

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 16, 2020; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Conference Call

Minutes

Attending: Marcy Adelman, Ramona Davies, Margie Baron, Martha Kunuzan, Jessica Lehman, Elinor Lurie, Sandy Mori, Monique Zmuda, Allan Ng, Melissa McGee (DAS), Justin Chico (DAS), Niquelle Warren (DAS)

Call to Order: Ms. Davies called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. McGee called roll. The unexcused absence was Beverly Taylor.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for September 21, 2020 with the addition of discussion in regards to future OAC meeting dates.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the September 21, 2020 meeting minutes.

Year-End Financial Report1

Please see attached materials for the Year-End Financial Report

- Dignity Fund FY19-20 Year-End Budget Update
- Dignity Fund FY19-20 Budget by Sources \$93.8 Million
- Dignity Fund FY19-20 Budget by Uses \$93.8 Million
- Dignity Fund FY19-20 Contracts by Service Area \$77.9 Million
- Dignity Fund FY19-20 Available for Contracts & Contracted
- Dignity Fund FY19-20 Contracted & Spent
- Table 4. FY19-20 DF Remaining Balance & Committed Funds
- Questions and Discussion

Mr. Zuagg explains a portion of the \$650,000 goes to a number of efforts, a larger chunk goes to supporting our tech at home projects with the Curry Senior Center, There is additional funding, and expansion grew the program by \$85,000 a year with a multi- year support for that program going forward. Some funding goes to the use of the Mona Me app, where there is an app that has been utilized by as part of our Covid response by Ashanti Open House and currently San Francisco Village and are exploring using the app more widely through DAS services. DAS, has funding for helping of the launched of our new SF connected for contracts for about 3 ½ years and there is money to increase the size of the pot for services and brought in a new partner into that group which is the Arch of San Francisco. A small amount of money that went into to support the efforts of the SF Connected Network.

Ms. McGee explains the Great Plates is a state federally funding meal program that started in May. There is a certain level of reimbursement from the federal government from the state and

then DAS locally picks up the portion. The program supports older adults over 65 and adults over 60 with chronic conditions as well as restaurants in the community and supporting small business in place of restaurants. The programs operates on month by month basics so at the end of each month we learn if there will be an extension of the program which currently ends in December 8, 2020. Great Plates provides three (3) meals a day prepared by restaurants and delivered to people who qualify. The programs works with three (3) vendors who works with 100 restaurants from Off the Grid, SF New Deal and Moon Star. The program provides up to \$66 per day for three (3) meals. 80% of the restaurants involved are minorities own restaurants. The program has provided over 1 Million meals. This program has been allocated 15 Million for the local share for this program.

Year Budget Update FY19-20 Report

- FY19-20 DF Budget Sources
 - Table 1. FY19-20 Budget Sources for DF eligible services
- FY19-20 DF Budget Uses
 - Table 2. FY19-20 Budget Uses for DF eligible services
- FY19-20 Expenditures-to-Date for DF Eligible Services
 - Table 3. FY19-20 DF eligible budget vs. actuals
- FY19-20 COVID Budget Impacts
- FY19-20 Remaining DF Balance
 - Table 4. FY19-20 DF Remaining Balance & Committed Funds

SF Connected and the Digital Divide

Please attached materials for SF Connected and the Digital Divide

- SF Connected
- Background
- Service Delivery Pre-COVID
- Service Delivery During COVID
 - Self-Help for the Elderly
- Service Delivery During COVID
 - Lighthouse for the Blind
- Service Delivery During COVID
 - The Arc SF
- Service Delivery During COVID
 - Community Living Campaign
- Service Delivery During COVID
 - Community Tech Network
- What's Next

