

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 16, 2026; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2 Gough Street, 3rd floor,

Wisdom Conference Room

Public attendance via Teams

Minutes

Members Present: Vice-Chair Jennifer Walsh, Marcy Adelman, Martha Knutzen, Ramona Davies, Wanda Jung, Diane Lawrence, Allen Cooper

Excused: Sandy Mori and Vince Crisostomo

Welcome and Call to Order: Vice-Chair Jennifer Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Roll Call: Cindy Kauffman called roll.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the DF OAC meeting agenda for March 16, 2026

General Public Comment:

A member from the Dignity Fund Service Providers Working Group (SPWG) requested a list of DAS' first round cuts and stated that they are able to advocate if DAS can communicate the specific list. Lastly a comment was made on hopes for DAS to communicate about services based on the DF CNA results.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the OAC meeting minutes for December 15, 2025

2026 DF Community Needs Assessment – Paulo Salta, Adithi Vellore, Fiona McBride

Presenters shared the methodology for surveying, comparison of DAS Population profiles in and out of network, top 10 findings and direct quotes from participants.

Discussion:

The LGBTQ+ population showed lower participation. The report includes equity analysis on intersectional identities including the LGBTQ+ population. Data on Native Americans was observed in a tailored focus group. Data on older adults living with HIV was not fully captured due to HIPAA protections on program enrollment forms however, the DF CNA survey asked about chronic illnesses and DAS hosted an HIV focus group.

Data on DCC's impact was shown in the reflection portion of the DF CNA surveys and the DCC recently completed their client survey. DAS expects to see more data as they continue this partnership. With the new budget underway, the committee anticipates how DAS supports CBO's social engagement.

Service Providers Working Group (SPWG):

Community needs must be elevated in budget discussions, and the CNA must reach the Board of Supervisors. People are consistently asking what is being cut. So far, SPWG identified approximately \$1.3-1.4 M in program cuts with clear descriptions and impact statements but still want to know about the approx. \$1.6 M unidentified cuts.

Members advocated for data displaying services are effective and continued reductions to programs are consequential. Supervisor Sauter requested a budget hearing; schedule confirmation is pending. SPWG will act promptly and maintain a strong presence for budget discussions.

Joint Commission – Cindy Kauffman:

Cindy reminded members of the joint Commission meeting on April 1st with OAC, DAS Commission and MDC (Mayor's Disability Council).

Public Comment: None.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: 4:55 pm (approximate)

Next meeting: April 1, 2026, 9:30 am