

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 13, 2017; 3:00pm to 5:00pm

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

Minutes

Attending: Ramona Davies, Sandy Mori, Elinore Lurie, Edna James, Marcy Adelman, Beverly Taylor, Margy Baran, Gustavo Serriña, Monique Zmuda, Melissa McGee (DAAS), Rick Appleby (DAAS), Rose Johns (HSA Planning)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

Roll Call: Ms. McGee completed the roll call.

Approval of the Agenda: The March 13, 2017 agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes: Members reviewed the February 24, February 27 and March 6, 2017, minutes and suggested edits and corrections. Minutes will be corrected. Minutes approved unanimously noting edits to be made.

Comment: A member noted the correct public comment format for the agenda per Brown Act. The By-Law subcommittee – Ms. Zmuda and Ms. Baran – will ensure this is in the bylaws to be presented next week.

Determination of Regular Meeting Date Schedule: The group discussed regular dates for meetings. Since it already meets on Mondays that day may work best, noting that the fact that holidays often fall on a Mondays. Various members expressed their availability. A motion to meet on Mondays was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Members discussed how often the group should meet. Given the current schedule of meetings a motion was made to hold meetings the 1st meeting each month. Discussion included that the group needs to remain flexible if more meetings are necessary. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. April 3 will be the first monthly meeting.

Discussion of Excused Absences: Ms. Davies suggested as in other bylaws that 3 absences in a 6 months period without expressed approval of Chairs would constitute a resignation. Current examples reviewed (illness, work requirements), group agreed with this definition. Discussion included that often the chair or vice-chair can excuse a member rather than having an agenda item for the group. This issue is in legislation so group needs something now. Ms. Davies summarized that Chair or Vice-Chair will excuse absences during roll call.

Service and Allocation Proposal Discussion: Ms. Johns made a presentation on the distribution of the enrollment of seniors, in senior services and regarding poverty around the city. See

handouts and PowerPoint. Members discussed various issues related to the statistics and demographics. Important themes included:

- LGBT data is limited but improving. Some members would like to see that data; Ms. Johns will send out.
- Data is used for allocation of funds.
- Department of Aging is looking at better ways to serve adults with disabilities. 30% of adults with disabilities live in District 6. 25% in OOA programs. Ms. McSpadden noted that no funds came with Americans with Disabilities Act so dependent on local funds and add-backs. IHSS serves the most adults with disabilities.
- Limited facilities for dementia day care
- Gap and Equity analyses will be next year. Limited data in those areas for current funding decisions.
- Ms. McSpadden gave overview of how draft proposal was developed, e.g. new initiatives for underserved populations (AWD), LGBT Senior Policy Task Force, veterans as underserved, data from needs assessment and the data Ms. Johns just shared. Seniors Centers as underutilized space, perhaps programs could be added for adults with disabilities: support the center and new programs. Receive information from providers and community members. MOD suggested a separate center for people with disabilities. DAAS proposal not ongoing, OAC has a two year reallocation plan.
- Rates are high for some current services. Group can look at other models that may bring down costs. For example, paratransit versus Uber.
- Cost of Doing Business (COB): group discussed aspects of COB funds held in DAAS Draft proposal: \$880,000. Many members, the Dignity Fund Coalition and others feel that should not be set aside from Dignity Fund, Dignity Funds should be used for services as intended. Even if only used for the reason once, it will set precedent for future budgets. Having COB included in set-asides is typical.
- Form requesting feedback was sent out to providers. Some are viewing it as a call for proposals. It is not a call for proposals.
- Group discussed the need for outcome measures for each contract and service. DAAS monitors programs and can use funds (Dignity Funds?) to expand programs and include evaluation. DAAS wants to put something in place for all programs. Nutrition is largest program so a good starting place.
- LTCCC budget proposals: one included in OAC proposal, one is in DAAS budget and one, SFZGH Golden Compass, could be considered in Dignity Fund.

Public Comment

- CASE and Family Caregiver Support program agree that proposed COB funding should go instead to services.
- HIV & Aging Work Group considers how older folks with HIV fit into existing services and how the two service areas can collaborate. The Golden Compass program a good example.
- Evaluation important but wait list exists for food delivery program so additional funding important too.
- Comment from public asking about middle income senior pilot. Ms. McSpadden reported that the project hasn't started. Contract goes to the Commission on Aging in April.

Discussion: OAC members discussed homelessness and older adults. Need assessment and report. Jeff Kovitsky, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, will make a presentation at the next LTCCC meeting. Ms. McSpadden reported that she has met with Ms. Kovitsky, discussed the provision of services within housing/homelessness system. Seniors don't do well in shelters. Need to look at other models. How do we ensure access for homeless seniors, what does the navigation center look like for those folks?

Discussion: members discussed Service Providers Working Group. 6 people are interested in the chair positions: will talk about it at next meeting.

Ramona reminded the group that recommendations to DAAS will be finalized at the April 4rd meeting.

Adjourned: 4:55pm

Next meeting: Monday, 3/20/17, 3 to 5, Golden Gate Conference Room