

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES
COMMISSION (DAS)
MINUTES January 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME/President Martha Knutzen

Commissioner Martha Knutzen called the meeting to order.

The (DAS) Commission Secretary called the roll: Present: Commissioners Sascha Bittner, Wanda Jung, Martha Knutzen, Nelson Lum, and Janet Spears

Technical issues but present: Commissioner Barbara Sklar

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Carrington

DAS Executive Director, Kelly Dearman, was present.

Communications:

Commission Secretary Elizabeth LaBarre provided instructions for any members of the public that would like to submit a public comment to the DAS Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

A motion to delay the approval of the December 1, 2021 DAS Commission Meeting Minutes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Carrington

Approval of Agenda item 4A, a Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings of the DAS Commission:

After President Knutzen read the resolution, she commented the DAS Commission has met remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic and allows public participation and transparency while minimizing health risks that would be present with in-person meetings. Under the recently signed amendment to the Brown Act with the commission will continue to meet remotely, we must find

that there are risks for meeting in person and that the DAS Commission resolves to teleconference any matter that affects the participation rights of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

A motion to approve the resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings of the DAS Commission.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Carrington

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT/ Kelly Dearman

COVID is surging right now and so to reduce the risk of COVID exposure to city employees and clients, the Department of Human Resources has urged departments to pivot back to maximizing telecommuting to the greatest extent possible. DAS will continue to operate all of our essential services and programs. Adult Protective Services (APS) will continue to see clients in their homes and to operate on a 24-hour basis. The IHSS Independent Provider Assistance Center will provide services virtually. We continue to meet with the individuals we serve through Public Guardian and Conservator either in-person, or virtually, depending on the rules of the long term care facility where the individual resides. The DAS Benefits and Resource Hub will also provide services virtually. We are continuing to try to get the word out as to the importance of boosters as we all keep hearing the omicron variant is extremely contagious and we have heard of many breakthrough cases. It is really important for us to spread the word to friends, neighbors, even strangers, to get boosted if they are eligible. For this effort, the LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired provided boosters for the people we serve throughout the month of December, and UOP served clinics in January specifically for the intellectually and developmentally disabled populations.

We received a program memo from the California Department of Aging (“CDA”) to start supporting HIV services for older adults, which is a new factor that Area Agencies on Aging must consider when targeting services to older adults. HIV status was added to the welfare and institutions code by Senate Bill 258 last year and became effective on January 1. The new requirement tries to address cultural and social isolation caused by HIV status and ensures that older people with HIV have the resources they need to age in place with dignity. We are waiting for more details.

We are very pleased to announce that our APS Program Director, Akiles Ceron, was appointed to serve on the California Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council. This council has been formed as part of the state’s Master Plan for Aging and is modeled after the federal

government's Elder Justice Coordinating Council that is overseen by the Administration on Aging. The California Department of Aging is overseeing the council in partnership with the Department of Justice. The goal of the council is to increase coordination and to make recommendations that are aimed at preventing and reducing abuse, neglect, exploitation and fraud that is perpetrated against older people and adults with disabilities. The council's first meeting will take place at the end of January. Kudos to Akiles.

Executive Director Dearman attended the U.S. Aging board meeting last month. The focus area for 2022 are Home Community Based Funding, which includes care giving, funding and building a better network; workforce support, expansion and pay equity; the social determinants of health including transportation and housing, and how we use technology in service delivery; social isolation and engagement (including hybrid service delivery models); DEI and combatting ageism. It is a really big list but we seem to be moving in the right direction. It was interesting to hear from the Administration for Community Living; they are taking a deep dive into the workforce problem, trying to figure out ways to combat that and what they can do on a federal level (including money). There was a lot of focus on the fact that 1/3 of COVID deaths happened in congregate settings while they only represent 5% of the population. This highlights what we have always known about the need for comprehensive, well-funded, wrap-around, home-based services. While the focus is on older adults, Executive Director Dearman was pleased to hear that 78% of Triple-As also provide services for people with disabilities and while we don't want to chip away at the Older Americans Act, we need to develop stronger partnerships to work with people with disabilities ("PWDs"), recognizing the large overlap, quite frankly what we have been doing for years.

