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Mayor

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 31, 2022

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. Fund programs and initiatives to address women's needs

i. SF SOL Collaborative

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

The HYPE Center continues to build its service provider network, which now includes Mission Neighborhood Health Clinic and Horizon SF. Mission Neighborhood will connect youth with different multi-disciplinary teams, including an on-site health clinic and dental clinic. Horizons SF will be coming on-site for a tour and is interested in a stipend program for students at the HYPE Center.

The Department and the FAM (family & me) pilot are currently planning the FAM Convening to bring together partners and stakeholders on key learnings and recommendations for the pilot on Thursday, September 1. As part of this convening, FAM is hosting a series of learning panels during August, including experts in the foster family/caregiver space, child welfare/case carrying professionals, and with lived experience.

Finally, WestCoast Children's Clinic released its second collaborative function evaluation.

ii. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Grant

The Department has been assisting the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) on continued efforts to produce final training materials for officer training. The San Francisco Domestic Violence Death Review Team continues to work on revising the draft of recommendations for the final report of the 2019 pilot case. Partner agencies are each working on making their final edits prior to coming to a consensus on all feasible recommendations from this case.

iii. **Blue Shield Foundation Grant**

The HEALing Roots Collaborative has been planning the launch of their Survivor Advisory Board. Members of the Collaborative have been in conversation with both survivors and CBOs who work with survivors. The Collaborative wants to ensure that the safety and agency of survivors are protected when asking them to serve in a capacity that may be re-traumatizing.

Additionally, the Collaborative is meeting with local faith leaders in hopes of creating a faith-based roundtable. The Collaborative knows that faith communities play a significant role in providing support for survivors of domestic violence. We want to create a space for spiritual leaders to dialogue and provide support, counsel, and safety.

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

This month the Department hosted the DOSW Partner Agency Quarterly Meeting with all our grantees to discuss program updates and give grantees an opportunity to meet the new faces on our staff.

The next DOSW Partner Agency Quarterly Meeting will be hosted on November 2.

b. **Fund core service areas to address women, girls and nonbinary individuals' needs and empowerment**

i. **Health & Safety**

In response to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the Department endorsed AB 1242, AB 2223, AB 2091, SB 1142, and SB 1245, bills that will further protect people of reproductive age in San Francisco and across the state of California. On August 3, the State Legislative Committee and the City of San Francisco accepted the DOSW legislation recommendations and moved to support those bills in California's State Legislature. The bills were part of a larger reproductive health bill package recommended by the California Future of Abortion Council that address current barriers to accessing abortion care in California.

As part of multi-pronged coordinated response that the City is taking to prepare for the local impacts of overturning *Roe*, the Department is also currently laying the groundwork for a Bay Area abortion coordinating table that would host a coalition of reproductive rights and reproductive justice organizations, researchers, sexual and reproductive health care providers, reproductive rights advocates, legal experts, and elected officials.

ii. **Economic Security**

Department staff met with representatives from the Blue Shield of California Foundation for a due diligence review regarding our application submitted under the Economic Security and Mobility portfolio.

Department staff have concluded work with the Controller's Office on the City's Annual Non-Profit Monitoring Committee for FY21-22.

As it relates to housing security, Department staff met with Community Forward to discuss their advocacy efforts to increase housing options to support the health and healing of homeless women in San Francisco. Community Forward received \$1.5M in the City's addback process to re-open their shelter and drop-in-center. Department staff have scheduled a site visit at A Woman's Place in mid-September.

Department staff have been collaborating with City Departments to address the intersection of safety and housing. Staff worked to provide the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing with data in support of a federal HUD grant application. The Department also continues to participate in the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's Safe Housing Workgroup. The most recent meeting was held on August 18.

The Department continues to host project planning meetings with its guaranteed income pilot program grantees – the Center for Juvenile and Criminal Justice – Cameo House and the California Consortium of Urban Indian Health. Grantees are partly funded through the Statewide Women's Economic Recovery Grant from the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. Grantees will partner with the Department to design and launch guaranteed income pilot programs.

The guaranteed income pilot program is expected to launch in January 2023 and will prioritize individuals who are very low-income (0-30% of Area Median Income) and, should funding allow, also provide for low-income applicants (30-50% of Area Median Income). The pilot will prioritize women most in need-- including but not limited to Black and Indigenous women, domestic violence survivors, those financially impacted by the pandemic, those disconnected from other benefits (i.e., justice-impacted individuals, individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, etc.) and individuals with disabilities.

iii. **Civic Engagement & Political Empowerment**

The Department and IGNITE National are planning a press event to officially launch the San Francisco IGNITE the Vote campaign and showcase the critical investment being made by the City and County of San Francisco in turning young women and nonbinary individuals into civically engaged, lifetime voters. DOSW has partnered with IGNITE National, to conduct on-the-ground voter activation campaigns to build out a targeted 2022 campaign that will register thousands of San Francisco high school students, with a focus on BIPOC young women, on high school campuses ahead of the November midterm election.

Additionally, the Department has expanded the Civic Engagement and Political Empowerment core service area to include the management of five existing contracts, all of which include a women, girls and nonbinary leadership development program. Grantees include: Young Women's Freedom Center,

Mission Neighborhood Centers, Lavendar Youth Recreation and Information Center, Filipino Community Center, and Community Youth Center of San Francisco.

II. Department Administration

a. **Fiscal**

On July 27, 2022, Mayor London N. Breed signed San Francisco's FY 22-23 and FY 23-24 budget. The budget invests \$28,288,297 over two years to support the Department's mission on creating a more gender equitable San Francisco for all women, girls, and nonbinary people--14,534,165 in FY 22-23 and \$13,754,132 in FY 23-24.

This investment by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors will enable the Department to launch a new data system, host its inaugural Women's Policy Summit, launch a youth voter registration program, continue investing in Black & Native CBOs, launch SF/Bay Area abortion collaborative, deepen investments in mental health, administer micro grants, strengthen the Mayor's Taskforce on Human Trafficking, pilot an artists-in-residence guaranteed income program and begin its GBV porting project.

b. **Data and Research**

The Department has finished the Spring 2022 Civic Bridge program (facilitated by the Office of Civic Innovation Strategies). In collaboration with Department staff and pro bono volunteers from ShelterTech, the Zendesk team provided the Department a roadmap for building out its data and research capabilities. Building on these recommendations, Department staff have finished developing a plan for a new data system and have begun planning on procuring a new data collection application for future department data efforts.

Further, the Department has pushed to overhaul its current data collection methods. Department staff have begun the development of a new online survey-based method for collecting data from grantees, which will make data collection more efficient, less error-prone, and more useful. This new system was announced to grantees earlier this month.

III. Calendar

September

Wednesday, September 28

*DOSW Open House & Welcome Reception
Commission Meeting*