

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION (DAS)
MINUTES JUNE 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Martha Knutzen

called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Commissioner Knutzen announced the resignation of President Gustavo Serriña and thanked him for his many years of service on the DAS Commission and to the disabled and aging San Francisco community.

The (DAS) Commission Secretary called the roll:

Present: Martha Knutzen, Nelson Lum, Barbara Sklar and Janet Y. Spears

DAAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden was present.

Communications:

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the May 6, 2020 DAS Commission meeting Minutes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/Shireen McSpadden

DAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden announced that three weeks ago the Governor launched the Great Plates program. Ms. McSpadden stated that even though there was a few kinks the DAS Intake Office staff was able to ramp up and in a very short time has served 1300 people. This shows the great need that we have with food insecurity in San Francisco. In addition they are using two different vendors in order to get as many San Francisco restaurants involved as possible. These two vendors are an umbrella model and have many different restaurants working with them and provide the back end support and infrastructure that is needed. However, this program is a FEMA reimbursement program and is approved on a month-to-month basis which is slated to end tomorrow. DAS has not yet heard whether the program will be extended or not, although every indication says the program will be reinstated. Ms. McSpadden next mentioned the Area Plan. DAS was given an extension to finish the almost completed Area Plan when COVID-19 hit. The Area Plan will be brought before the Advisory Council next week for approval and then in July to the DAS Commission for final approval. Additionally, Ms. McSpadden mentioned that DAS and our community partners made over twenty-nine thousand wellness-check calls. For the most part people that

were called did not need more services than what they are already receiving which shows that our system is working and people are getting what they need from our staff. Ms. McSpadden addressed the DAS Quality Management Service team, who are now providing fit testing and n-95 masks for DAS staff. The DAS Clinical Quality Assurance unit nurses are also assisting in fit testing for Family and Children Services staff. It's nice that the CQA unit nurses are using their expertise to help across the agency and are working with Human Resources to make sure that people have what they need to serve. In terms of shelter in place sites, DAS is continuing to provide support for vulnerable clients with home care services as well as case management. Currently, DAS is serving over 70 clients in that program on an ongoing basis. CLF is serving 17 clients with case management. Adult Protective Services (APS) continues to respond to clients in need of that service. The DAS Office of Conservatorship is working with the city attorney to legalize the process for the Conservatorship program. This is something that was talked about pre-COVID-19 and hasn't been mentioned since but we're trying to march forward with that program and get it in place. Ms. McSpadden went on to mention the state budget and the number of cuts to older adult services. There was a huge outcry among advocates and older adults themselves and the legislature responded by not accepting the majority of those cuts. Ms. McSpadden said at this point it's looking much more positive than it did a few weeks ago and we're hoping that those reductions will not take place. On a federal level, Ms. McSpadden said that there was not much happening but mentioned that the Heroes Act is in play and that there is money in there for senior services on a variety of levels. Finally, Ms. McSpadden announced that June is Elder Independent and Adult Abuse Awareness month in California. There are two webinars planned to recognize this month and the Commission secretary can send more information to those who are interested.

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Dan Kaplan presented the DAS FY 20-21 and 21-22 amended Budget.
- A. Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Homebridge, Inc. for the provision of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Contract Mode; during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$129,332,065 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$142,265,270. (Krista Gaeta will present the item).

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- B. (Requesting authorization to enter into a new grant agreement with Homebridge, Inc. for the provision of Provider Skill Development Training and Supports; during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$3,750,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total grant amount not to exceed \$4,125,000. (Krista Gaeta will present the item).

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- C. Requesting authorization to modify the existing contract with RTZ Associates, Inc for the provision of access, development, and support of the SF-GetCare system during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; for an additional amount of \$1,170,140 plus a 10% contingency for a new total amount not to exceed of \$8,348,202. (Melissa McGee will present the item)

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

- D. Requesting authorization to modify the grant agreement with MEALS ON WHEELS for the provision of Emergency Home Delivered Meals during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; in the additional amount of \$87,097 plus a 10% contingency for a revised total modification amount not to exceed of \$95,807. (Tiffany Kearney will present the item.)

No public comment

A motion to approve:

The motion was unanimously approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements

MOTION TO ADJOURN,

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow
Commission Secretary