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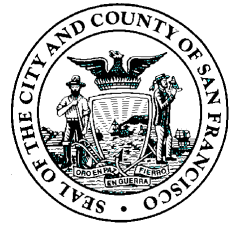
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HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday April 21, 2025 2:00 p.m.

**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 408
San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex**

1) Call to Order

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D, Chair
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Karim Salgado

The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF MARCH 17, 2025**

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the
March 17, 2025 meeting.

3) SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK (SFHN) PRIMARY CARE UPDATE

Blake Gregory, MD, Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian thanked Dr. Gregory and her staff for the extraordinary work. She asked why there is no data on people identifying as trans on slide 5. Dr. Gregory stated that the clinics do collect data on people who identify as transgender. Commissioner Christians stated that the Commission

requests this data due to the enormous political pressure this group is encountering and to be supportive and aware of the needs of this community.

Commissioner Christian asked if the Honeycomb clinic is stand alone. Dr. Gregory stated that the clinic is embedded in the only DPH pediatric clinic. She noted that the clinic model was developed by UCSF faculty in response to the needs of the community.

Commissioner Giraudo noted that there are several wellness clinics in high schools and asked their relationship to DPH Primary Care. Dr. Gregory stated that these clinics are not associated with the DPH health centers or primary care clinics.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if the DPH can bill for both a medical visit and behavioral health visit on the same day. Dr. Gregory stated that regulatory rules do not allow billing for both a primary care and behavioral health visit on the same day.

4) 2024 SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Priscilla Chu, DrPH, MPH & Seth Pardo, PhD, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Salgado asked if the data on slide 10 is for San Francisco residents or others who might access services in San Francisco. Mr. Pardo stated that the data is from San Francisco residents.

Commissioner Salgado noted that as an indigenous Latina, she does not often know what to put for race on forms. She asked what categories are used for the data of the CHA. Mr. Pardo stated that all data is derived from hospitals and patients choose categories that best fit what they consider their race.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if there are any indications of federal funding decreases that might impact the next steps of using this data. Eduardo Sida, Director Administration, Policy & Performance Branch, Population Health Division, stated that the team is working with multiple stakeholders to assess possible funding impacts of changes in federal and state funding.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if the DPH has indication that federal agenda are still employing people with can provide data on HIV and Mpox. Dr. Susan Philip, Director of Population Health Division and San Francisco Health Officer, stated that she is concerned about maintaining core public health functions in the current funding and political environment. She noted that the DPH has historically been able to successfully earn grants and funding from the Center for Disease Control and other federal public health institutions. However, this environment is rapidly changing. She and other DPH leaders continue to be alert to changes and continue to be in touch with colleagues at other health departments and the state to monitor the situation and make contingency plans.

Commissioner Giraudo requested that the committee get an update on the implementation of the CHIP strategic plan as team works with the community to develop those metrics.

Commissioner Christian noted the alarming discrepancies between Black/African Americans and other populations in San Francisco. She asked if there is an intentional thought process on getting effective input from the community and sure it is routed through the DPH leadership. She noted that on slide 11, stress can lead to people not feeling safe. She noted that this applies to many Black/African American people which feeds into these discrepancies becoming additional discrepancies. She requested that future presentations include what the DPH is doing to decrease the harm from these discrepancies.

Commissioner Christian noted that much of the DPH drug disorder focus is on fentanyl, but methamphetamine is a huge problem and can also result in overdoses or deaths. She is interested in hearing more about this in future presentations.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26pm.