State Master Plan on Aging

Ms. McSpadden explained the overview of the Master Plan for Aging in the process and where the process is right now. There was a Master Plan for aging stake holder advisory committee that met over the last year to get together and make recommendations to the California Department of Aging and what the workgroup think needs to be in a master plan for aging, that's really going to be meaningful. The group met over the course of a year, monthly and had very planned out meetings which they were learning from models in California that worked and hearing about Demographic data and then were able to go away, think and decide what kind of recommendations they wanted to make. There were also a few different work groups for example a research sub-committee which was looking at what kinds of data that needs to be collected at the state level, to ultimately understand our impact and to also understand who we are currently serving, what the older California population looks like and what it looks like to have people aging over the next 20 or 30 years. Ms. McSpadden explained a lot of the times hearing from some models that work for other populations that could be applied to the older population and to people who are aging in general, which is all of us. There was also a long term support in services sub- committee which were really looking at what services people are going to need now and into the future. Ultimately the group came up with literally 800 recommendations in a long report to the state. A link can be sent out for a look at the larger report and recommendations. An equity group was added later which was very helpful, the group immediately made sure there was an equity lens. The equity lens was about racial equity and including people with disabilities in all of the conversations. Ms. McSpadden reported recently the master plan for aging stake holder advisory committee met with the cabinet at the state level and gave an overview to the governor's administrator team about some major recommendations and to have the staff read over all 800 recommendations. Ms. McSpadden reported the work of the sack is done but still continually meeting unofficially and reaching out to various department heads at state levels. Ms. McSpadden has reached out to Ken Johnson head of DSS to set up a meeting with sac members to go over the pieces of the plan that actually applied to DSS and there are a number of people in small groups meeting with various people at the state level. One of the biggest things that was most important at the local level was that there are departments serving just a piece of the population. One of the key recommendations is to have someone to see over the plans. There are four (4) major goals, (1) Long Term services and supports, to live where we choose as we age and have the help for our family needs to do so. (2) Livable communities in purpose, we will live in and be engaged in communities that are age friendly, dimensional friendly and disability friendly. (3) Health and Wellbeing, we will live in communities and have access to services and care that optimize health and quality of life. (4) Economic Security and Safety, we will have economic security and be safe from abuse and neglect exploitation and natural disasters and emergencies throughout our lives. The three (3) core priorities are to (1) Fix the long term services in support systems and active public financing program which guarantees long term support and services for all Californians, reform the systems so that it works and establish the right to home and community bases services. (2) To insure California has housing affordable to all and provide accessible and affordable housing options and address the homelessness crisis. 3. End Poverty and Health and Equalities, to insure economic security for all in boosters programs to help older Californians and Californians with disabilities to meet their basic and social health needs. The state is finalizing the plan, which is to be expected to go to the governor's office in December.

The Digital Divide

Ms. McSpadden reported there are conversations and talks in the plan for recommendations for digital divide and the importance of access of utilities. A California is accessible to everything The California Department of Aging is going to be looking to the community to advocate for the digital divide and start the ball rolling.

Public Comment – Ms. McSpadden reported that at the state level there is a local hearing on Thursday about Digital Equity plan and there is recent report on economic recovery that had a whole plank and the importance of bringing access devices and support to life seniors and people with disabilities. Ms. McSpadden reported that there are legislator champions in Sacramento for the state master plan, recommendations and legislation that could get us going but we really need to work on more. Ms. McSpadden reported a virtual legislator meeting with David Chu, Scott Weiner, and Phil Ting to emphasize on the examples of older adults and people with disabilities are not being prioritized.

Announcements – Ms. Baron announced that today (11-16-20) Human Services agency has launched their new brand which is more accessible and friendlier and also launches public awareness about the new name. There are three (3) departments and people of all ages can access these departments.

Mr. Zuagg announced that we have lost two (2) members of our network of Aging Services providers Mathew Simmons from the Ashanti Project passed away unexpectedly. He was a care navigator with them. He was a very lovely person with very high energy and concerned and caring for clients. He joined DAS contingent at the Nforay National Conference two (2) years ago in Savannah Georgia. He was a part of a group that presented on Ashanti Lawson Social Isolation program.

Howard levy, who for many years was the Executive Director of the legal assistance to the Elderly. He retired in 2016 and has not been active at least in our immediate circle for the past three (3) years. He was someone who really build the organization up to the point of which is the largest DAS OCP funded legal services provider. They served hundreds of clients a year and provided thousands of hours of legal services. Howard and his team he shepherded and really retained on the level of experience and knowledge in the organization. They are leaders in the legal communities in and out of the court house and up in Sacramento, providing the guidance in developing of the laws including a lot of the elderly abusive protection laws that many of our services utilize and in developing the state wide legal guidelines for the California Department of Aging which are used statewide to help design and build out legal service organizations.

Future DF-OAC Meeting Dates - The members of the DF-OAC discussed potential future meeting dates. The OAC will meet next on January 25, 2021

Adjournment: 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, 1/25/21 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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