

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 21, 2020; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Conference Call

Minutes

**Attending:** Marcy Adelman, Ramona Davies, Margie Baron, Martha Kunuzan, Jessica Lehman, Elinor Lurie, Sandy Mori, Monique Zmuda, Melissa McGee (DAS), Justin Chico (DAS), Niquelle Warren (DAS)

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

**Roll Call:** Ms. McGee called roll. The excused absence is Allen Ng. The unexcused absence was Beverly Taylor.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for July 27, 2020 with the addition of discussion in regards to future OAC meeting dates.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Members approved the July 27, 2020 meeting minutes.

**Service Providers Working Group Update and Recommendations to the OAC**

Please see the attached materials for Bridging for the Digital Divide

- Issue #1: Bridging the Digital Divide
  - Leverage This Commitment
  - Build on Existing Programs

*Following that:*

- Build on the experience and commitment of existing contractors
  - Set-aside funds for new initiatives and test new models
  - Build in a plan to develop uniform metrics
  - Create a more robust outreach effort
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- Issue #2 - Support for Essential Workers
    - Hazard (Field Pay)
    - Pay for workers SIP
    - Health Benefits
    - PPE
    - Transportation
    - Increased Access to Paid Time Off
    - Other Work Expenses

## **Digital Divide**

Uniformed Metrics would be addressing and coming up with metrics that all of the contractors can abide by both with equity and disabilities, also coming up with metrics and measurable and deliverable for those contracts. Bridging the divide in their agencies.

Tech Council is a coalition of agencies that serve people with disabilities that know about technology. Their role is to look at innovative models for making recommendations to the city.

Concerns with Digital Divide affecting our seniors and people with disabilities is a priority at the state level and a lot of information and recommendations with respect to the Digital Divide in the master plan recommendations.

## **Support for Essential Workers**

Top three (3) recommendations for Essential Workers:

- I. Hazard Pay
- II. Field Pay
- III. Transportation Concerns

No dollar amount has been determined for these recommendations.

## **Request for Proposals Schedule and Contract Extensions**

Please see the attached materials for Contracting Updates, Next Step and Assistance Resources

- COVID Emergency Contracting
- COVID Emergency Contracting (cont'd)
- Dignity Fund Contracting Cycles
- FY 19/20 Request for Proposals Contracting Cycle RFP Year: Access and Empowerment, Caregiver Support, Housing Support
- FY 19/20 Request for Proposals (continued)
- FY 19/20 Request for Proposals (continued)
- RFP schedule for FY 20/21 Contracting cycle RFP year: Nutrition and Wellness, Self-Care and Safety
- Quiz Time
- Resources for Assistance
- But who is my Program or Contracts contact?
- CARBON Vendor Contracts Tab
- CARBON Contracts Document Tab – then select Contract Information
- But who is my Program or Contracts contact

## Outcome of City Budget Impact on DAS

Mr. Zaugg explained that with the Budget impact on DAS, it is a delicate balance between government procurement rules and making things as easily as possible. Perhaps starting to set up small meetings or workgroups where case and program as well as the colleagues from contracts, get together and talk through these things. Some topics to talk about are where there is some flexibility and where there is not flexibility. As for the outcome, there's a lot of common ground with the thinking. DAS/OCP always wants to show outcomes. Great work has been done in the past, but we are now working to really tighten the outcomes that has been done. No one doubts the important work being done but to be able to show that message in a lot of different ways is going to have all of us in a better position when it comes time to really tell the story about what our programs are doing for the older adults and adults with disabilities.

Ms. McSpadden reported the concept of equity has been integrated in many ways. The pandemic has introduced a lot of new people to DAS and a lot of new needs. Ms. McSpadden is carefully looking at the equity issues that affect the African American, Latino and Filipino communities. In addition to ageism, the lack of thought about access and accessibility in general is another issue being looked at. Communities feel left out of the conversations which DAS tries hard not to let happen.

Ms. McSpadden also reported that the Dignity Fund has \$3 Million dollars less funding than back in January. The Mayor's Office put funding into the DAS budget for the COVID Command Center food support. \$18 Million of the \$46 Million dollars is funding for seniors and people with disabilities, and \$15 Million is for the Great Plates program, which is the governor's program for restaurant stimulus and senior food programs. DAS already spent the money due to programs lasting longer than anticipated. An additional \$3 million dollars to support home delivery meal providers and congregate meals providers who had to shift over to home deliver approach. The Add Backs, \$300,000 a year for two (2) years, are for digital equity. There have been conversations on using the money to support programs that are already here in place and get the money out the door through contracts instead of going through RFP process. We will use the other \$100,000 for new programs. \$1 million dollars is being used for the COVID Command Center. There is money for housing subsidies for seniors and people with disabilities. There will be more district specific Add Backs money for educational programming, classes, language access for the community connecting programs.

Public Comment- No public comment

Announcements- Congratulations to DAS for their national recognition and all of the participating services providers that belong in the recognition event.

Ms. Lehman announced a reminder that there is 10 days left for filing the Census. Our communities are in serious risk of being undercounted. Please do what you can to share

information on Social Media, talk to participants and go to SDA's Face Book, Twitter and Instagram for upcoming info and events. Ms. Lehman announced launching a campaign around the ballot elections for concerns for the seniors in nursing homes and care facilities and anyone interested due to the pandemic. Ms. Lehman also announced a Senior and Disability University zoom meetings about the elections with more information available tomorrow (9/22/20). The zoom meeting will be held on next Thursday (9/24/20) and Friday (9/25/20) from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm and the following Thursday (10/1/20) and Friday (10/2/20) from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm, about more in depth information regarding the ballots for local and state and how it will affect seniors and people with disabilities.

Future DF-OAC Meeting Dates - The members of the DF-OAC discussed potential future meeting dates. The OAC will meet next on November 16, 2020

Adjournment: 5:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, 11/16/20, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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