

# Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Members**: Jada Curry (Vice Chair), Jennifer Salerno, Julie Roberts-Phung, Michelle Li, Mollie Matull (OAC Chair), Yamini Oseguera-Bhatnagar

**Date and Time**: Monday, January 10, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Zoom Meeting Link:** Click to Join or join by Telephone; Dial +1-408-638-0968;

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#### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

A. Members sworn in: Jada Curry, Jennifer Salerno, Julie Roberts-Phung

- B. Called to order at 3:08pm.
- C. All members present.

## 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. Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under CA Government Code Section 54953(e)

- A. Resolution approved unanimously.
- B. Member Comments & Questions
  - Member Roberts-Phung asked question regarding hybrid options at public meetings. Director Su responded that DCYF will check back with the Mayor's Office for information.

### **VI. DCYF Budget Update**

- A. Heidi Burbage, DCYF Chief Financial Officer shared the presentation.
- B. Member Comments & Questions
  - Chair Matull asked Director Su for top line summary. Director Su stated that DCYF can continue funding
    all providers in doing the same work they have been doing the last several years. We can maintain
    service level and quality.
  - Member Roberts-Phung asked question regarding the current relationship of gross receipts tax and the Children & Youth Fund. Director Su replied that it is not connected. The Children & Youth Fund is based on property tax revenue collected by the City. DCYF will share the children's baseline amount at the next meeting.

## C. Public Comment

• Chris Tsukida asked what caused the 8% change in the City Baseline Grant. Heidi Burbage responded that DCYF will include in presentation at the February OAC Meeting.



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## VII. Report of the OAC Chair

- A. Chair Matull notified the OAC of upcoming elections for Chair and Vice Chair positions. The Chair also shared the 2022 OAC Calendar.
- **B.** No member or public comments.

## VIII. Report of the DCYF Director

- A. Director Su shared COVID-19 Information and shared the Mayor's Proposed Charter Amendment to Establish an SF Children's Agency.
- B. Member Comments & Questions
  - Member Roberts-Phung shared the need for COVID-19 rapid tests, N94 and N95 masks for after school
    providers. Director Su replied that DCYF is working closely with the Department of Emergency
    Management (DEM) and the Administrator's Office to fast track. Due to high demand, acquiring supplies
    has been extremely difficult.
  - Member Roberts-Phung shared concern that proposal will reduce public input and asked for clarification on Director Su's role in the creation as well as others involved. Director Su replied that DCYF has operated as a backbone agency during the pandemic for the past two years, revealing the need to have an agency with the bandwidth to coordinate and support children and families. Director Su worked closely with the Mayor's Office. Member Roberts-Phung expressed concern that the proposed amendment moves away from community input by dissolving the OAC and SPWG and centralizes power to the Mayor's Office. It exempts youth serving organizations that DCYF is currently required to receive feedback from. She asked how removing democratic bodies from service providers and families is good for children. Director Su stated that the proposed agency will need to consult citywide and will include original language from the PEEF charter in 2014. The proposed amendment does not change the authority of DCYF or Department of Early Childcare. It will allow for a coordinated and dedicated team for children and families.
  - Vice Chair Curry shared concerned that SPWG involvement will suffer. There is no formal chartered mandate for CBO inclusion.
  - Member Oseguera-Bhatnagar is concerned that OAC was involved earlier. The school board is fraught
    with issues and central to this charter amendment. OAC and SPWG seem like victim bystanders to this
    political issue. The development of the charter seems to be the antithesis of what the charter is
    supposed to do.
  - Member Salerno shared concerns of other members. The CBO system is a strained system because of
    the demands associated with the work. Another body will just generate more administrative work for
    folks who are underpaid and overworked. Does this mean more reports and more data entry on an
    already strained system?
  - Director Su provided clarification on commission proposed in the amendment.
  - Chair Matull stated the intentions of the proposed amendment are good but concerned it will add more layers of bureaucracy. Appreciate the charter amendment is still in draft form.

### C. Public Comment

- Judith asked if DCYF requires booster shots for grantee staff. Director Su shared that they are not.
- Edward Hatter of Potrero House asked for clarity on SFUSD testing sites. Director Su replied that SFUSD stands up their own testing sites in partnership with Color.
- Naeemah Charles, ECE Advocacy Program shared that the entire ECE Community is not supportive of the measure in current form. ECE members were not included in the creation.



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- Maria Torre, Parent Voices shared concern with proposed amendment structure, stated that it was
  created without input from the community, and suggested to split the amendment into 2 parts. The
  amendment should be postponed until community input has been considered.
- Kevin Hickey, New Door Ventures, stated that the process to develop the proposed amendment was hidden and was not a community driven process.
- Chris Tsukida stated that the intent on the proposed amendment is laudable but should have included community input. The current proposal decreases the community voice, dissolves the SPWG.
- Mike from BGC Tenderloin questioned the impact of the amendment and stated that is sounds like consolidating power to same people.
- Deb Self shared that the proposal is being sent to the Board of Supervisors without time for community input. A lot of change without transparency and adds bureaucracy.
- Dawn Stueckle, Sunset Youth Services, stated that the goals are laudable, but it is misguided. The children and families we serve will be collateral damage. JJPA is opposed and in favor of slowing it down to engage the community. Also, would like to see it in two parts.
- Edward Honey stated that input is being taken away, there is a lack of community engagement, and is hugely damaging to CBO population of our communities.
- SPWG Chair Madison Holland shared that she is in support of intentions, but after reading charter amendment felt blindsided by the content of it. Would like to talk more about it during their check-in at with Director Su. Request the process is slowed down to include community feedback.
- SPWG Chair Frederique Clermont stated that the amendment is scheduled to be heard at rules on January 24<sup>th</sup>. What is the true nature and purpose of this charter amendment?

## IX. Report of the Service Provider Working Group

A. SPWG Chairs yielded time to allow continuation of Proposed Charter Amendment discussion.

## X. Action Items & Member Feedback

- A. Director Su to follow up on hybrid public meetings information.
- B. DCYF to clarify city grant baseline in the next budget presentation.

### XI. Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.