

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 27, 2017; 3:00pm to 5:00pm

1650 Mission Street, 5th Floor, Golden Gate Conference Room

Minutes

Attending: Ramona Davies, Sandy Mori, Elinore Lurie, Edna James, Marcy Adelman, Beverly Taylor, Gustavo Serina, Monique Zmuda, Margy Baran, Allen Ng, Melissa McGee (DAAS), Rick Appleby (DAAS)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

Roll Call: Ms. McGee called roll. Excused absence: Chip Supanich. Ms. Davies noted that some members have a conflict with the newly chosen meeting day: first Monday of each month. Suggests group discusses issue at next meeting.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Davies added an item for the agenda: "Protocol for the Request of Data" asking that members request data from Department of Aging and Adult Services through the Chairperson. Members unanimously approved the March 27 agenda with additional item.

Approval of the Minutes: Members unanimously approved the March 20 minutes. Ms. Davies asked that the item noting excused absences include the excused member names.

Proposed By-Laws: Ms. Zmuda presented updated by-laws for discussion. One suggestion was that the by-laws should establish standing committees - nominating, by-law and finance – so it was not dependent on the Chairperson to create the committees every time those issues arose. It was clarified that the nominating committee was for the sole purpose of presenting OAC officers, not members. It was also noted that the by-laws do not need to be specific about meeting days as those may change.

This last comment sparked a conversation again about the ongoing meeting dates given folks' conflicts and schedule needs. The group discussed the options and decided that, starting in May, the OAC will meet the third Monday of each month: May 15, 3 to 5, at the same location. Ms. McGee will send out a meeting notification.

As for by-laws, with the clarification that the nominating committee would just be for the officers of the OAC, the members unanimously approved the by-laws as edited.

Cost of Doing Business (CODB) ODB Allocation Recommendations: Ms. McGee presented information about CODB in other set-aside programs noting that both Park & Recreation and Children and Youth Fund pay the Cost of Doing Business out of their funding. Ms. Zmuda added that the Library funds CODB out of its budget as well. Whether the City would pay any CODB is a policy decision by the Mayor during the budget process. Members noted that the DF

OAC could take a position opposing the payment of CODB from the set-aside funds. The voters interpreted the legislation to include funds for services only. If the DF had to pay CODB, it may give a negative perception to the community. Cost increases for DAAS Staff are not considered CODB and, yes, are already in the budgets, so the Dignity Fund CODB would be for community base organizations only. The group also noted that the CODB would be for Dignity Fund eligible services only and, in the past, if an increase was not given by the city, those organizations often had to cut services or staff. The CODB amount is not fixed yet, until Mayor decides. The group suggests that DAAS present budgets with and without the CODB so the items that wouldn't be funded if CODB comes from Dignity Fund budget would be easily noted. A motion was made to develop two budgets, one including the CODB and one without.

Public comment:

Marie Jobling, Dignity Fund Coalition: The Coalition had high expectations that CODB could come from general funds.

Laurie Sanchez, CTN: some of the DAAS proposed recommendations include CODB items, e.g. retention of legal services staff.

Group continued to discuss the need to take a strong stance for services from Dignity Fund budget not CODB. Motion to develop 2 sets of budget recommendations, one with the CODB and one without, was approved unanimously.

Continued Allocation Discussion: Ms. Davies began the allocation discussion by pointing out the updated version of the DAAS draft proposal form, with the extra column showing what groups would receive the services listed, "areas of focus" per Ms. McSpadden. Also available were two handouts, one showing all six categories of DAAS draft proposal and one showing a four category version (per last week's discussion of limiting targeted categories for maximum impact). Members noted the difference between the two is the removal of housing retention and nutrition services. Ms. McSpadden said that those were removed since the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing is technically the department that would do housing vouchers and that nutrition services are already getting additional funds. Also, the DAAS RFP process would account for geographical and racial/ethnic funding distribution. The group noted that the \$880,000 for CODB could certainly add to the services proposed. About the nutrition funding, it is for implementation of a new model not pure research, since studies have been done. It's about seeing if the new model could work here in SF.

Ms. James pointed to the DEEP program as an example of how a program effects more than just the targeted issue. Group noted that the full 6 categories would all have an impact. The decision is about how much funding the OAC wants to give toward each category. Ms. Baran brought up

the need to consider possible federal spending cuts. Ms. McSpadden pointed out that so much is uncertain at the federal level, San Francisco “over-matches” so the effect of federal cuts is less.

Public comment:

Anne Quaintance, Meals on Wheels: wonders what we expect to get out a nutrition study. We already know the unmet need. Food Security Task Force will advocate for funding based on that unmet need.

Vince Crisostomo, AIDS Foundation and LTCCC: Speaking for the HIV population, try to identify collaborations and activities attached to food programs. Can figure neighborhoods and get folks out to receive food and other social services and social benefits. Mr. Crisostomo also notes that some folks will be upset if Dignity Fund doesn't include some housing funds.

OAC members further discussed that now with the Dignity Fund available, add-backs will be much less likely. DF Coalition meets with Supervisors to give updates and BOS is not expecting to have to give add-backs, expect DF to pay.

Members also discussed the possibility of having four draft budget proposals, two six category and two four category, with and without CODB. DAAS will develop and distribute. Members not ready to vote today. Reviewing, reflecting and will vote at next meeting on 4/3.

Public Comment:

Vince Crisostomo, AIDS Foundation and LTCCC: Update on Service Provider Working Group? Ms. Davies reports that she and Ms. Mori are meeting with SPWG Co-Chairs next week to discuss launch of the committee. Ms. Mori reminded members that the process will not allow the SPWG to have a voice in the current budget proposal, given deadlines. The SPWG will be more actively involved going forward.

Laurie Sanchez, CTN: Reminder that staff provide services so CODB increases go to those that actually provide the service.

Rashi Kesarwani, HSA Budget Office: relieved about the defeat of the new federal health care plan and still monitoring the federal budget and HUD budget process.

Adjourned: 4:40pm

Next meeting: Monday, 4/3/17, 3 to 5, Golden Gate Conference Room\