

Tues., Mar. 23, 2021 | Social Services Funding Committee Meeting
Virtual -- Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Lisa Stiller, Lisa Mutchler, Wei Wei Lou, Jerome Sibayan, Melissa Garcia, Hazel Wheeler. Staff liaison Megan Cohen was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Staff liaison Megan Cohen gave an overview of the applications submitted for social service funding FY 21-22. In total, there were 32 applications, totaling \$503,492 in ask. There are six applications brand-new to the process, and another eight that have not been funded in the last three years. The committee discussed who they want to interview and decided that the first day of interviews will be for the six new applicants, on April 27. Two more days of interviews will occur on May 4 and May 6, but invites to those interviews will be extended after another meeting focused on consensus building.

The committee discussed the scoring matrix and how they can better capture the answers to the COVID question. They decided that it would be better to make it broad – score on flexibility, responsiveness, and adjusting program outreach based on needs, which could be scored after COVID as well. They also discussed breadth vs. depth of services and focusing on those that provide upstream work that targets the root causes of poverty.

Last, the committee discussed bylaw changes. Staff liaison Megan Cohen presented a number of potential changes: flexible date for chair/vice chair elections, adding two members to the board (including a youth member), consensus building as a main means of decision making, adding a recorder, and adding facilitation to the staff liaison's duties. The committee was supportive of the changes, and will vote on the final draft once it has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.