DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 19; 2021 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Conference Call
Minutes

Attending: Marcy Adelman, Margie Baron, Ramona Davies, Wanda Jung, Martha Kunuzan, Jessica Lehman, Elinor Lurie, Sandy Mori, Beverly Taylor, Melissa McGee (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 excused absent was Allen Ng.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for September 20, 2021 with the addition of discussion in regards to future OAC meeting dates.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the July 19, 2021 meeting minutes.

Cost of Doing Business (CODB) Presentation
OAC Discussion – Action

- Every year when the city is in the process of building its budget, the first thing to consider is the ongoing cost of our existing programs and obligations.
- The Mayor's Office has set a rate for a cost of doing business increase which is applied to all of our CBO's contracts across different departments as a way to keep up with inflation.
- The funding source is the originating funder and the set asides are ask to pick up their share of the cost which is true for the Public Education of Richmond Fund also known as the Preschool of All, which HSA manages, Children's Fund which the DCYF manages and the Dignity Fund.
- Each year the share of the Dignity Fund growth goes towards covering the increase cost of the existing services.
- Physical year 20-21 was unusual because the growth of the Dignity Fund was not there due to the size of the deficit.
- A one-time cost of doing business increase that was funded with additional general funding revenues.
- The new budget for year 21-22 that increase has been based lined and the Mayor's Office will cover with the general funding because there was no growth to take from the year 20-21.
- The year 21-22 new 3% will come out of the Dignity Fund growth.
- The Dignity Fund is super funded to the extent that these services are also funded by generally fund and the general fund picks up the cost of doing business increase cost. This is also similar to what happens to the DCYF Children's Fund where they're also super funded so the Children's Fund picked up a share and General Fund picks up share and continues to pay for the costs to existing services where the mayor and the board identify additional resources to fund new initiatives.

- There were five (5) no votes and four (4) yes votes on the proposal to vote on the motion to make a statement that the OAC does not support the idea of CODBs coming out the Dignity Fund, therefore it did not pass.

Service Providers Working Group Update

Mr. Gallagher reports on the workgroups categories:

- Dignity Fund has received 750,000 patch for physical year 21 and under funds the dignity fund that year by 2 and a quarter of a million dollars.
- This year half of the Dignity Fund will go to the Cost of Doing Business (CODB).
- Services at the Service Provider Working Group would like to see where there could be funding provided for services through the ongoing pandemic.
- Providers are preparing for a hybrid model of care which is going to strain resources for non-profits providing both in person services and hybrid models in a volatile environment.
- There is funding needed for agencies to provide the models of care and reach out to the people who cannot come to the centers for various reasons whether that is needed assistance, transportation or fear of the pandemic. Also providing services for those people who are able to come to the centers.
- Recovery from the effects of the pandemic such as severe Social Isolation and taking a look at some other models that have been effective to mitigate the social isolation.
- Digital Divide continues to be a cause of concern as agencies are providing virtual services and will continue to provide these services for the foreseeable future.
- The virtual services have shown service providers are able to reach people that haven't been able to be reach before and for those people who have not been able to come to the centers whether it might be the Adult Day Health Care, Senior Centers or Adult Day Programs have been effective in reaching people and engaging people and to be able to understand what their needs are, provide referrals and follow-up on referrals as a good use of funding and will continue the advocacy to bridge the digital divide.
- Transportation is a huge issue whether it may be a reduction of public transportation or using the transportation services as to provide transportation for limited reopening's at Adult Day Health Care Centers, Adult Day Programs and Senior Centers that transportation is not widely available at this point in time.

2021-22 Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment

Ms. McGee reports on the updated 2021-22 Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment

- The RFP for the consultant to work on the Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment went out and proposals have been received.
- The panelist are reviewing the proposals that have been received.
- On Friday afternoon, the 23rd the panel will meet and provide feedback and information about the review.

