

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Guiding the development of an integrated network of home, community-based, and institutional services for older adults and adults with disabilities

Age and Disability Friendly San Francisco Task Force

MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017; 2:00pm to 4:00pm
City Hall, Room 201, 1Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Plaza, San Francisco

Co-chairs: Aneeka Chaudhry, Kelly Dearman

Present: Alicia Neumann, Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Al Gilbert, Nicole Bohn, Jeremy Wallenberg, Jill Nielsen, Kristen Mazur, Larry Saxxon, Sneha Patil, Jesse Nichols, Jessica Lehman, Julie Klee, Janet Standen

Staff: Valerie Coleman (DAAS), Joseph Formentos (DAAS)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS – Kelly Dearman, Aneeka Chaudhry

- Call to order 2:16pm
- Ms. Chaudhry welcomed members.
- Members introduced themselves.
- Ms. Dearman presented Recommendations review.

REVIEW OF 08/09/2017 RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairs and staff reviewed the recommendations from the last meeting; drafts are available on the website: <http://www.ltccsf.org/age-disability-friendly-task-force>. Draft recommendations to be finalized in November. Ms. Dearman introduced possible revisions to 1a and 1c of Goal 1, and 4b of Goal 4. Ms. Lehman suggested had questions about 4c of Goal 4 and 2a of Goal 2.

Comment: Ms. Lehman understood that MUNI is already free for low-income population, however Adult Day Programs population was in question.

Comment: Mr. Wallenberg mentioned potential difficulty with the goal because although Adult Day Programs encourage offsite field trips, there is no such transportation funding for expansion.

Comment: Ms. Dearman pointed out the bullet point of 1c under Goal 1 wording reads similarly to the bullet point of 2b for Goal 2.

Comment: Ms. Bohn explained contrast of how 1c focuses on (paratransit) driver population and 2b affects accessibility for seniors and adults with disabilities.

Comment: Ms. Dearman questioned wording of 4b- Goal 4 that sounds like Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) are responsible for bulk of traffic deaths.

Comment: Ms. Mazur mentioned SFTCA data on impact of TNCs which add to traffic congestion and ultimately leads to pedestrian accidents.

Comment: Ms. Coleman stressed assessment with feasibility of limiting TNCs since more cars add to congestion.

Comment: Ms. Lehman wondered how Vision Zero program is getting cars off the road and what is being done to make city residents drive less. She also echoed the lack of accessibility with TNCs and mentioned how TNC vehicles blocked curb ramps and double-parking creates congestions.

Comment: Ms. Bohn quickly specified data analysis of TNCs is being tackled by San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA).

Comment: Ms. Dearman, in response to Ms. Lehman's comment, assured group that the topic of TNC accessibility is covered in 4c of Goal 4.

Comment: Mr. Saxxon emphasized the wording for "ending traffic deaths in SF" must be specific to seniors and adults with disabilities population. He felt specificity is important since the private transportation network's policies and programs impact on every population is already a politically volatile topic.

Comment: Ms. Lehman, in regards to wording, responded to Mr. Saxxon that the senior community is being impacted the most.

Comment: Ms. Chaudhry suggested the word “study” instead of impact.

Comment: Ms. Bohn expanded on wording of “study” by clarifying examination of data towards the proposed solution; indication of framework-- capturing data of fatalities in senior communities.

Comment: Ms. Neumann questioned data analysis focusing on TNCs being more of a problem altogether or causing additional impact in traffic deaths.

Comment: Ms. Mazur stated that rather than ensuring options be equitable and accessible instead suggested more private transportation driver training could help the accessibility accommodations issues.

Comment: Mr. Wallenberg argued that wording for recommendations should not be limiting since there are initiatives in place such as SFTCA ride sharing and DPH coordinating a database with SFPD investigations of hospital patrons’ injuries.

Comment: Ms. Lehman felt that the wording for 4c of Goal 4 could use the word “requirement” rather than sounding passive.

Comment: Ms. Bohn mentioned on 2a of Goal 2 that there is a shuttle which seniors or people with disabilities could call that gets them to and from the closest station.

DOMAIN OVERVIEW: Community Supports—Valerie Coleman

Ms. Coleman reviewed the Outdoor Spaces & Buildings Issue Brief handout: Goals, Assets, Gaps, and Recommendations. She reiterated how this topic requires long range planning as it overlaps with other topics such as Engagement & Inclusion and Transportation. Finding opportunities to increase access for underserved populations to green space and reinforcing efforts in policies and programs that support implementation of accessible modifications signifies an approach to develop San Francisco into an age and disability friendly city. One prime example of a policy upholding accessibility for private and public buildings was recently passed in a city ordinance known as the Accessible Business

Entrance Program which is currently in implementation. More on this ordinance can be found on the Assets sections of the Issue Brief.

Small Group Work -- Task Force Members

Small group exercise: 3 to 4 members each, review Issue Brief, make additional comments and/or recommendations.

Comment: Ms. Dick-Endrizzi described the Accessible Business Entrance Program compliance categories:

- Category 1: building has no steps and is compliant.
- Category 2: building has no steps, but there are smaller barriers that require minor alterations.
- Category 3: building has one step.
- Category 4: building entrance with more than one step and other major barriers.

Comment: Ms. Bohn explained that notifications about compliancy will be sent out this year before holidays and are due next spring of 2018. Businesses will have to report which category they belong to.

Large Group Work -- Task Force Members

Small group recommendations:

- Institute a local MOU for Interfaith community to address accessibility beyond federal exemptions.
- Ensuring better pre-planning and mitigations to accommodate seniors and adults with disabilities for permits and create a plan for year-round event areas.
- Structuring consistent sidewalk designs, specifically to tree-wells and permeable citywide landscapes.

- “You Are Here” signs by neighborhood and citywide wayfinding for more seamless cognitive experience.
- Better leverage of San Francisco Rec & Park department and other exciting community centers to promote recreational/exercise needs.
- Build raised walkways, large platforms for improved beach accessibility, eg. Crissy Field, Ocean Beach.
- Need to consider regulation to protect seniors and adults with disabilities from delivery robots especially on sidewalks.
- Addressing the constant dumping of debris/trash on sidewalks which limit accessibility, as well as tents blocking public pathways.
- Creating a curb-cut map or even application (app) that can point out accessible restrooms, or any ongoing construction.
- Encouraging intergenerational activities between seniors and kids: making playgrounds more accessible, incorporating games/sports with open spaces, and considering playground design for parents with disabilities.
- Consider cities like Santa Cruz and San Diego, which promote beach accessibility with off-road wheelchairs.
- Creating a (dementia friendly) app which alerts seniors and adults with disabilities about public parks, trails and other various public spaces.
- Planning for expansion of community gardens around the city, good example is the Memory Garden in Portland.
- Having a map or user guide complete with FAQs—distances of restrooms or playgrounds—and recommendations of open spaces with park scores of the best accessibility ratings for seniors and adults with disabilities.

- Prioritizing sidewalk beautification by improving lighting and with the installation of more seating especially around highly populated senior neighborhoods.

Comment: Ms. Bohn announced that if members hear or see of any particular areas around SF such as the beach or park areas that seem inaccessible, to please contact Mayor's Office on Disability.

Comment: Ms. Chaudhry reminded group about the last DOMAIN topic: Emergency Preparedness.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2017; 2:00 to 4:00 pm
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