

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
March 18, 2019; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
1650 Mission Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Golden Gate Conference Room  
Minutes

Attending: Marcy Adelman, Ramona Davies, Jessica Lehman, Elinor Lurie, Sandy Mori, Allen Ng, Gustavo Serina, Tiffany Kearney (DAAS)

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

Roll Call: Ms. Kearney called roll. The excused absences were Margy Baran and Monique Zmuda. The unexcused absences were Katie Loo and Beverly Taylor.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for March 18, 2019.

Approval of the Minutes: Members approved the February 25, 2019 meeting minutes.

Service and Allocation Plan (SAP) Report from SPWG, by Ashley McCumber: Mr. McCumber reported on the Service Providers Working Group (SPWG) meeting that took place on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Community partners who attended agreed that the SAP was well written, clear, and aligned with the Dignity Funds Community Needs Assessment report. They expressed contentment with the four year RFP cycle and the staggering of service area procurements within the four year cycle.

Community providers acknowledge that there is a need for data collection, however there is a concern that providers in general do not have sufficient resources to collect meaningful data. The SPWG members also expressed a desire to be involved in the development of outcome measures for programs.

SPWG members stressed that the funding available is not sufficient nor does it adequately address the needs identified in the SAP. In addition, having the CODB and MCO taken out of the new monies added to the fund each year further compromises the reach and impact of the Dignity Fund. The intent of the Dignity Fund is to increase services for older adults and people with disabilities not to cover CODB and now MCO.

Members of the SPWG would like for DAAS to address how the department will meet any emerging needs during the four year service cycle and noted that they did not think that the 2% undesignated reserve allowed in the legislation is sufficient to address emerging needs. Members of the SPWG requested that DAAS expand on how transportation issues for older adults and adults with disabilities are addressed in the SAP and asked if the department is working with other city departments to collaborate and provide the services older adults and adults with disabilities need to live safely and as independently as possible in the community.

SPWG members communicated that they would like to see more emphasis on workforce development and thought that more attention might be needed to address technology gaps for older adults and adults with disabilities.

Service and Allocation Plan (SAP) OAC Discussion, by Ramona Davies: Ms. Davies invited members of the OAC to comment and ask questions of Mr. McCumber and DAAS as needed.

A member of the OAC ask Mr. McCumber to clarify the concern regarding data collection, i.e. collecting data or the type of data collected. Mr. McCumber said his understanding from the SPWG was that it was both. Discussion ensued among OAC members about the importance of data collection and how to make it less cumbersome for providers and meaningful for DAAS, the city, and the community providers themselves. An OAC member noted that advocacy for funding is better received with data and that the DAAS commission also would like more data and less anecdotal information. DAAS team members also stated that it is the practice of the department to work with community partners to ensure that data collection is manageable and to provide technical support when needed. It was also noted that the department is a steward of public dollars and that it uses data to confirm that funding is directed to where it is needed and to the programs and services that have desirable impacts.

The department acknowledged SPWG concern about emerging needs and said that it anticipates being able to continue its practice of responding to emerging needs as it does now.

DAAS team members confirmed that the department has working relationships with other city departments such as the Mayor's Office on Disability, Department of Homelessness, Department of Public Health, and Municipal Transportation Agency to help ensure that the needs of DAAS consumers are represented within those departments and that optimal services are available for older adults and adults with disabilities throughout the city and city departments.

DAAS stated that transportation falls within the Assess and Empowerment service area. A key priority for the Assess and Empowerment service area is accessibility and includes transportation.

With respect to workforce development, DAAS said that strengthening community-based provider infrastructure is one of the eight key priorities identified in the SAP and that workforce development is considered infrastructure.

Discussion ended with a review of the timeline for the SAP. DAAS will make final edits and provide the OAC with the DF-SAP 2020 to 2023 Funding Cycle report at the April OAC meeting. The report will be presented to the DAAS commission in May and Board of Supervisors in June.

FY 19/20 DF Allocations, by Shireen McSpadden: Ms. McSpadden presented the DAAS DF Allocation Proposal for the \$3,000,000 of new funding in FY 2019-20. The allocation of new

funding is directed at Cycle A services which include case management and community connection and engagement. The anticipated funding available for programming is \$1,700,000. DAAS confirmed that the proposed allocations are based on the DF Community Needs Assessment Report. The DAAS DF Allocation Proposal can be viewed on the HSA website using the following link: <https://www.sfhsa.org/about/commissions-committees/dignity-fund-oversight-and-advisory-committee/march-18-2019-dignity>

A member of the OAC asked how the CODB is calculated and if the new funding available for FY 19/20 is strictly for new services. DAAS stated that the CODB is based on the CPI index and that the rate is provided to HSA-DAAS by the controller's office. DAAS communicated that the new funding available for FY 19/20 will be a mix of new services and expansion of existing programs.

OAC members did not have any questions and endorsed the proposal. DAAS stated it will move forward with the DF Allocation Proposal for FY 19/20.

Public Comment: A representative from Rebuilding Together commented that one of their primary objectives is to help older adults and adults with disabilities live safely in their homes and that they view their services as a key component of the Self Care and Safety service area.

A representative from CTN cautioned that outsourcing data collection as suggested during the discussion that ensued among OAC members may not be in best interest of providers because data collection companies are less familiar with the services provider and there is a risk that programming may not be accurately represented.

A participant in Community Music Center Older Adult Choir program expressed gratitude to the department for its support of programming and noted that there are now ~400 seniors participating across the city and 12 different locations.

Announcements: Jessica Lehman announced that the SDA fundraiser at the Cadillac Bar & Grill is postponed.

Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, 04/15/19, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
1650 Mission Street, 5th Floor  
Golden Gate Conference Room