Executive Director Dearman personally sits on the Public Policy and Grassroots Committee and the 2022 USAging priorities are as follows: (1) Investing in cost effective home and community-based services that focus on the Older American Act, Medicaid and directive care programs. (2) Promoting successful, healthy aging in community: Focus on caregivers, social isolation, transportation, evidence-based programs, housings and elder justice. (3) Connecting the health and the aging sectors to improve care and reduce costs. We're looking at Medicare, supplemental benefits, expanding care options and (4) creating the needed infrastructure for an aging America by focusing on broadband, disaster preparedness and response in the workforce.

Executive Director Dearman exclaimed that it is a truly exciting time. There is a lot of talk about the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") and how money is being spent and how Triple-As are responding, along with creative responses to workforce shortages.

Globally, this is the decade of aging with adults outnumbering children. We should continue to remind ourselves and each other of this fact.

As Executive Director Dearman ended her report, Commissioner Bittner thanked her for her summary, hard work, and then noted Commissioner Bittner's ability to possibly contribute to the workforce development piece. Executive Director Dearman thanked her and reemphasized that

there is a lot of focus on the workforce issue and that it seems to be a problem across many sectors in the country; Executive Director Dearman is keenly focused on caregivers. For example, like through our partnership with Homebridge, they are trying to make a career track so that people don't think of caregiving as a place where they end up, but really a desired career track. DAS needs to continue doing more, taking all the ideas, looking at colleges and really putting caregivers as the real profession that it is and the recognition that all of the caregivers that are keeping so many people out of hospital. Executive Director Dearman promised to keep Commissioner Bittner advised when there are new ideas, thoughts or some wonderful thing happens.

President Knutzen asked to echo a congratulations to Akiles Ceron for his appointment. It is a very important appointment, so now he has yet another duty adding responsibility and hours to his work day, and we appreciate that very much.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Executive Director Dearman and the DAS Commission honored Jatzel Martinez, In-Home Supportive Services Social Worker from the IHSS services program, thanking her for her hard work and dedication. Executive Director Dearman acknowledged her compassionate work during the pandemic serving guests in shelter-in-place hotels and working with vulnerable guests making sure they were connected to IHSS and Home Bridge Services. The Commission and Executive Director Dearman also wanted to thank Jatzel for making this pilot program an early success.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/Diane Lawrence

Advisory Council President's Report to the Commission on Disability and Aging Services on January 5, 2022.

This report covers the Advisory Council's meeting on December 15, 2021.

Dr. Eleanor Lori announced her **retirement** from the council after over 10 years of service as both a member and an officer. She was recognized by her peers and fellow council members as innovative and provided leadership and guidance with an inspiration. There was lucidity in her comments and great wisdom. She notified not only the director and Advisory Council President Lawrence, but also Supervisor Stefani. She has served as a member of the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee since the beginning and so we will be working to fill that seat.

There are **two openings** for the California senior legislature and to be filled this spring.

After a quick update on senior homelessness, the committee thanked Executive Directors Dearman and McSpadden for their detailed and thoughtful response. Their response inspired confidence on how we would move forward.

The **Dignity Fund** with the digital divide saw challenges with participation in the outreach groups. In one district, for example, there had been so many surveys by the Supervisor's office that it was difficult to engage people in yet another survey. The Advisory Council discussed some of the inputs from the communities of color listening sessions.

For **LGBTQ updates**, issues addressed included affordable housing, long-term care, safety in communities, immigration support and legal services including access to services in the appropriate languages. Valerie Coleman who was acting secretary offered to send out the listening sessions to the council members so we could research in more detail. Good news: we ended the year with finally some site visits. They were virtual.

The **Nutrition Site**, which is still in progress, is with Self Help for the Elderly. One program from the Jewish Family and Children's Services, will include a discussion with Ms. Lawrence and the director. The Advisory Council discovered much more information about what the sites and the community-based organizations offer than just going for a meal by going and looking at the website. DAS funds 3 senior programs—case management, home-delivered meals, legal services for immigration and naturalization issues—along with a number of socialization programs and Adult Day Care in Marin which is getting San Francisco clients. The Advisory Council will be discussing On Lok in January. Until the Council can move forward and actually see things in person, this is a way to get in and find out some additional information.

