

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 24, 2025; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1650 Mission Street, 5th floor, Golden Gate

Conference Room

Public attendance via Teams

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Sandy Mori, Vince Crisostomo, Ramona Davies, Wanda Jung, Jennifer Walsh, Allen Cooper

Excused: Diane Lawrence, Marcy Adelman, Martha Knutzen (attended remotely as guest)

Welcome and Call to Order: Ms. Jung called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Cindy Kauffman called roll.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for February 24, 2025.

General Public Comment Public: None.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the OAC meeting minutes for December 16, 2024.

Service Providers Working Group (SPWG):

Marie Jobling, SPWG co-chair, suggested it would be helpful if SPWG is made aware of future DF agenda items so they can share comments before decisions are made. Based on DF agenda information, SPWG will schedule their meetings accordingly, either as part of the Dignity Fund or part of the CASE meeting.

Dignity Fund Data and Evaluation Report FY23-24

Izzy Clayter, Program Support Analyst with HSA Policy and Planning Unit, presented the FY 23/24 Data and Evaluation Report, including a high-level overview of the Dignity Fund Outcome and Evaluation Plan. The presentation focused on seven service areas: Access and Empowerment (included a spotlight presentation on Legal Assistance), Caregiver Support, Case Management and Care Navigation, Community Connection & Engagement (included spotlight presentations on the SF Connected Program and Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) Supports), Housing Support, and Nutrition and Wellness (included spotlight presentations on Health Promotion – Physical Fitness, Health Promotion – Title III D – Diabetes Empowerment Education Program), and Self-Care and Safety. See attached slides for more information.

Discussion:

Ramona commented about the client profile. It is broken down by zip codes and it may be helpful to know supervisorial districts too. She further commented on areas of the report chart that indicate highest use, suggesting a representative from this body could review outreach plans.

This review would not include any confidential information. Cindy offered to connect with Ramona to discuss this idea in more detail.

Cindy briefly explained how information is shared with other providers. As recommended by the community, an effort has been made to be more transparent.

Kelly Dearman commented that the Mayor's Office is very interested in data informed information. Great feedback on DAS reporting has been received from the Mayor's Office.

Cindy confirmed that a needs assessment will be on the March 17 meeting agenda.

Approve By-Laws (ACTION)

Wanda noted this committee discussed by-law revisions during September, November and December meetings. It was further noted that the following edit, suggested at December's meeting, has been made:

- The Article I Section 2 "Purpose": "Fund" needs to be defined as "Dignity Fund" before using the term "Fund" throughout the document.

Wanda thanked Cindy for all her work on by-law revisions and asked for questions or comments. As there were no questions, motion was called to approve by-laws.

Motion/ Seconded/All in Favor

By-laws approved.

Absent: Diane Lawrence, Marcy Adelman, Martha Knutzen

Election of Co-Chairs (ACTION)

Nominations:

Chair - Vince Crisostomo

Co-Chair - Jennifer Walsh

Wanda called a roll call vote. New chairs approved.

Absent: Diane Lawrence, Marcy Adelman, Martha Knutzen

Wanda commented she enjoyed her time serving as chair of this committee and looks forward to moving ahead with new co-chairs.

Budget Update:

Genevieve Herreria, Senior Budget Analyst supporting DAS Community Services, provided a brief presentation of DAS budgets for FY26 and FY27. She recalled that due to the projected

citywide deficit of almost \$876 million in the next two years, the Mayor's Office has directed departments to reduce discretionary general fund budgets by 15%. Genevieve then reviewed budget reduction impacts to DAS, which include a combination of pausing new services, right-sizing contracts, and making other adjustments as needed. It was noted the DAS proposed budget was submitted to the Mayor on Friday, February 21. The presentation concluded with an overview of the budget timeline. See attached slides for more information.

Discussion:

Wanda asked if there were questions on the budget presentation. There were no questions or comments.

Public Comment: None

Announcement: None

Meeting adjourned 4:45 pm

Next meeting: March 17, 2025 at 3:00pm