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# Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) Advisory Council Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, August 17th, 2022

**TIME:** 10-12pm

**PLACE:** Teams

To protect the health of the Advisory Council members, DAS staff and members of the public during the COVID-19 health emergency, the DAS Advisory Council will continue to hold meetings remotely. Members of the public are encouraged to also participate in the meetings remotely.

**Members Present:** Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, Diane Lawrence, Anne Warren, Juliet Rothman, Tia Small, Chris Dillon, Allegra Fortunati, Eva Aber, Kay Parekh, Morningstar Vancil, and President Lawrence

Members Absent: Marcy Adelman (excused)

Guests: Dr. Carla Perissinotto

WELCOME: Call to order and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve July 2022 Meeting Minutes, approved

## **President Lawrence President's Report**

President Lawrence happy to let the council know we have a new member, Darlene. The council talked and agreed on not doing a Dec 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Kay proposed not holding the Dec 2022 meeting and was approved.

Spoke on legislation that will be moving forward in the State Legislature and CSL has 5 bills that are moving to the governor's desk.



London Breed Mayor Kelly Dearman Executive Director



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Margaret Graf spoke on the South Community Center for the Elderly

**Guest speaker Dr. Carla Persissinotto** spoke on loneliness and isolation concerning elders. Spoke on depression with people who are lonely and isolated and who are then misdiagnosed and can easily spiral out of control. How to move from being sometimes lonely to chronically lonely.

### Site Visit for the Mission YMCA Tia Small

Tia started by going over the website that she felt was very much all over the map and was redirecting to other YMCA locations which she found very frustrating. Tia also felt the sign-up system was not secure to become a member. It took her 40 mins to find events and services by the Mission YMCA which felt a bit ridiculous. Tia also went in person and was happy to see the SF Marin food bank giving away food every Tuesday at this location. There was an active feel with tech labs, suggestion boxes that asks people what services they would like to see, and many exercise classes offered that are all well attended.

Concerns were there is no security, anyone could walk in, the website says all indoor facilities are closed but they are in fact open since June 2022, and there is no food offering from 9am - 2pm.

## Chris Dillon update on Laguna Honda

Underlying problem is the city removed admittance requirements to Laguna Honda from themselves. Problem we are having is where to place clients that might get displaced. Laguna Honda is a 5-star hospital and would be unimaginable if it had to close for the patients there and the city itself. The federal laws for long term care are great but the way it has been applied creates a conundrum.

Allen commented that there is a lawsuit pending over the closure

#### **Old Business and Updates**

No old business



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Announcements

Next meeting September 21st 2022

Adjournment at 12:03pm