President Lawrence closed with an additional note regarding **Dr. Lori's tremendous contributions**. Dr. Lori presented in front of the commission from time to time. The commissioners know her and President Lawrence had the privilege to work with her on pedestrian safety issues. She was just a real leader in the community and certainly deserves to step back and have some time, but I just wanted to note that how much we appreciated the contributions she made.

Next Advisory Council meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Commission Secretary Elizabeth LaBarre addressed technical issues with meeting access and public comment, providing additional instructions such as a password for members of the public. Nonetheless, THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

Commissioner Lum requested to President Lawrence that in the future, if and when we can restart the onsite visit, would it be possible for [Lawrence] to notify us when it is scheduled as Commissioner Lum would personally like to attend some of these site visits, to which President Lawrence replied, "We'll work on that and work with you, Commissioner. That would be wonderful, thank you."

JOINT LEGISLATIVE REPORT/Diane Lawrence

There was NO Joint Legislative Report to the Commission on Disability and Aging Services on January 5, 2022.

TACC REPORT/Diane Lawrence

The Triple-A Council of California (TACC) Report to the Commission on Disability and Aging Services on January 5, 2022 covered the December 14, 2021 virtual TACC meeting.

To recap, the TACC is made up of representatives from the 33 planning and service areas (“PSAs”). Within each PSA is an Area Agency on Aging responsible for planning and administering services for seniors. TACC meets four times per year. The new director of the California Department of Aging joined the December 14 meeting to introduce herself; she plans to attend a meeting later in the year.

The State Commission’s Executive Committee will be meeting to determine the Commission’s priorities for 2022. PSA representatives reported on what was happening in their areas. PSA-6 Representative Lawrence summarized some of the common themes:

- Isolation
- The digital divide
- Nutrition priorities
- How to make the Master Plan (MPA) a reality

Ms. Lawrence was intrigued by a reduction in the number of PSAs in Los Angeles County given the size of the county. LA County currently has two PSAs and they will be over the next couple of years working to merge into one. City of Los Angeles had one PSA as did the county, so now there will be one.

Of note was the receipt of an elder justice award for Modesto County.

The major report was on Home Safe, which was a pilot as a result of legislation in 2018. San Francisco was one of those pilot districts. One item of specific interest to Ms. Lawrence to come out of the report was the five-point difference between a large county and a smaller county in the number of seniors who live in the community. Los Angeles had 14% over 65, where the other has closer to 20%. Also of note is the difference in homelessness rates. However, both programs seem to be working quite well, while pointing out the difference in challenges.

Data from “Advisory Council President’s Report to the Disability and Aging Services Commission, January 5, 2022” presenting to the Commissioners in advance of the January 5, 2022 meeting:

Home Safe: Serving the Homeless in Los Angeles County and Placer Counties.

1. 2018 Pilot Project after the passage of AB 1811—to support safety and housing stability of individuals involved in APS by providing housing related assistance using evidence based practices

for homeless assistance and prevention.

2. Counties had to apply for a grant to be in the pilot. San Francisco was a pilot county. There were 25 total.
3. \$92.5 million for Home Safe was allocated for fiscal year 2021-2022.
4. It is now a non-competitive allocation available to all 58 counties.
5. Report on the pilot was given by representatives from Los Angeles and Placer Counties.

Los Angeles	Placer
<p>Demographics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 million • 14% of population is ≥65+ • 63,706 homeless in county 	<p>Demographics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 398,329 • 19.9% of population is ≥65+ • 744 homeless in county
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-eviction prevision was primary • CBO community based • 8 were contacted with 421 individuals at risk of homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • case management needs the most; • flexibility in prevention work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 444 referred were already homeless and referred to coordinated entry system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designated partner with APS for services • 101 individuals which were 35% homeless when arrived • some released from hospitals with no support system.

