

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 17, 2018; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1650 Mission Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Golden Gate Conference Room

Minutes

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

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

Roll Call: Ms. McGee called roll. The excused absences were Allen Ng, Beverly Taylor and Monique Zmuda.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for December 17, 2018

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the minutes for September 17 and October 15, 2018.

DF Remaining Funds Update, by John Tsutakawa, SF-HSA: Mr. Tsutakawa provided OAC members with an information sheet that described the following aspects of the Dignity Fund (DF) and/or DF contract/grants: 1) different ways carryforward DF monies can occur and when those amounts are confirmed; 2) how and when annual contract savings are addressed; 3) the rollover process for DF monies; 4) the allocation of FY 17/18 carryforward DF monies; 5) the plan for FY 18/19 carryforward DF monies, 6) the process for one time only (OTO) request. Mr. Tsutakawa explained that the DF legislation requires a four-year planning and contract cycle and each year through fiscal year 2026-2027 there is an annual increase to the fund.

How community based providers are notified of available OTO funding was asked by an OAC member. DAAS stated that program analysts notified all providers this year. DAAS received 34 request this year totaling over \$1.6 million and included requests for equipment, vehicles, capital/repairs, and service enhancement. An OAC member asked DAAS to expand on the service enhancement category. DAAS explained that some providers have requested additional funding to deliver more units of service. Another member of the OAC asked why DAAS does not divided the available OTO funding evenly between providers. DAAS explained that there are times when providers do not spend their annual budget and therefore it would not be justified to allocate additional monies to those providers in a year where they have underspent their annual budget.

Intergenerational Programming RFP Update, by Tiffany Kearney & Melissa McGee, DAAS: Ms. Kearney provided the OAC with district and target population information for the six intergenerational grants tentatively awarded. Two grants are citywide and the remaining four grants include districts 5, 6,7,8,9, and/or 10. Between the six community based providers, the target populations including the Asian/Pacific Islander communities, communities of color, adults with disabilities, LGBTQ, frail/homebound older adults and/or adults with disabilities, and individuals with mental health and/or behavioral health conditions.

Deeper Dive Data Analysis, LGBTQ Community, by Rose Johns: Ms. Johns provided the OAC with a report titled *LGBTQ Seniors and Adults with Disabilities: Program Participation and Equity Analysis FY 2017-2018, Report by the SF-HSA-Planning Unit*. Ms. Johns reviewed the contents of report with OAC members. This included the profile information for LGBTQ participants, the equity analysis focused on service utilization by older adults who identify as LGBTQ, findings, and recommendations.

A member of the OAC asked what factors have contributed to DAAS's ability to gather more data about the LGBTQ community. Ms. Johns stated that the Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) ordinance implemented by the City has helped to improve providers' collection of SOGI data. OAC members expressed a desire to investigate why LGBTQ community members do not access services and noted that there is a need to explore different ways to reach out to the LGBTQ community.

Deeper Dive Data Analysis, Communities of Color, by Adithi Vellore: Ms. Vellore provided the OAC with a report titled *Seniors and Adults with Disabilities from Communities of Color: Equity Analysis FY 2016-2017, Report by the SF-HSA-Planning Unit*. Ms. Vellore reviewed the contents of report with OAC members. This included the profile of program participants of color, the equity analysis focused on service utilization by older adults and adults with disabilities who identify as people of color, findings, and recommendations.

An OAC member asked what race/ethnicity was included in the communities of color definition. Ms. Vellore stated that communities of color included Asian/Pacific Islanders (API), African Americans, and Latinos. A member of the OAC commented that there are subgroups within the API community and that a more detailed analysis of the API community may be useful. Another member of the OAC asked if there was any evidence that an individual's immigration status has had an impact on the participation rate in the Latino community. Although unable to provide a definitive answer to the question posed, DAAS noted that the data used for the report presented predates the concerns surrounding immigration status.

Another member of the OAC commented that income and IHSS data would be useful to overlay with utilization data for all eligible populations. It was suggested that the added data could provide a clearer picture of who needs services. A member of the OAC commented that eligible individuals might perceive using services and/or needing services as negative and this negative stigma is a barrier to accessing services.

Ms. Ramona Davies, OAC chair, asked members what they want the next steps to be with the information provided in the reports. One OAC member suggested that the commission divide themselves, continue their discussion of the information in the report offline, and discuss with all members at the next OAC meeting. Another member recommended that all members read the reports and continue their discussion at the next OAC meeting. The members decided on the latter approach. Members also agreed that the information in the reports is useful to the Service Providers Working Group (SPWG), the community, and the Dignity Fund coalition.

Introduction of By-Law Change for Chair and Vice Chair, by Melissa McGee: In the current by-laws for the OAC, the election term of the OAC chair and vice chair starts in January and ends in December. DAAS respectfully ask the OAC to consider changing the election term to align with the DAAS fiscal year, start in July and end in June instead of January to December. There was consensus among OAC members to change the term. Ms. Davies suggested that OAC members submit nominations for the chair and vice chair by the end of December and that the committee vote on the nominations and a change to the by-laws at the January 2019 OAC meeting. All members agreed with Ms. Davies's proposal.

Public Comment: Brian Basinger with the Q Foundation suggested that the City consider conducting a census of the LGBTQ community in San Francisco. Karyn Skultety with Openhouse commented that some of the information gathered from LGBTQ focus groups during the Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment process might be helpful in planning new ways to connect with individuals in LGBTQ community. Ms. Skultety also suggested reaching out to individuals who decline to answer SOGI questions.

Announcements: Jessica Lehman announced that SDA's New Year party would be on January 11, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1360 Mission St.

Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, 01/28/19, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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