



MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

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

January 19th, 2022– 6:00pm–9:00pm
Zoom Teleconference

Committee Members present: Bill Riley, Avi Rose, Pecolia Manigo, Jorge Velasco, Tasion Kwamilele

Committee Members absent: Kimberly Aceves, Shamail Waqia, Peter Lê, Dwayne Davis, Anakarita Allen

Staff Members present: Mike Wetzal, Children and Youth Services Division Manager; Scott Kim, Program Analyst; Kaitlin Forgash, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Co-Chair Tasion Kwamilele.

New POC member Avi Rose representing District 1 introduced himself. Member Rose has lived in Oakland for the last 30 years and recently retired as Executive Director of Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay.

2. Open Forum

David Hunt, Executive and Artistic Director of Prescott Circus, thanked OFCY for their support of their summer program throughout COVID-19, particularly in 2021 when they returned to in person programming.

Assata Olugbala emphasized that Black/African American children in Oakland are not currently experiencing equity in education and programming and that needs to change.

3. Adoption of OFCY Continuing Resolution 1 to Continue Conducting POC Meetings by Teleconference due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Co-Chair Kwamilele called for a motion to adopt Continuing Resolution 1 as submitted. Bill Riley so motioned and Member Rose seconded. A roll call of the vote followed and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes from October 27th, 2021

Co-Chair Kwamilele called for a motion to accept the prior minutes from October 27th, 2021 as submitted. Member Riley so motioned and Jorge Velasco seconded. A roll call of the vote followed and the motion passed unanimously with 1 abstention.

5. Approval of the OFCY Independent FY2020-2021 Evaluation Report Prepared by Social Policy Research Associates (SPR)

Mika Clark of Social Policy Research Associates (SPR) presented on the OFCY Independent FY2020-2021 Evaluation Report. The report consists of the fund-level report, strategy-level reports, and program level reports. Profiles are written for each program. The report evaluated administrative records, surveys, and interviews. The report shows that over 15,000 youth participated in OFCY programs in 2020-21; 51% were Hispanic or Latinx and 27% were Black or



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African American. OFCY served roughly 20% of Oakland's Black and Latinx children and youth and 14% of Asian youth.

The evaluation noted a drop in enrollment from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Programs experienced challenges enrolling young people in virtual programming and there were fewer recruitment opportunities, though parent and caregiver enrollment was up. OFCY programs provided over a million hours of service, with an average of 103 hours per youth. Programs showed creativity in adapting to circumstances imposed by COVID-19, and on the whole met their enrollment and attendance projections. The overwhelming majority of youth responded to surveys stating that they felt safe in their programs, were interested in program activities, and agreed that there was an adult at their program who cared about them. In addition, the evaluation highlighted outcomes including youth placement in internships and jobs, increased youth confidence regarding attending college, and increased confidence and gaining of skills that helped children and youth with their schoolwork.

There were two public comments on the agenda item. Assata Olugbala expressed that surveys and interviews were not acceptable measures of program success and that more needed to be captured, such as acquisition of certification. Boun Khamnouane of East Bay Consortium of Educational Institutions expressed his appreciation for the evaluation work and shared that the surveys helped his agency and program to better understand their students' needs and make programmatic adjustments year-to-year.

Co-Chair Kwamilele called for a motion to approve the FY 2020-2021 Evaluation Report as submitted. Member Velasco so motioned and Pecolia Manigo seconded. A roll call of the vote followed and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on the Development and Release of a Request for Proposals for Direct Services for Children and Youth for FY 2022-2025

CYS Manager Mike Wetzel and Program Analyst Scott Kim updated the POC on the status of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the FY 2022-2025 funding cycle. The RFP was released on January 10th and the deadline is February 22nd. OFCY will send out emails with reminders about the deadline. A Bidders Conference with over 250 attendees was held on January 19th; and a recording was made available on the RFP page on www.ofcy.org. OFCY will host two RFP Technical Assistance Workshops on January 27th and February 3rd. The application is completed and submitted online.

New grants will be awarded starting on July 1st (June 1st for summer programs) for 1 year, with grants renewed in years two and three based on POC approval. The proposals will go through a



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staff technical review and reader scoring prior to consideration by an ad-hoc POC Review Subcommittee. Recommendations from the ad-hoc subcommittee will then be presented to the full POC for approval in April, and then a funding package will be presented to City Council for their approval.

There was one public speaker on the item. Assata Olugbala asked if the RFP will address organizational staffing issues, if training or professional development is required, and if there are equity requirements for staffing, as well as expressed concerns that some organizations repeatedly receive grant awards.

7. Administrative Matters

The next POC meeting is scheduled for March 2nd. Liston Hulse, Program Analyst, left OFCY in January, and Sandy Taylor retired as CYS Manager in December. Mike Wetzel is the Acting Children and Youth Services (CYS) Division Manager. Kimberly Aceves has left her position as POC Representative and was thanked for her service. The POC is actively recruiting and looking to have a full roster as OFCY enters the proposal review and package approval stages of the RFP. The POC will be forming an ad-hoc RFP Review subcommittee in March to work on grant selection in spring 2022; any POC members who are interested in joining the Review Subcommittee should send a message to Co-Chair Kwamilele.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.