TACC held elections. The next step is to arrange the meeting schedule. Ms. Lawrence foresees reporting to the Commission quarterly and attending TACC meetings virtually.

CASE REPORT/Daniel Gallagher

CASE Report to the Commission on Disability and Aging Services on January 5, 2022.

Update on the Case Writing Report: Editing completed on eight profiles and are now with the design specialist who is finalizing the layouts for both the print and pdf copies. Mr. Gallagher will meet later this week with his co-chair and Michael Zaugg to complete the planning for distribution. The project is nearing completion as copies go out to government agencies both locally and statewide along with elected officials and foundations.

It's been a long process and quite a learning process. We had a sneak preview of some of the profiles in our last case meeting in December. A couple of organizations presented their profiles and that was exciting for them and for the case membership as well.

With the case programming in January, Dr. Mary Flett offered her unique insights about what it means to create purpose and meaning across one's life span. In February, Dr. Schofield will discuss how old rules (linear careers and lives) no longer hold true, so what does one need to do? We have all experienced a lot of twists and turns over the last two years and now we enter the third year of the pandemic. So, we look forward to hearing Dr. Schofield speak on that as well.

Lastly, the service provider working group (SPWG) along with CASE and the Dignity Fund Coalition (DFC) have been working closely with RDA and DAS to ensure that surveys were distributed and completed and submitted to DAS along with ensuring that older adults and adults with disabilities are being informed of the focus groups and virtual meetings so we can get as much participation as possible and get their voices heard in the needs assessment process.

Vice President Spears requested that Mr. Gallagher share the goals that we have with this broad distribution list for this writing project (the writing project and the eight stories).

Mr. Gallagher replied that the goal is really to inform the audience of the extraordinary pivots that the San Francisco nonprofit in its partnership with DAS and addressing the needs through the pandemic. Illustrate the pivots that were made and how we were able to reach and engage and keep that population connected through the pandemic. And also, just taking from efforts, lessons learned moving forward, you might -- at least my experience, many of the organizations in CASE right now are working in a hybrid model. More really isolated populations through this model and we think that might be a model moving forward that would be helpful in reaching really marginalized populations and trying to mitigate the isolation that they feel. So it's really, Commissioner Spears, it's an effort to illustrate -- how San Francisco not only the non-profits, but also the Department of Disability and Aging Services, how they responded to the pandemic keeping the population that we serve engaged connected and healthy.

President Knutzen thanked Mr. Gallagher for the thorough explanation, adding that it, "intrigued us into wanting to know more about it once those reports are finished." She then followed with a thank you to Mr. Gallagher and her fellow Commissioners for the outreach getting the surveys out. The Commission made sure that our networks were activated and tried to get those surveys out and answered, so hopefully that helped. It's very important this year to make sure we get a lot of input.

Item 10 is GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

Commissioner Secretary Elizabeth LaBarre reminded meeting attendees of the appropriate numbers to use for public comment as there were technical issues earlier in the meeting: Dial 1-415-655-0001. Then the meeting ID is 2480 114 3826 #. The password is 48373273 #.

She emphasized that there is a password number and then apologized for not having the password number available sooner.

No Public Comments.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

12a. Discussion of the December 17, 2021 letter to Commissioners from Mayor London Breed (presented by Deputy City Attorney David K. Ries) INFORMATIONAL ONLY.

Deputy City Attorney David K. Ries was asked to attend the January 5, 2022 DAS Commission Meeting to review a letter from Mayor London Breed to City Commissioners from December 17, 2021 that addressed vaccination and reporting requirements, resumption of in-person meetings for all city policy bodies, continued public virtual participation, and informing recipients of updates and newly-issued amendments to the Mayor's Emergency Order. However, since the release of the letter, just yesterday for example the Mayor's Office put out a press release stating things have changed, and discussed the next several weeks as critical as the city deals with the current winter surge for this year with COVID, noting all of the steps that the city is taking. The Mayor's Office addressed vaccination and reporting requirements and the resumption of in-person policy body meetings via newly issued amendments to the Mayor's Emergency Order—the Thirty-eighth Supplement and the Forty-first Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation—for local emergency dated February 25, 2020.

