



MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY)
Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting

May 5, 2021 - 6:00pm-9:00pm
Zoom Teleconference

Committee Members present: Bill Riley, Sofia Guerrero, Langston Buddenhagen, Peter Lê, Dwayne Davis, Anakarita Allen, Pecolia Manigo, Jorge Velasco

Committee Members absent: Kimberly Aceves, Anthony Bibiano, Tasion Kwamilele

Staff Members present: Sandra Taylor, OFCY Director; Mike Wetzel, OFCY Program Planner; Scott Kim, OFCY Program Analyst; Kaitlin Forgash, OFCY Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by POC Co-Chair Langston Buddenhagen.

2. Open Forum

There were two speakers for Open Forum. Gene Hazzard spoke against the funding recommendation for Oakland Promise. Assata Olubala spoke regarding concern for OFCY's funding of OUSD's refugee and newcomers community engagement program.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2021

Anakarita Allen moved to accept the prior minutes from April 7, 2021 as submitted and Peter Lê seconded. A roll call of the vote followed, and all members voted to approve the motion.

4. Approval of Revised Grant Renewal Recommendations for FY 2021-2022 Programs

OFCY Director Sandy Taylor presented updates to the FY 2021-2022 Grant Renewal Recommendation to the POC for their approval. Due to revised City of Oakland budget projections for FY 2021-2022, OFCY updated their proposed funding cuts to 3% to all grants rather than the 6% that was approved in April. This renewal recommendation is scheduled to go before City Council on June 1. As the mayor's proposed budget was not available at the time of this meeting, and OFCY is funding programs that are contracted to begin June 1, Director Taylor asked for POC pre-approval for any grant modifications that would need to be made once the mayor's proposed budget is released. Anakarita Allen asked for this to be split into two motions: one for the increase in funding/reduction of funding cuts, and one for the approval of future modifications.

There were two public comments. Assata Olubala raised concern over funding of Oakland Promise and that groups supporting African American children are being underfunded. Gene Hazzard raised concerns regarding Oakland Promise and its merger with East Bay College Fund.

Co-chair Buddenhagen called for a motion to approve revised grant renewal recommendations for fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented in the staff memo. Dr. Bill Riley so moved, and Pecolia Manigo



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seconded the motion. A roll call of the vote followed, and the motion passed unanimously, with Peter Lê and Dwayne Davis abstaining.

Co-chair Buddenhagen called for a secondary motion for a general approval for minor budgetary adjustments including a staff presentation on any budget updates. A roll call of the vote followed, and the motion passed unanimously, with Peter Lê and Dwayne Davis abstaining.

5. Summary of March Community Engagement Events for Strategic Planning

Vanetta Thomas, a Senior Consultant at Bright Research Group (BRG), presented a summary of four March community engagement events designed to inform OFCY's strategies for the 2022-2025 funding cycle. Participants generally expressed a need for support navigating City resources, mental health support, and community safety. Families shared a need for more family resource centers. Youth expressed a desire for paid leadership and career experiences. Youth-serving organizations said their greatest challenges center around basic needs and advocated for life skills development.

There were three public comments. Assata Olubala asked for more information about the race of participants in the community engagement events. Gene Hazzard raised concerns that OFCY was not addressing the concerns of Black people in Oakland. Laura Cabral, Director of Early Learning and Family Resources at Safe Passages, commented on the difficulties and opportunities that outreach over Zoom creates, and expressed a desire to help OFCY reach more Oaklanders.

6. Racial Equity Analysis/Community Needs Assessment Report

Lori Allio and Nandi Peterson from HTA Consulting presented on their Community Needs Assessment and Racial Equity Analysis Report. They found that Black/African-American, Native American, and Pacific Islander students were significantly more likely to experience poverty and homelessness than White students. Black/African-American students were 7-10 times more likely to be suspended than White/Asian peers, and represented 81% of youth detained in Oakland. Students in the Oakland Hills experienced less poverty, scored higher on the early development index, and were reading at grade level more than students in East and West Oakland.

Pecolia Manigo commented that the data shows that Black students are missing out on resources and opportunities, while Director Taylor emphasized that OFCY focuses on access to resources and is looking at disparity data to inform strategic planning to address these issues.

There were three public comments. Gene Hazzard asked OFCY to fund EOYDC, Youth Uprising, and Hidden Genius, which the POC chair pointed out were included in the funding renewal for 2021-2022. Assata Olubala raised concerns about state funds to OUSD schools and schools in Black communities



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closing. Laura Cabral discussed the difficulties of enrolling children in OUSD preschools and a lack of outreach to families to enroll preschool students.

7. Next Steps in the OFCY Strategic Planning Process

Director Taylor reported that May will be spent taking feedback from the events and incorporating that into the draft strategies. OFCY and HTA plan to present on these strategies at the next POC meeting, and to hold a community town hall before then. Between the June and July POC meetings a draft strategic plan or an informational report will go before the City Council. At their next meeting the Ad hoc Strategic Planning Subcommittee will work to connect the analysis to strategy direction.

8. Administrative Matters

The next Ad hoc Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May 13 from 5-6:30 pm. The next POC meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 6 pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.