

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 27, 2020; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Marcy Adelman, Margy Baran, Ramona Davies, Jessica Lehman, Katie Loo, Elinor Lurie, Sandy Mori, Gustavo Serina, Monique Zmuda, Melissa McGee (DAS), Tiffany Kearney (DAS), Justin Chico (DAS)

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

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

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for January 27, 2020 with the addition of Shireen McSpadden, the Executive Director of DAS, to the agenda to discuss the City College's decision to cut classes for older adults.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the November 18, 2019 meeting minutes.

City College and classes for older adults, by Shireen McSpadden: Ms. McSpadden stated that the Chancellor of City College of SF announced that City College had a deficit of \$13.1 million dollars and would need to cut over 350 classes starting in January for the spring semester. Many of classes impacted are within City College's Older Adult Program.

Ms. McSpadden notified Mayor Breed that DAS has one-time-only funding available that will provide a short-term solution to saving some of the older adult classes while a long-term solution is finalized. DAS will provide \$216,000 per year for FY 19-20 and FY 20-21 to fund 17 of the 50 classes that were initially cut.

SPWG response to Data and Evaluation Report-Fiona Hinze-The SPWG expressed gratitude to Rose Johns, Adithi Vellore, and Melissa McGee for presenting the Data and Evaluation Report in an accessible way. Most service providers thought the information in the report was easy to follow. The SPWG did have some questions about service and geographic equity. There were additional questions regarding how the data will fit with other assessments that DAS implements.

With the advice from SPWG, DAS will continue to engage with community partners in data collection, determination of objectives, and completing a report that provides meaningful data.

Data and Evaluation Report Discussion-Rose Johns-The two major concerns expressed by the SPWG about the Data and Evaluation Report were racial equity and outcome objectives.

Ms. Johns reviewed the components of the outcome and evaluation plan as dictated by the Dignity Fund legislation that includes annual data and evaluation reports, focus area reports, and

cycle-end evaluation report. Ms. Johns noted that needs assessment completed every four years would help determine if the programs, services, and approaches implemented during the 4-year cycle have addressed racial equity as well as the other equity factors identified in the Dignity Fund needs assessment. Moving forward, the planning team will provide additional information in the annual data and evaluation report that includes demographic information about the general population of older adults and adults with disabilities living in the City. This will assist the SPWG and others to compare access rates of the various services. Ms. Johns explained that DAS is committed to providing technical assistance to community providers so they are able to gather data efficiently and with as little burden as possible. DAS will continue to work with its partners to ensure outcome measures are meaningful. DAS is currently building a library of performance measures that are being used across contracts. This library includes outcomes in use as well as recommended outcomes measures for service areas.

Additional discussion ensued amongst OAC members about the importance of data collection, outcome measures, and equity.

Public Comment: Laurie Sanchez with CTN suggested that DAS use 4-point scales in outcome measures rather than a “yes or no” response.

Announcements: Katie Loo announced her retirement from the DAS commission and as a result, will no longer serve on the OAC. Jessica Lehman reminded all in attendance about the upcoming census.

Adjournment: 4:20 p.m.