

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT ADVISORY
February 24, 2017; 2:00pm to 4:00pm
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, Allen Ng, Monique Zmuda, Melissa McGee (DAAS), Rick Appleby (DAAS)

Call to Order and Welcome

- Ms. McGee welcomed attendees. She is the primary DAAS Staff person for the Oversight Advisory Committee so members should reach out to her with questions and comments. She will facilitate this meeting until Chair and Vice-Chair are selected later in the agenda.
- Ms. McGee thanked members for their willingness and interest. She welcomed guests and encouraged them to sign in. Info would be used to start a distribution list for the group.
- The meeting is from 2 to 4; will end promptly. A packet of information will be sent out following the meeting and before the next meeting.
- Members introduced themselves. Biographical information will be requested later for each.

Orientation (PowerPoint)

- Ms. McGee gave a brief overview of the Dignity Fund and defined the Dignity Fund as “Proposition I set-aside funds and “superfunds” (funding beyond legislative levels. More on this later in the meeting).
- History of the Dignity Fund will be included in post-meeting packet.
- Acknowledged Margy Baran, Sandy Mori and Ramona Davies as having played a large role in the Prop I effort and Dignity Fund collaboration. Acknowledged important support from Eric Mar (no longer on the BOS).
- Final Dignity Fund legislation was signed by the Mayor today.
- Charter components of Dignity Fund: Special funds, needs assessment every four years, Oversight Advisory Committee & eligible and ineligible services.

Funding Overview (PowerPoint)

Rose Johns presented an overview of the Dignity Fund financial background: City set-aside each year with a 38 million baseline. Funding begins July 1, 2017, and first year is through June 30, 2018.

“Superfund” exact amount in Dignity Fund may fluctuate due to non-legislative funds added, i.e. Mayor or Board of Supervisor enhancements not anticipated in original Dignity Fund structure. While Dignity Fund Prop I allocation cannot be reduced, any additional superfunding could be reduced.

Timeline and Key Deliverables (See PowerPoint)

2017/2018: Needs Assessment
2018/2019: Service Allocation Plan (4 years)

2021/2022: New Needs Assessment
2022/2023: New Service Allocation Plan

Note: Nine million in funds will be allocated prior to formation of the Service Allocation Plan. The initial allocation will be based on previous needs assessments, DAAS communications with community agencies, consumer feedback etc. as well as the OAC's input. This year the budget has already happened for City and City Departments. We have a Mayoral extension for Dignity Fund until Mid-March to make Dignity Fund related budget recommendations. Future years will follow standard budget process beginning much earlier.

OAC Roles and Responsibilities (PowerPoint)

See PowerPoint. Additional notes: OAC to meet at least 6 times a year; OAC sets up Services Provider Working Group, to be discussed at next meeting.

Overview of DAAS Budget (Handout)

Rashi Kesarwani, SF HSA Budget and Planning, provided an overview of the Department of Aging and Adult Services budget. Dignity fund is about 18% of SFDAAS Budget; Office On Aging and Long Term Care Operations will shift into Dignity Fund from DAAS General budget.

Ms. Kesawani explained the issue of eligible and ineligible funds for Dignity Fund purposes. See handout.

Ideas for Allocation

Cindy Kauffmann, Deputy Director of Community Services at DAAS, presented ideas for funds allocation gathered from DAAS, the Community, previous needs assessments and from the Dignity Fund Coalition. Ideas included (see handout for details):

- Innovative community center activities
- Transportation for expanded community services
- Respite & caregiver support
- Legal services and naturalization
- Wellness and nutrition
- Veteran supportive services
- Services for people with disabilities
- LGBT specific services, esp. recommendations from the LGBT Senior Policy Task Force

Other notes:

- The intent is for OAC to give feedback and ideas by mid-March. OAC will meet soon to begin that discussion and review more detailed information.
- A member requested recommendations of the LTCCC HIV & Aging work group
- Post-meeting packet will include list of non-Dignity Fund DAAS services
- Ms. Kauffmann will check on invitees for a veteran's round table this Thursday.
- Suggest OAC receive Alzheimer's Association and Dementia Work group information
- Supervisor Yee's public hearing on March 9 (10am) will include discussion of senior services.

Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

- ✓ Ms. McGee accepted nominations for Chair:
Sandy Mori nominated Ramona Davies (Adelman 2nd, unanimous)
- ✓ Ms. McGee accepted nominations for Vice-Chair:
Margy Baran nominated Sandy Mori (Elinore 2nd, unanimous)

Ms. McGee turned facilitation of the meeting to Ramona Davies and Sandy Mori who introduced themselves and gave some professional background, leadership approach and intentions.

Meeting Schedule

Ms. Davies lead group in discussion of future meeting dates. Set the next three meetings each Monday through March 13th, 3 to 5pm, DAAS Golden Gate Room. Agenda for 2/27 meeting to include Service Provider Working Group, current needs assessment, discussion and updates.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourned: 3:30pm

Next meeting: Oversight Advisory Committee, 2/27, 3 to 5, Golden Gate Conference Room