Prioritization was to go to the vaccination requirements to all policy bodies and commissioners. That is a critical step so that the commissions are prepared to resume in-person meetings when it is deemed safe. Vaccination requirements will be enforced so that all commissions and policy bodies will be able to participate.

The other thing to note, discussed at previous commission meetings, is the update that occurred last year to the State Brown Act and what became newly available under state law last year was for public bodies to deem it necessary for safety and health reasons to proceed by teleconference. As previously discussed, as long as the city is under the state of emergency then it is a given that determination has been made that is before you that this is what we are doing right now, the best way to proceed. Once we get to the point where the emergency order is lifted, then the individual bodies will make that determination as appropriate that will remain under state law and the availability for safety reasons.

Finally, the Sunshine Ordinance has always gone beyond the state law and sets a pretty high bar for remote attendance by commissioners. An allowance would be made only in very limited circumstances, such as due to being bed bound with a medical condition, but emphasize for the purposes of public access and transparency that everyone be in person. That is the baseline we are starting with. We are going to figure out how to accommodate for safety and health reasons going forward. The Mayor's Office of Communication has a hybrid model to transition back to eventual full resumption of in person meetings.

President Knutzen then shared the importance of uploading vaccination status, and clarified that at this time, commissioners are not being required to upload booster status unless they are a healthcare worker and/or work in high risk settings. The vaccination requirement has been updated to include booster requirements but hasn't extended beyond that.

Commissioner Bittner had two questions: (1) whether the Board of Supervisors are meeting in person and (2) are there details for commission members who are immunocompromised? It is her understanding that there are no details for immunocompromised commissioner and there have not been updates. Commissioner Bittner then commented that she would imagine the Commission would receive guidance on how to conduct the hybrid meeting if that were the next step here and where it is appropriate for a commission not to attend for various reasons, you would explain that to us or it would be explained to us, it would be mapped out for us, right, how we will conduct a hybrid meeting?

Mr. Ries added that he understands the situation is fluid. They do not know what they are going to do at this time. Documentation has been forwarded to the health officer of the city regarding the Commissioners' vaccination status. If there is additional information they seek, there would be outreach by your commission secretary. There would be outreach and plenty of advance notice if they are going to start collecting.

Commissioner Jung wanted to make sure she fully understands this situation. As of December 17, we received the letter addressed to us regarding moving to in-person meetings at the end of February. At this point that is not quite firm because of the recent developments. Is that correct?

Mr. Ries replied in the affirmative. That date has not changed but it was based on circumstances as of December 17. Things have certainly changed. Not until health and safety allows for resumption of in person meetings.

Commissioner Spears mentioned that she was experiencing technical issues but could hear and speak to the commission so she qualifies to be a part of the quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

12b. Consideration regarding the DAS proposed budget for FY22-23 and FY23-24

(Presented by Deputy Director, Finance and Administration, Dan Kaplan) INFORMATIONAL ONLY.

Today's presentation is a review of the current year budget for DAS and also a discussion of the Mayor's instructions around development of next year and the year after's budget. We will review some of the issues and accomplishments of DAS this year and discuss the budget process in general. Deputy Director Kaplan will then speak about the current year's budget and about instructions for developing next year's budget.

The budget is typically described through three different views: (1) program budget view, (2) revenue view, and (3) category of expenses. Deputy Director Kaplan displays a presentation on the screen and reviews the following data:

