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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The items below reflect the Department's work towards building a more diverse and efficient San Francisco City and County government through gender-responsive and racially equitable policies and programs.

I. Key Activities to Meet Goals and to Create Outputs

a. Convene city leaders, agencies, and stakeholders to share and amplify learnings

i. Family Violence Council

On April 18, the Department staffed the Training Committee of the Council. The Geriatric Emergency Medical Services Unit Workgroup will meet later in April. These committees will present at the May 18 Council meeting regarding implementation of the Council's key policy recommendations.

ii. CSEC Steering Committee

On April 21, the Department staffed the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Steering Committee held by the Human Services Agency – Family and Children Services, which included a presentation by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children on the work they do for youth and families as well as new processes enabled by the Federal Family First Prevention Act (FFPSA).

iii. Sexual Assault Awareness Month

On April 21, the Department co-sponsored an event with the Office of Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP). The event featured a conversation with youth on the impacts of gender-based violence, changes San Francisco youth are demanding, and steps providers, parents, and teachers can take to support youth and survivors.

b. Fund programs and initiatives to address women's needs

i. SF SOL Collaborative

The SF SOL (Safety, Opportunity and Lifelong Relationships) Collaborative is continuing to develop a continuum of care for youth involved in or at risk of commercial sexual exploitation.

The Collaborative hosted two trainings this past month. FAM (family & me) held

its 3rd caregiver training facilitated by Family Builders, and WestCoast Children's Clinic held their training on advanced skill-building strategies to prevent the commercial sexual exploitation of children, where over 20 individuals attended from various departments including the Department of Public Health and the Department of Family & Children Services.

The HYPE center hosted a Women's History Month Celebration at the end of March, which included youth-led activities including a custom lip gloss bar, art projects and a grounding mindfulness session.

Finally, the Collaborative presented at the SF Youth Commission, where youth advisory board members for both the HYPE Center and the FAM model shared updates on the project.

ii. **Department of Justice, Office of Violence Grant**

This month we will be hosting our DOJ virtual kickoff with all grant partners and commence our quarterly meetings to discuss the progression of our goals and objectives as we continue to conceptualize the roll out of the Lethality Assessment Tool citywide. We continue to meet with grant partners to discuss the development of a training video, as well as the importance of incorporating survivors' voices in these training materials.

The Department has been collaborating with the Office of Women in Westchester County of New York, who has shared ideas, tips, challenges, and training material used for roll out in their county. This collaboration has aided our planning efforts as we project the challenges we may encounter with the use of the Lethality Assessment Tool and the training of a large police force.

Moreover, the San Francisco Domestic Violence Death Review Team will meet again to review and finalize draft recommendations on the pilot case. This group has been led by the knowledgeable John Hollway from the Quatrone Center for Fair Administration of Justice. With Hollway's guidance, we have formulated a structure for convening the Domestic Violence Death Review Team meetings, as well as a structure for reviewing cases on an ongoing basis. Using the protocol that was outlined at the onset of this pilot case, we will soon start our next round of case selection and review.

iii. **Blue Shield Foundation Grant**

The Collaborative was able to finalize its value proposition and has now moved on to the development of its revised Impact Statement. With the continued support from technical assistance advisors from John Snow Inc., the Collaborative is looking forward to completing its grounding process.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the Collaborative has been working to spread awareness and engage in online dialogue with those observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Collaborative has made a series of posts via Instagram with hopes of educating the public on sexual assault.

The Collaborative will attend a two-day Spring Virtual Convening, with other

members from the Blue Shield Leveraging Collaboration to End Domestic Violence Cohort. The two-day event will feature guest speakers, panelists, and the opportunity for each Collaborative to share some of their success stories.

Lastly, the Collaborative will be launching a podcast series on healthy relationships. The series will feature members of Woman Inc. and Young Community Developers.

iv. **Gender-Based Violence Education, Intervention & Prevention (VEIP) Program**

Department staff are wrapping up the fiscal year with Gender-Based Violence grantees and preparing for our upcoming partner agency quarterly meeting on May 11. During the meeting, grantees will join us for a presentation from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development on their work and opportunities for survivors to access workforce development programs.

The Department is partnering with our Indigenous community on May 5 to commemorate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day. Recent reports indicate that of states and cities with the highest cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, California is tied for 5th in states and San Francisco ranks 10th in cities.

v. **California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Grant**

The Department was selected for funding by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls as part of the Women's Recovery Response Grant Program. The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls received a total of 623 applications requesting more than \$62,118,154 million dollars in assistance for a grant program of 5 million dollars.

On April 19, department staff attended the Women's Economic Recovery grantee orientation. The Department will use the grant funds to provide support for two guaranteed income programs in the form of direct cash assistance to: (1) Native American/Indigenous survivors of domestic violence, and (2) single, pregnant and/or parenting justice-involved homeless women with children ages 0-12 years old. In addition, the Department will administer a grant to produce a digital campaign on civic engagement and political empowerment.

II. **Department Administration**

a. **Fiscal**

This month, the Department gave notice of final FY21-22 amendment amounts to CBOs. CBOs submitted modifications to their grant programs' FY21-22 budget on April 15 to adjust their current funding allocation. The Department is working to submit professional service contracts to the Office of Contract Administration before the June 1 deadline. We continue to work with the Mayor's Office on the FY22-23 and FY23-24 budget.

b. **New Data System**

The Department kicked off the Spring 2022 Civic Bridge program (offered through the Department of Technology, Office of Civic Innovation Strategies) on April 18. During the kickoff work session, department staff presented on the Department's vision of success for the Civic Bridge program, which was followed by brainstorming activities about primary and secondary personas who interact directly with DOSW data systems and work with or are served by the Department.

III. **Calendar**

May

Thursday, May 5

Wednesday, May 11

Wednesday, May 18

Wednesday, May 25

MMIWG Awareness Day

GBV Quarterly Meeting

FVC Quarterly Meeting

Commission Meeting

June

Wednesday, June 22

Commission Meeting