DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 6, 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, Chip Supanich, Gustavo Seriña, Monique Zmuda, Melissa McGee (DAAS), Rick Appleby (DAAS), Cindy Kauffmann (DAAS), Rose Johns (HSA Planning)

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:05. Members and guests were welcomed and members introduced themselves.

Data Presentation (PowerPoint handout)

Rose Johns (HSA Planning) gave a presentation on various demographics related to seniors and adults with disabilities (AWD). Presentation covered 1) caregiver information, 2) other ways to look at seniors and senior services: geographic, ethnic, etc., and 3) Office on Aging information i.e. Dignity Fund eligible services. The presentation also pointed out that:

- Most IHSS family caregivers are a child caring for a parent
- Caregivers are on average 51 years of age, higher than general caregivers.
- The largest percentage of caregivers in SF is Cantonese speaking. (44%).
- Younger AWDs live mostly in SOMA/Tenderloin while seniors are spread throughout the City.
- Asian/Pacific Islander seniors are likely to live with multiple family members.
- LGBT Seniors likely to live alone and be cared for by friends (will send out some information).
- 9% of AWD served by OOA are 55 to 59
- The category of seniors 60 to 64 is growing fast
- PowerPoint statistics use 100% of national poverty limit as criteria

2017-2018 DAAS Service Allocation Proposal (Handout)

DAAS Executive Director Shireen McSpadden presented a proposal for the initial $6 million Dignity Fund monies recognizing the Dignity Fund has the opportunity to use the monies quickly. Proposal helps to know what 6 million in services looks like, and it may be different depending on Dignity Fund decisions. Ms. McSpadden went through handout describing service categories and services listed.
Presentation Notes:

- Legal services providers are trying to serve more AWD.
- DAAS is implementing recommendations of the LGBT Senior Policy task Force including financial and life planning
- Funds for transportation: if we expand services at senior centers (community service centers) there will be a need for more transportation.
- Addressing the diversity of transportation needs by district.
- Onsite assistance for veterans, replicating service connectors in other housing settings.
- Effort to better use community service centers: space and service to AWD.
- Cost of Going Business category is a place holder. Do not know if a COB will be required but OAC should have a discussion.

Members and Ms. McSpadden discussed other topics including program evaluation, process of involving the Commission on Aging, Cost of Doing Business, and equity issues in service system.

Determination of Regular Meeting Date Schedule

Given short amount of time left for meeting members agreed to postpone the discussion and decision about the regular ongoing meeting schedule; agreed also to have three more Monday afternoon meetings: March 20, March 27 and April 3, 3 to 5pm.

Service Providers Working Group (SPWG)

Members reviewed and discussed the current list of organizations interested in being on the SPWG and those individuals interested in being a co-chair; noted folks who had withdrawn. Importance of the OAC vetting of co-chairs was discussed, and need for clear descriptions for applicants. The group recommended and established a SPWG Vetting Subcommittee to review list, talk to interested parties, create standardized questions, etc. Chip Supanich and Edna James volunteered and Sandy Mori or Romona Davies will sit on the subcommittee as well.

Rules of Order/Meeting Agreements

Group discussed how bylaws may be developed. Meeting packet included Aging Commission bylaws, LTCCC bylaws and Advisory Council bylaws for reference. Members recommended a Bylaws Subcommittee; Monique and Margy will develop language and bring to OAC.

Public Comment:

1) Request meeting handouts. Per MS. McGee, an OAC public Dropbox will be created and there will be a limited supply of handouts at upcoming meetings.
Adjourned: 4:47pm

Next meeting: Oversight Advisory Committee, 3/13/17, 3 to 5, Golden Gate Conference Room