

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 16, 2024; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1650 Mission Street, 5th floor, Golden Gate

Conference Room

Public attendance via Teams

Minutes Draft

Members Present: Marcy Adelman, Allen Cooper, Vince Crisostomo, Ramona Davies, Wanda Jung, Martha Knutzen, Diane Lawrence, Jennifer Walsh

Excused: Sandy Mori

Welcome and Call to Order: Wanda Jung called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

Roll Call: Cindy Kauffman called roll.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for December 16, 2024.

General Public Comment Public: None.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the OAC meeting minutes for November 18, 2024.

Service Providers Working Group:

Fiona Hinze reported there was no SPWG meeting since last DF meeting. Mike Zaugg will be attending the coalition meeting on January 22nd.

Discussion:

None.

Dignity Fund Cycle-End Eval FY20-FY23

Vellore Adithi, Principal Administrative Analyst of the Planning Unit presented Dignity Fund Cycle-End Evaluation report for Fiscal Year 19-20 to 22-23. The presentation included context behind budget and client data, reflections from DAS Leadership and discussions from OAC members about post COVID transitions, data reporting and hopes for the future. See attached slides for more information

Discussion:

Post COVID, many services are returning to face-to-face. OAC members observed sites struggling to get people back in person and clients needing transportation. This makes OAC Members wonder how to make other essential services- like nutrition and housing- equitable to all communities.

DAS leadership gave an update on GetCare. GetCare is looking back to fill gaps in age and race data.

In hopes for the future, OAC Members envisioned multiple uses for the DF Cycle End Evaluation Report such as future presentations to the mayor, resources of information for current and future Board of Supervisors, and as a resource to prove accountability in contracts.

Final Review of Bylaws

Cindy Kauffman, Deputy Director of DAS Community Services, reviewed changes that were made to the Bylaws and OAC Members made additional suggestions.

Suggestions for Edits:

- Article I Section 2 “Purpose”: “Fund” needs to be defined as “Dignity Fund” before using the term “Fund” throughout the document.

Cindy announced that a new revision with the edit suggestion above will be posted for public input then OAC Members will vote for approval next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Announcement: Vince updated the group about the World AIDS Day National Observance event in San Francisco and Washington, D.C where Vince received the Thom Weyand Unsung Hero Award and was a speaker at an intergenerational panel.

Marcy announced that Susan DeMarois, the Director of California Department of Aging, will receive an award from Openhouse in April.

Year End Celebration: DF OAC Members enjoyed small treats and conversation to celebrate their year-end.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm

Next meeting: January 27, 2025, 3:00 pm