- (1) Program view: the team divides the DAS budget into a number of program areas. 60% of the DAS budget is IHSS aid programs. This comprises three major subparts. The IHSS local share of costs of the DAS program. There is a state and federal share of the program that relates to IHSS independent provider wages. That is bigger than what is here. The health benefits for the IHSS workers. The third major part in here are contracts. We look within this large 59% of the DAS budget we see \$154 million is the IHSS local share of costs. \$91 million is around the health benefits programs for the workers. \$26 million is around contract budgets. If we look into each of these other areas, we will see a mix of contract costs and costs primarily and some smaller buckets. The Adult Protective Services program at \$12 million has 64 staff people in it. That is the major share of that budget. If we look into each of these other areas, we will see a mix of contract costs and costs primarily and some smaller buckets. The Adult Protective Services program at \$12 million has 64 staff people in it. That is the major share of that budget. The Benefits and Resource Hub has 32 staff people within that budget. The COVID food coordination budget grew out of the initial COVID response. We put in place a large number of emergency feeding programs very quickly. Starting in the spring of 2020 and moving to 2021 through 2022, we continue those programs. It is budgeted within DAS and is a \$43 million program. It is primarily CBO contracts, but not exclusively. The Office of Community Partnership at \$89 million or 20% is where we have a lion's share of CBO contracts. We also have 32 staff people in this area. When we continue around the Veterans Services Office, the legal staff for PAPC is 16. The PAPC and PG and representative payee has 56 folks. Then last and not least the IHSS city staff. That is the social work staff primarily working in the IHSS program and supports those social workers. That is the breakout from the program point of view of the DAS budget.
- (2) From the point of view of revenue, we have three major sources of funding: Federal money, state money and local money. We also have two buckets of money that are actually state money coming through state sales tax and vehicle licensing fee. Those are the 1991 and 2011 realignment programs. They support respectively the IHSS program

and the APS program. Those are all state dollars. The federal side share of costs are in a number of areas. In addition within this bucket called dedicated gifts, grants and fees, we actually have older American Act Dollars. There is federal money of \$6 million. Then for local money we have a number of different sources within the city budget supported by city dollars; community living fund is a dedicated fund. Dignity fund is a program budget that is a dedicated fund that grows by \$3 million a year unless there is a relatively large shortfall of city funding which there was in 2021. In most years it grows by \$3 million. We anticipate \$3 million in the upcoming year as well and afterwards. The general fund budget is as the name the city general funds dedicated to the support of DAS programs. This other budget work order recovery is actually also city funds. These are dollars sent to us from city agencies for the purposes of delivering program support. The vast majority of this money actually comes to DAS through the Department of Public Health ("DPH").

It supports the health benefits to IHSS workers. There is also a smaller sliver of dollars from DPH that supports some computer systems that we and the DPH use jointly that we contract for out of DAS.

- (3) The last way we look at budgets is the types of expenditures we make, which is about 60% of the budget. This is almost entirely within the IHSS program. We have CBO grants at \$108 million. That is made up of CBO contracts within the Office of Community Programs and CBO spending within the budget. We have a small amount in the scheme of things for materials and supplies. We buy services from other agencies as well that is labeled as work orders.

Typically at this time of year we get a reduction from the Mayor's Office working with the Controller's Office and legislative analyst to develop a projection for growth of city revenues and growth of city expenditures. This year there is a small surplus so the Mayor's Office is not asking for reductions.

We have federal money with the COVID 19 disaster.

Regarding salaries and benefits, since the stock market has done so well recently, the return on investment in retirement accounts has been very strong, and actually costs for contributions to retirement accounts have gone down. That is part of what is driving the reduced need on the salary and benefits side.

We have also had growth in property taxes and transfer taxes. The part of the city revenue picture associated with the tourist industry has been weak. There are fewer people coming to San Francisco meaning fewer meals from restaurants. We are assuming in this budget forecast that salary and benefit costs will rise as the city's process for negotiating contracts has a number of contracts coming up this year.

Deputy Director Kaplan then reviewed a large driver in the DAS budget, the maintenance within the IHSS program and covered the hourly pay rate for IHSS employees through 2024.

Executive Director Dearman discussed DAS caseloads and accomplishments. Caseloads remain at or slightly below service level from prior years including 19-20 due to the ongoing COVID pandemic and focus to hybrid models. One exception is a small uptick relative to fiscal year 19-20 due to operational changes in how IHSS manages the case status.

In terms of DAS highlights, the wellness team launched in November of 2021 with plans to serve 1,000 people over the next year. It is important for independence and stability in the community including housing stability and overall well-being for homeless residents. The goal of the pilot to service to meet the needs of permanent housing and play a role in preventing formerly homeless individuals from experiencing eviction and becoming homeless again.

