

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 20, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1650 Mission Street, 5th floor, Golden Gate room

Public attendance via Zoom

Minutes

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

Excused: Monique Zmuda, Allen Ng, Diane Lawrence

Call to Order: Ms. Davies called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. McGee called roll.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for March 20, 2023.

General Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes.

Status of In-Person OAC Meetings

- Committee meetings still must be attended in person, but there are two bills circulating in the state legislature addressing the Brown Act requirement of in-person meetings. Ravi Durbeej, Commission Secretary, will keep this body informed of any updates or changes to law or policy.
- OAC body may review day and time of meeting to determine if the current schedule of the third Monday of the month at 3:00pm is still viable for the members.

Service Providers Working Group

There chair has no update at this time.

Finance / Budget Overview

Alex Gleason, DAS Budget Analyst, provided an overview of the Dignity Fund (DF) budget process. See attached slides for information.

Questions –

What are specifics of DF eligible services? – The Service and Allocation Plan outlines all DAS services and those that are DF eligible.

Why is presentation from FY 21-22? – Chose this year for purpose of this training as FY21-22 is fixed and done, with complete annual information. Information for FY 23-24 will be available and presented to this body in the Fall.

Does the CODB cover all DAS services or just DF eligible? – The CODB for DF eligible services comes from the allocation; other DAS program CODB is covered by general fund.

Services and Allocation Plan – Changes to Final Report

Please see attached summary document outlining changes to the Dignity Fund Services and Allocation Plan FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27 Final Report.

Comments:

Pleased with coverage of mental and behavioral health issues – need continued focus on aging and mental health.

Integrate mental health services in our role of providing social services.

Look at state funding available for innovative mental health and aging initiatives.

Enhancement in mental health services should include training for social service staff on how to respond and mitigate situations.

Public Comment:

Good presentation.

Where did CODB come from during FY2-21 when we did not receive DF allocation? – general fund

CASE has a budget ask into DAS for potential models to provide licensed staff to lead groups in community centers.

Suggestion to include On-Lok Senior Bullying Training program

Providers should have access to trauma training to help them feel more confident in handling situations.

Missing population in document is HIV long-term survivors.

Glad to see mental health as a priority.

Announcements: No Announcements

Adjournment: 4:25 pm

Next meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.