No Report

Nominating Committee Report/Commissioner Vriheas
Commissioner Vriheas reported on the Nominating Committee’s recommendation to reappoint Dr. Marcy Adelman, Bettye Hammond and Louise Hines and to appoint Elizabeth Anne Warren to the DAAS Commission’s Advisory Council.

A motion to reappoint Dr. Marcy Adelman to the DAAS Commission’s Advisory Council

The motion was unanimously approved

A motion to reappoint Bettye Hammond to the DAAS Commission’s Advisory Council

The motion was unanimously approved

A motion to reappoint Louise Hines to the DAAS Commission's Advisory Council

The motion was unanimously approved

A motion to appoint Elizabeth Anne Warren to the DAAS Commission's Advisory Council

The motion was unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Fanny Lapitan reported on the Community Living Fund's (CLF) 6-month annual plan.
- A. Requesting authorization to modify the existing contract agreement with Panoramic Software, Inc. for the provision of software licensing and maintenance services; during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023; for an additional amount of \$969,660 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$2,386,626. Thomas McGeorge presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- B. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Southwest Community Corporation for the provision of Community Service Health and Fitness Programming; during the period of February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$100,000 plus a 10% contingency for a new total amount not to exceed of \$599,825. Linda Murley presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- C. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Mission Neighborhood Center for the provision of Intergenerational Program; during the period of January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021; for an additional amount of \$45,418 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed of \$199,265. Tiffany Kearney presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Sophia Deanda stated that she is a client of Openhouse and did not hear enough about LGBT outreach and wanted to know if the CLF was doing outreach to Openhouse.

Jessica Lehman said that the Senior and Disability Action Happy Hour fundraiser has been postponed. Also, Senior and Disability Action and the Community Living Campaign is holding a workshop on your rights during a hospital stay. This workshop will take place on Thursday, April 11, from 1-3:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1187 Franklin Street at Geary. Ms. Lehman also announced Disability and Aging Capitol Action Day in Sacramento on May 23. Buses will be provided and all are encouraged to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Pappas wants the Commission to look into the Mayor's Housing Affordability Bond and perhaps make some input for senior housing.

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary