

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Conference Call

Minutes

Attending: Marcy Adelman, Allen Cooper, Vince Crisostomo, Ramona Davies, Wanda Jung, Martha Knutzen, Diane Lawrence, Sandy Mori, Allen Ng, Jennifer Walsh

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

Roll Call: Ms. McGee called roll. The excused absence was Monique Zmuda.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for January 23, 2023.

General Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the November 14, 2022 meeting minutes.

Service Providers Working Group: Ramona Davies announced that the SPWG representatives would not be in attendance, and there is no report at this time.

DF Allocation Plan FY23/24:

Please see attached materials for the Presentation of the DF Allocation Plan FY23-24

- Background
- Dignity Fund 4 Year Contract Cycle
- Programs in Cycle A
- Initial Funding Ideas
- Next Steps
- 3% of the total cost of all the Dignity Fund contracts in place is the 1.7 million
- No projection of cuts anticipated will impact the Disability Cultural Center
- Disabilities programs are defined as the Americans with Disability Act and includes contracts with the Light House for the Blind and Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) etc.
- There is an average of over 100 clients on the Case Management services waiting list and the 6 month average wait time is 43 days from being placed on the list to being accepted for services. Noting that there is a way of emergency cases to go to the top of the list.
- The Pandemic has slowed down the waiting list in terms of uncertainty of services, comfort level of discharging a client from services, turn overs in staffing and the ability to take on new clients
- In the reduction of the Case Management waiting list the strategy is to understand the staffing levels among our case management providers are doing, seeking ways to solve problems, looking at caseloads and discharge rates. Understanding the number of client intakes, the average time line for a client to stay on case management and adding more case managers

- Currently there is no uniform across the centers offering the Digital Divide services, many centers offer services to provide tech navigators
- Most of or all our community centers are offering some level of virtual Hybrid programming to continue the needs of engagement with the community
- Service Providers will need equipment, Owl devices, internet support, staff knowledge and funding to continue to support or expand the programs

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Announcements: No Announcements

Adjournment: 4:30 pm

Next meeting: Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.