

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 18, 2022; 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Conference Call

Minutes

Attending: Margy Baran, Jessica Lehman, Sandy Mori, Allen Ng, Wanda Jung, Martha Knutzen, Diane Lawrence, Melissa McGee (DAS), Kelly Dearman (DAS), Stefanie Wen (DAS)

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

Roll Call: Ms. McGee called roll. The excused absence was Ramona Davies, Monique Zmuda, and Marcy Adelman. The unexcused absence was Juliet Rothman.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for July 18, 2022, with the addition of a discussion regarding future OAC meeting dates.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the May 16, 2022 meeting minutes.

Update on LTCCC (The Long term Care Coordinating Council) Representation on OAC

Ms. Mori reported that in The Long Term Care Coordinating Council, there used to be 40 people representing 40 distinct groups in the community. Now, they just rearranged the structure and shortened it to 15 slots. Five of the fifteen positions are department representatives, and we have Ramona Davies, Margy Baran, and Jessica Lehman as OAC's representatives from the Long-Term Care Quality Council. Ms. Mori spoke with the LTCCC Co-chair Laura Liesem and Department head Kelly Dearman that they will formally ratify the 15-person slots on the Long-term Care Coordinating Council. Ms. Mori also discussed with Laura the possibility of holding a July team meeting. In September, LTCCC will add two new members from their coordinating council to the OAC.

Service Providers Working Group

Ms. Hinze recapped our question about the community needs assessment outreach process in the last dignity fund meeting. She had Deputy Director Coffin Coleman explain what they did, which consisted primarily of in-person and online focus groups and surveys. They emphasized that they did hold several events in person when it was safe to do so. In addition, they had publicized these activities in multiple languages. As they said, this will be an ongoing process. Ms. Hinze also mentioned she was excited to hear the online resource directory is contracting out soon. There was interest in the feedback. They've asked the department to come back when it's ready to discuss the online service directory and its potential as they move forward. The department also said they're trying to speed up the RFP process for the next round.

DAS Budget Update

Ms. Kelly Dearman reported that the total new funding is over \$6.7 million for FY21/22 and \$6.9 million available in FY23/24. DAS is working on 31 budget add-back and the mayor's project presently. The mayor's \$900,000 investment will be in 2 parts: LGBTQ+ Mental Health Connection \$600,000 and Technology Support Program \$300,000. The additional allocation plan is as follows: Senior housing pilot \$425,000, Housing subsidies of \$300,000, Elderly person City

College studying classes \$400,000, Home-delivered and congregate meals \$2.27 million. DAS is tracking \$225,000 in digital divide add-back money for FY22/23, which is less than the community wanted, but there is new funding of \$425,000 to support the expansion of the digital divide in FY22/23. In addition, we anticipate \$1 million in new state financing for DAS during this fiscal year. The budget and appropriations committee approved the dignity fund new allocation plan proposed on May 16. Please refer to the DAS OAC website in the minutes for more details on the dignity fund allocation plan.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Ms. McGee announced that Tom Nolan, the DAS's LGBTQ programs manager, will retire on August 1. Tom will be honored by the board of supervisors Mandelman at their meeting on July 19, at 2:30 pm. Everyone can attend or watch on SF.GOVTV.

Ms. Kauffman was excited to announce that Fanny Lapitan has lately been promoted to director of the benefits, DAS Benefits, and Resource Hub.

Ms. Lehman announced the ADA's 32nd anniversary is on July 26. They are still working on the events. Moreover, the 57th anniversary of Medicare will be celebrated next Friday at 11 a.m. at the Federal Building on 90 7th Street.

Next meeting: Monday, 09/19/2022, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.