Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Members: Ellie Lerner, Jada Curry (Vice Chair), Julie Roberts-Phung, Michelle Li, Mollie Matull (OAC Chair), Nadiyah Shereff, Tina Burgelman, Winnie Chen, Yamini Oseguera-Bhatnagar

Date and Time: Monday, January 25, 2021, 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Zoom Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/99624532255
Join by Telephone: +1 408 638 0968; Webinar ID: 996 2453 2255

I. Call to Order and Roll Call
A. Meeting called to order at 3:02pm.
   • Members Present: Mollie Matull, Jada Curry, Michelle Li, Julie Roberts-Phung, Nadiyah Shereff, Ellie Lerner, Winnie Chen
   • Members Absent: Tina Burgelman (excused)

II. Adoption of the Agenda
A. Agenda adopted unanimously.

III. General Public Comments
A. No public comment.

IV. Approval of the Minutes
A. Minutes approved unanimously.

V. DCYF Budget Update
A. DCYF Chief Financial Officer Denise Payton shared the presentation.
B. Member Comments and Questions
   • Member Roberts-Phung asked for clarification on funding for food distribution for the hubs and how DCYF will maintain food support. Denise Payton stated that DCYF funded the hubs through addbacks and by repurposing the existing budget. DCYF shares cost of hubs with other major departments in the City to ensure hubs are continued priority. DCYF continues its partnership with the Mayor’s Office, Controller’s Office, and City Departments to maintain food support. Community Based Organizations (CBOs) are encouraged to attend weekly CHI meetings. DCYF will communicate hubs plan through the end of the school year as well as through summer.
   • Member Ellie Lerner asked if the deficit includes money in city reserves and if DCYF will receive additional addbacks. Denise Payton confirmed that the deficit includes funds in city reserves, and that DCYF will know about addbacks later in the budget process.
   • Member Winnie Chen asked what the process is for CBO staff to receive vaccinations. Director Su stated that hubs are included in Phase 1B of the state vaccination process. Childcare providers are defined as providers who serve children and youth up to 18 years old. Vaccinations will be offered at no cost to the individual.
   • Member Chen asked if hubs also have food pantries onsite and if families can access SNAP dollars. Director Su confirmed that families have access to SNAP and some hubs currently run parallel food pantries. Many hubs are run out of smaller facilities and do not have the capacity to manage food deliveries. DCYF and hub providers are discussing how to bring food to families during the week.
   • Vice Chair Jada Curry asked if summer programming through the hubs is sustainable. Sherrice Dorsey-Smith replied that DCYF is currently evaluating needs and current gaps as many CBOs have used their budget through summer already. Director Su emphasized that DCYF has every intention to continue the CHI and provide summer programs to offset learning loss.
C. Public Comment
   • Allison P. stated that many organizations do not currently provide hazard pay to their employees and would appreciate further discussion on having food pantries at hubs sites. Summer programming is inexpensive compared to regular programming.

VI. DCYF 2020 Highlights Brief
A. DCYF Data & Evaluations Manager Sarah Duffy shared the presentation.
   • DCYF’s grantees have been leading the COVID response with integrity and passion. Director Su called CBOs “our education and youth development first responders.”
   • How can DCYF and the City more broadly support their efforts as they continue to serve San Francisco’s most vulnerable children, youth families?
B. Member Comments and Questions
   • Member Roberts-Phung expressed appreciation for data inclusion for Native American and Arabic community. Are there ways to build on the equity lens regarding vaccinations? Opportunities for DCYF to help coordinate students and families receive access to vaccines.
   • Member Oseguera-Bhatnagar asked how can we precent learning loss and begin to evaluate? At what level can we provide support and how can we increase learning for young people through partnerships with SFUSD and others? Suggest a survey for CHI workforce that asks for firsthand account of experience.
   • Vice Chair Curry requested more hazard pay for employees.
   • Member Michelle Li asked if there’s a way for youth participating in hubs to provide direct feedback. Sarah Duffy stated that DCYF is currently working on this and will share out later in the year.
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- Chair Matull asked how DCYF will implement feedback. Sherrice Dorsey-Smith stated that the Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) program will have workshops and hold monthly meetings to discuss. DCYF will also reach out directly to CBO Executive Directors.
- Member Chen asked if hubs can also allow participants’ and staff families can get vaccinated. Director Su stated that the Mayor has opened max vaccination sites around the City and are ready to receive vaccine doses from the state.

C. Public Comment
- Allison P. shared that their hub site is hosting a temporary clinic.

VII. DCYF Racial Equity Action Plan
A. DCYF Deputy Director Aumijo Gomes and Equity Lead Xavier Morales shared the presentation.
- What are some potential topics that would be important for OAC members to learn about to build foundational knowledge of racial equity?
- What are some approaches for providing trainings to members about racial equity topics that consider the limitations of the OAC’s public meeting structure?

B. Member Comments and Questions
- Member Chen suggested establishing common nomenclature and for city trainings be made available to committee members as appropriate.
- Member Roberts-Phung suggested providing stipends for board members and onboarding for members that shares information about San Francisco families and who DCYF serves; provide a history of segregation and racial disparities in San Francisco.
- Member Oseguera-Bhatnagar suggested discussing how public boards/committees can honor lived experiences and create meaningful dialogue; contextualize history and experiences of San Francisco communities. Discuss and acknowledge the effect of language when describing communities; talk about communities for their strengths, not just challenges.
- Member Lerner suggested discussing environmental racism in San Francisco and communities most affected by climate change.

VIII. Report of OAC Chair
A. Chair Matull shared her report.
   a. Partnering with Consultant Lisa Spinali to strategize on increased meaningful participation of the OAC. Framework discussion in February and March.

IX. Report of the Service Provider Working Group
A. SPWG Co-Chairs Madison Holland, Kian Alavi, Frederique Clermont shared the report and introduced themselves.
- SPWG Priorities:
  1. Increasing membership and engagement for more diverse range
  2. Leading voice of youth and families, engage at city hall/social media
  3. Nonprofit sustainability/ pay equity
  4. Elevate staff health and safety
  5. Support for CNA process

B. Member Comments and Questions
- Member Roberts-Phung welcomed the new co-chairs and asked how testing is going on the front line. Co-Chair Alavi stated that the hubs are incredibly safe spaces with infection rates from zero to little. Co-Chair Holland shared that there are pop-up testing sites that try to do general testing every two weeks for staff.
- Chair Matull also welcomed the new co-chairs.

X. Report of DCYF Director
A. Director Su shared her report.
- DCYF will present the final budget to the OAC in February and then submit it to the Mayor’s Office.
- The stay-at-home order ended for all regions in California. Mayor Breed has announced the opening of max vaccination sites across the city. The sites are ready to receive vaccine doses and will administer once available. Visit [www.sf.gov/vaccine.notify](http://www.sf.gov/vaccine.notify) for notifications. There have been no COVID-19 outbreaks at the hubs.
- DCYF is continuing to work with SFUSD to open schools.

B. Member Comments and Questions
- Member Roberts-Phung thanked Director Su for COVID-19 updates and shared that there have been questions from families regarding COVID-19, vaccinations and school reopening. She requested that notifications be available for translation in Vietnamese and Arabic.

XI. Adjournment
A. Meeting adjourned at 5.47pm.