

DIGNITY FUND OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 15, 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: Chair Vince Crisostomo, Vice-Chair Jennifer Walsh, Allen Cooper, Diane Lawrence, Marcy Adelman, Martha Knutzen, Ramona Davies, Wanda Jung, Sandy Mori

Excused: None.

Welcome and Call to Order: Chair Vince Crisostomo called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

Roll Call: Cindy Kauffman called roll.

Approval of the Agenda: Members approved the OAC meeting agenda for September 15, 2025.

General Public Comment: A member from the public advocated to restore the Fall Prevention (FP) program at the Aquatic Park Senior Center. The member expressed the inadequacy of replacing the FP program with Tai Chi classes and that there is overall poor program design.

Approval of the Minutes: A correction was made to the July minutes stating that a recommendation for Clarity's analysis stage was to review the California Department of Aging LGBTQIA+ Survey not the California Census Report. The minutes will reflect the correction.

Service Providers Workers Group (SPWG):

SPWG shared that the CNA events were well attended and had fruitful conversations. SPWG looks forward to hearing about the population survey as well as the focus groups. Additionally, they are continuing to monitor the Commission Streamlining Taskforce and have a goal to maintain community voice and participation.

Discussion: None.

2026 DF Community Needs Assessment:

DAS and Planning staff presented updates on the 2026 Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment which included updates and project timeline. Please see attached slides for more information.

Discussion:

DAS reported a similar number of survey responses as last year, however, their efforts are focused on equity rather than quantity. DAS shared that diversity was achieved in the CNA's randomized mailing through Clarity's access to the USPS database which has geographic data

like zip codes. This week, DAS will do targeted outreach. Furthermore, DAS plans to use a standard format of questions for focus groups and add follow-up questions tailored to the demographic. OAC requested a list of BOS (Board of Supervisors) Staff that attended the forums.

Commission Streamlining Taskforce:

DAS received inquiries from the staff of the Commission Streamlining Taskforce. As part of their response, DAS provided information on the DAS Advisory Council and the DF OAC and, in an effort to meet the mandate of the Taskforce, how the two advisory bodies could potentially be combined. Staff presented the potential combination and the rationale to the OAC. Please see slideshow for more information.

Discussion:

The OAC provided thoughtful recommendations including the importance of maintaining community voice and representation of community providers. They also expressed concerns and cautions around potential over representation of nominations coming from a single entity. They felt strongly about the importance of the SPWG's contribution and potential role on the advisory body. The OAC also expressed the importance of the expertise and function of the OAC.

On Wednesday, the Advisory Council will receive a presentation about the Commission Streamlining Taskforce and give their thoughts. Everyone is invited to the Task Force hearing on October 15th.

Public Comment: SPWG co-chair expressed appreciation for the presentation and plans to attend the Advisory Council's meeting on Wednesday. The DF OAC's political history and community backing was also mentioned.

RFP Calendar FY25-26:

OCP and HSA Contracts' staff presented RFP, Renewal, and Sole Source schedules for the year. Please see attached slides for more information.

Discussion: None.

Dashboards – HDM & CM:

OCP Program Director, presented 'dashboards' of the current case management and home delivered meal waitlists.

Discussion:

OAC noted whether the amount of LGBTQ clients on the case management waitlist is disproportionate to the larger population. Additional concerns addressed the high waitlist for home delivered meals in the D5 Tenderloin; higher population density and higher levels of need may be the reason. Lastly, cuisine preference trends were discussed. DAS staff reported

approximately 2/3 of the waitlist prefers 'multi-cultural' or 'no preference', whereas historical trends showed Chinese and Japanese cuisine as top preferences.

Public Comment: None

Announcement: N/A.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Next meeting: September 15, 2025, 3:00 pm