

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 25, 2021 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Conference Call

Minutes

Attending: Marcy Adelman, Ramona Davies, Wanda Jung, Martha Kunuzan, Jessica Lehman, Elinor Lurie, Sandy Mori, Allen Ng, Beverly Taylor, Monique Zumba, 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 Margie Baran.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for October 25, 2021.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the September 20, 2021 meeting minutes.

Presentation of BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) Community Engagement Project

Please see attached materials for Presentation of BIPOC

Listening Sessions with Communities of Color: A Summary of Findings and Recommendations

Agenda

- Project Overview
- Selected Findings
 - Consumer Service Needs
 - Barriers to Accessing Services
 - Service System Infrastructure & Partnerships
- Next Steps
- Background
 - Better understand the landscape of need and consumer engagement among older and disabled BIPOC San Francisco
- Research Questions
 - Needs of BIPOC older adults and adults with disabilities
 - Barriers to BIPOC participation
 - How are existing DAS services effective
 - How can existing DAS services be improved
 - How could DAS partner more effectively
- Population Priorities & Project Teams
 - Population
 - Project Team Members
- Timeline
 - Jan/Feb
 - Kick-off project

- Onboard team members
 - Mar/May
 - Conduct participant outreach
 - Develop focus group protocols
 - June/Jul
 - Host focus group and interviews
 - Identify common themes in feedback
 - Aug/Oct
 - Draft summary report
 - Share findings
- Focus Group & Interview Participants
 - 70 older and disabled consumers
 - 82 community leaders and professionals
 - 14 DAS Staff
- Selected Findings: Consumer Service Needs
- Consumer Service Needs
 - Social isolation and loneliness
 - Culturally-appropriate mental health services
- Consumer Service Needs
 - Affordable housing and navigation support
 - Affordable and affirming long-term care
- Consumer Service Needs
 - Personal and community safety
 - Immigration support and legal services
- Selected Findings: Barriers to Accessing Services
 - Barriers to Accessing Services
 - Awareness of resources and service navigation
 - Language support and cultural resonance
- Barriers to Accessing Services
 - Complex process and bureaucracy
 - Technology
 - Transportation
- Barriers to Accessing Services
 - Mistrust of government
 - Intersectionality and inclusion
- Selected Findings: Service System Infrastructure & Partnerships
- Service System Infrastructure & Partnerships
 - Support for existing service infrastructure and new partnerships
 - Knowledge of services and referral pathways
 - System coordination, interagency collaboration, and community feedback
 - Inclusion of people with disabilities across the spectrum of disability
- Next Steps
 - Recommendations
- Highlights from the FY 2021-22 Action Plan
 - Action
 - Description

Public Comment –

It is a real asset to DAS that there are more staff who come directly from all these groups. Thank you so much for this comprehensive response. The appreciation and all effort to solicit diverse input including by partnering with faith based and other services – this broad approach is an important way to plan for and get out the word about services. Thank you for all the work in this report.

Announcements –

A critical Service Providers Workgroup meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, at 2:00 pm on Zoom and the meeting will include the Needs Assessment consultants. Advanced registration is required for attendance. On Tuesday, October 26, there will be a Master Plan for Aging SF regional forum event on zoom from 1 pm – 3 pm. The event will focus on ending homelessness amongst for seniors and people with disabilities. Panelist will include Kelly Dearman and Shireen McSpadden along with a couple of other people. Registration is required for attendance to this meeting.

The Senior Disability Action (SDA) is hosting a virtual senior and disability university about social media advocacy and digital access starting next week. Some devices and a lot of training will be available for people who need them. A survey is being sent out to gather people stories to be able to show how important it is for remote participation options for phone and video continue even after people come in person to prevent less isolation.

On Wednesday, November 3, from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm there will be a regional and statewide event about redistricting, concerning to get seniors and people with disabilities to fill out the senses. The next steps of looking at how the lines get drawn and what that means for our communities especially communities of color. We encourage people to submit their feedback during the forum.

The California Department of Public Health recently released their report on Alzheimer's and Dementia over the next two decades here in California. A study that shows 127% increase to be expected by 2040 in the number of people living with Dementia and Alzheimer's. It's an important study that breaks down the different counties to see how the different counties will be affected over the next two decades.

On Wednesday, October 27, from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm the SF Chinatown Community Resource Fair is hosting an event at Portsmouth Square. In attendance will be 30 or 40 different CBO's and the expected people attending will be 400.

Next meeting: Monday, 11/15/21 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Via Zoom Conference Call