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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. Entering the Post-Roe Era

Following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the Department is reviewing local, state and federal legislation to lend its support to efforts to protect the reproductive health of women, girls and nonbinary people. For example, the Department endorsed AB 1242, AB 2223, AB 2091, SB 1142, and SB 1245, bills that will be considered at an upcoming State Legislative Committee meeting.

Additionally, the Department continues to serve as a convener and is meeting with community members, elected officials and thought leaders throughout the region, as we find ways to work collaboratively to not only ensure the reproductive rights of San Franciscans are protected but to also look at ways to prepare for people seeking abortion care to travel to our region for relief from the dangerous laws being enacted in nearby jurisdictions to restrict, and in some instances completely eliminate, the right to choose. We are laying the groundwork for a Regional Reproductive Freedom Coalition, as well as a statewide Policy Summit, and we will continue to keep the Commission updated on our progress in the weeks to come.

b. 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 Governor signed the State budget this past month, which included additional funding to support youth experiencing commercial sexual exploitation. This additional funding has allowed the Department to continue the work of SF SOL for an additional three years.

In addition, the HYPE Center hosted a graduation celebration for the AnnieCannons Coding Training Programs, through which youth were taught digital literacy skills, website development and web application development. The HYPE Center will also have new summer hours to accommodate youth in the evenings.

Finally, UC Berkeley Human Rights Center has released its third progress report of the FAM (family & me) model.

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 Department held meetings with the SF District Attorney's Office and SFPD to discuss the implications and volume of reporting that is anticipated once the Lethality Assessment Tool is fully in use in all districts. The SF District Attorney's office is looking at trend data on DV reports per district as a tool to measure the increase in reporting that can realistically be anticipated. SFPD initially set July 12, 2022, as their internal date to announce D.G.O 6.09. This date has now been postponed, and a new date has not yet been announced.

Lastly, 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. Grant collaborators 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.

The Collaborative is also gearing up for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October and is looking forward to planning fun, informative and inspiring initiatives.

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

Last month the Department successfully wrapped up the end of the fiscal year and submitted all grantee contracts for FY 22-23 to the Controller's office.

The Department will be hosting the next DOSW Partner Agency Quarterly Meeting on August 10 with all of our grantees to discuss program updates and give grantees an opportunity to meet with staff.

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

i. **Health & Safety**

As we entered the post-Roe era this past month, the Department embarked on a multi-pronged coordinated response to prepare for the local impacts of the Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Reports show that California will see an estimated 3,000 percent increase in out-of-state women and people of reproductive age seeking abortion care.

Last month, the Department awarded a "Health & Safety" grant to ACCESS Reproductive Justice, California's statewide abortion fund, in anticipation of the large influx of out-of-state patients. This grant will help ensure wraparound services are affordable and accessible to all women and people of reproductive age seeking abortion care in San Francisco and beyond, as well as provide support for organizational capacity building.

Additionally, the Department shared the news of this grant and information on the state of reproductive freedom in a presentation before the Human Rights Commission.

Lastly, the Department supported five bills – AB 1242, AB 2223, AB 2091, SB 1142 and SB 1245 – that will be considered at an upcoming State Legislative Committee meeting. The bills further protect reproductive freedom and expand access to abortion and reproductive health care in California. 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.

ii. **Economic Security**

The Department was recently invited to apply for funding through the Blue Shield of California Foundation's Economic Security and Mobility grants portfolio. Department staff submitted an application on July 15.

Department staff met with representatives from The Women's Building and the YWCA to discuss a possible partnership to host financial literacy education workshops for survivors of domestic violence, prioritizing the LGBTQ+ and monolingual Spanish speaking survivors. A workshop series is tentatively scheduled for the Fall.

Department staff met with a team from the Young Women's Freedom Center to plan a series of focus groups with justice-impacted women and girls to inform the Department's programming and policy priorities around economic security.

As it relates to housing security, Department staff have been collaborating with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to provide 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 last week.

Department staff met with representatives from the Department of Public Health to map citywide violence prevention programs. Housing for woman-identified survivors of violence is a priority of this working group.

Department staff have been meeting with city employees and stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of guaranteed income pilot programs in the Bay Area, such as the Abundant Birth Project, which provides unconditional cash supplements to pregnant individuals who identify as Black and/or Pacific Islander. The Department been hosting project planning meetings with 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. This pilot program 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 finalized contracts with She The People and IGNITE National. Both organizations have begun onboarding program staff for their respective scopes of work.

IGNITE National began their outreach process to San Francisco high schools to implement a voter registration and engagement program focused on registering and engaging highschoolers who identify as girls/young women. Target schools include: Gateway High School, Balboa High School, Leadership High School, Ida B. Wells High School, Galileo Academy of Science & Technology, Raoul Wallenberg High School.

Department staff are currently designing a research report to capture the impact on girls and nonbinary youth of access to voter registration on high school campuses.

Additionally, the Department, IGNITE National and She The People are developing a communications roll out of its strategic partnership to register and engage women, girls and nonbinary people. This announcement is set to be released in early August.

The Department continues to serve as a convener and connector- —over the past month, DOSW staff has focused on building collaborative strong relationships with core organizations and staff including the Department of Elections Outreach Division and the San Francisco League of Women Voters.

II. Department Administration

a. **Fiscal**

The Department received the Committee's phase budget for FY 22-23 and FY 23-24. DOSW's budget for FY 22-23 and FY 23-24 is \$12,989,741 and \$12,454,132, respectively.

During the addbacks process, the Department was awarded \$400,000 in FY 22-23 for San Francisco abortion access support. The Department will use the additional funds to provide financial assistance to community-based organizations for wraparound services for abortion access. We will also add temporary staffing to effectively execute City's response, including convening a regional coordination table and conducting a needs assessment study of abortion services in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Department also received \$500,000 in FY 22-23 and FY 23-24 for gender-based violence direct services, including services to address domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking.

b. **New Data System**

The Department is in the "Delivery" phase of 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 continues to provide recommendations for creating and maintaining a new data system for the Department.

Building on the recommendations from the Civic Bridge program, Department staff are working to develop a three-part plan for overhauling the Department's data system. This system will streamline the Department's data usage and improve data-driven decision-making. As part of this plan, Department staff have produced recommendations for building our data infrastructure and restructuring our data storage, as well as assisted with planning multiple new projects across our various program areas.

III. Calendar

July

Wednesday, July 27

Commission Meeting

August

Wednesday, August 24

Commission Meeting