- Base on the recommendations, beginning of the week, the Dignity Fund will make a tentative award offer followed by a period of negotiations and getting all the scopes of documents together.
- Documents need to be completed by August 15th to present to the September commission.
- On September 1st the documents will be presented to the commissioners for approval and a tentative timeline will be set for the legislation for the needs assessment completion.

DF allocation for FY21-22 and Cycle B 750K

Please see attached materials for DF allocation for FY21-22

- Proposed FY 21/22 Allocation – Service and Allocation Plan Cycle C

  - Nutrition and Wellness
    - Home Delivered Meals
    - Congregate Meals
    - Home Delivered Groceries
    - Nutrition New Program Models
  - Self-Care and Safety
    - Neighborhood Resiliency and Emergency
    - Preparedness
  - Proposed Allocation
    - Cost of doing Business Increase (estimated)
  - Grand Total

  - Access and Empowerment
    - Aging and Disability Resource Centers
    - Veterans Services
    - Empowerment Services
    - Social Isolation
    - Community Ambassadors
  - Housing Support
    - Housing Opportunities and Stability
  - Proposed Allocation
    - Cost of Doing Business Increase
  - Grand Total

    - ❖ FY20/21 did not receive a new DF allocation amount due to City budgetary deficit. CODB was added in late 20/21 and later baselined through the new City budget starting 21/22. Through the City addback process, $750,000 in one time funding was provided in 21/22 to help with

funding gap. The Department intends to award these funds in an ongoing manner with funding not guaranteed at this time.

Update on Vaccines and Reopening's

Ms. Kaufmann reported on the updated vaccines and reopening's

- As we go through the COVID the Emergency Response and the Command Center has gone through their various responses to date, they shift as the needs change.
- When originally deployed at the dock which was departmental then it was a part of the bigger EOC then it became the CCC so now it is shifting again in response to the changes in everyone being vaccinated.
- Most people are in the process of being vaccinated or have already been vaccinated.
- People who are 65 and older, 84% have received a complete dose of J&J, Moderna and Pfizer.
- People who are 75 + plus, 76% have been vaccinated.
- Still working through people who were housebound and getting them vaccinated, which is a very slow process.
- Over 500 vaccines have been administered.
- 120 various affordable housing buildings have been mobile vaccinated and working on permanent supportive housing.
- A huge pushed by IHSS to get both the independent providers vaccinated as well as the recipient's because of the discrepancy vaccine data numbers were very low.
- 72% of independent providers have been vaccinated and 75% of the recipient's also have been vaccinated.
- The message to everyone is to continue to practice prevention which if you are vaccinated, best practice is to wear a mask when you go indoors. There is no City mandate at this time to wear a mask.
- The COVID cases in San Francisco has slowly increased as have hospitalizations are nowhere near any of the numbers that they were at the height.

- Organizations are reopening as with the vaccination came a lot with the city ordinance shifting so that people can go back into the restaurants.
- Day programs can not reopen at this time.
- DAS in partnership with Case is hosting a webinar on Friday, July 23, 2021 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, there will be a panelist from the case side to come together with helpful information and how to support the different organizations.

Public Comment. A charter amended that was past and the city does the interpretation of its policies for the Dignity Fund Ordinance. To keep the promise of the Dignity Fund and expanding funding in a way that is transparent to do it with an eye towards good planning as well as to equity. To understand the amounts, rules and to compare with the other set asides. To have a really clear picture of what we're talking about i.e...The annual allocation, the growth in the allocation, continued funding that comes from other places that goes into the Dignity Fund, conversation around superfund and some percentage of the CODB being shared. To have a

presentation or show charts that show Dignity Fund allocation growth and how much money goes into the Dignity Fund.

Announcements – Senior and Disability Action is hosting an annual virtual celebration on Wednesday, August 11, this is chance for the community to come together online and really be in community and celebrate some of the great things done over the last year and recognize where the organization are at this time. On August 5, the SDA Mad Mob mental health group is working on a forum about conservatorship and talking about the free Brittney Spears movement and what does this look like if you're not as famous and rich as Brittany Spears.

Next meeting: Monday, 9/20/21 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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