There is the general expansion whereby the state has lowered the threshold for senior eligibility from 65 to 60 with \$2.4 million in state funding to help us address the anticipated growth. In terms of Home Safe, originally a two year homeless prevention pilot July 2019 to June 2021, Home Safe is expanded with \$3.4 million in that state funding to be sent through the fiscal year 23-24. Home Safe continues to provide homelessness prevention including intensive case management, legal services, financial assistance and living placement assistance where appropriate. Home Safe will expand to provide housing transition, support for individuals currently experiencing homelessness and partner with IHSS to plan for this expansion.

Executive Director Dearman provided Office of Community Partnership highlights including the continuity of services and expansion and the community-based partner network during this public health crisis. Integrated Intake helps hundreds transition to ongoing DAS home delivered meals and groceries and communal dining. Online bookings and consultations and in person expansion at the VA Medical Center at Fort Miley.

This is the first DAS commission meeting of the year on the budget. What will happen between this meeting and the next meeting is a lot of intense work between the budget team and DAS management around priority settings. The other important item is the governor will release a budget next week. The governor's budget will include in the initiatives for all state programs but certainly social services programs and those managed for DAS so we will have a better feeling for the money coming from the state. We will bring back a plan to you and we will ask you for your approval on February 2, and then we will go to a period of about three weeks where we will hammer out the details of the budget. We then work with the Mayor's Office from late February through the beginning of May. Then the Mayor will make her decisions about her budget and we will propose a budget to the Board on June 1. We will ultimately by the end of July get to the place where we have a budget the Mayor and the Board can live with and hopefully the agencies can live with as well. We will then implement the budget in July.

Commissioner Lum had a question about when we are talking about providing veterans' services, one of the biggest complaints is that the facility at Fort Miley is too far away. Yet there is the Veteran's Memorial Building across the street from City Hall which has the potential of the building being utilized to serve veterans. Is that something to be considered? Executive Director Dearman responded that yes, we are using the Veteran's Memorial Building as a health station. Veterans are able to go there and get services. We recognize there is higher traffic there and it is easier for many people to get there. There is an outpatient at Fort Miley and one at the Veteran's Memorial Building near City Hall. This one, the veterans building is currently really on a part-time basis. So then Commissioner Lum wanted to know if it would be possible to make the City Hall space more permanent, to which Executive Director Dearman clarified, "I think you mean more permanent in terms of being open more hours?" to which she believes it is being considered but right now the focus is on trying to get through this current surge. Then DAS will be able to make better decisions what needs to be open. She understands the Commissioner's point whereby it is easier for many people to get to. DAS recognizes this and must figure out solutions.

Vice President Spears thanked Deputy Director Kaplan and the budget team for a job well done and for taking the Mayor's directives. She is looking forward to working on the test pilots and having the commission work with and provide input for these programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments.

12c. Requesting authorization to modify the existing grant agreement with Community Living Campaign for the provision of SF Connected Program; during the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; in the additional amount of \$67,230, plus a 10% contingency, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$404,224. Fanny Lapitan presented the item.

President Knutzen noted that she was excited about this proposal. It seems like we are very innovative dealing with the digital divide, especially innovations activated during the pandemic. We learned great new features, along with many lessons learned from the pandemic. The televisit.org technology platform seemed so helpful. A lot of us could have really benefited from that platform as we struggled with the many interfaces to stay connected. President Knutzen also mentioned the benefits of the white paper, which will provide project improvements and lessons learned along with sharing strategies to support the successful design of similar pilots in the community and position them for the long term. When the white paper becomes available, it will be an excellent resource as an overview of all the lessons learned along with suggestions for future improvements. If it is appropriate, President Knutzen asked that Ms. Lapitan or her team share with the Commission at a future meeting when appropriate and so that it can be opened up for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Carrington

12d. Requesting authorization to revise sole source waiver and to modify the existing grant agreement with Institute on Aging for the provision of Home Safe services; during the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; in the additional amount of \$3,320,936, plus a 10% contingency, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$4,841,030. Presented by Akiles Ceron.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

A motion to approve.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Carrington

Announcements

There are no announcements for this meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by President Knutzen at 11:58 AM.