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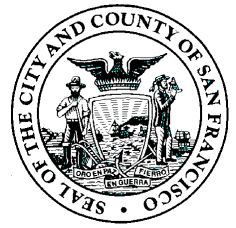
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HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday November 17, 2025 2:30 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 2:32pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF OCTOBER 20, 2025**

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

There were no Commissioner comments on this item.

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the
October 20, 2025 meeting.

3) HIV/STI UPDATE

Stephanie Cohen, MD, MPH, Director, STI and HIV Prevention and Control, Disease Prevention and Control Branch, Population Health Division; and Nyisha Underwood, MPH, Director, Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch, Population Health Division, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo suggested that the DPH outreach to high school wellness clinics, which are well accessed by students. Ms. Underwood stated that the DPH has been rebuilding its youth program and has some meetings scheduled with the San Francisco Unified School District to discuss education and workshops.

Commissioner Salgado if DPH has social media accounts targeting youth. Ms. Underwood stated that the DPH is currently building out its adult and youth social media pages.

Commissioner Giraudo noted that media stories have indicated that the federal government may be targeting access to both PrEP and Doxy-Pep, which may make them less accessible to San Franciscans. Dr. Cohen stated that the U.S. Preventative Taskforce, the body that makes recommendations regarding preventative services, may make changes to their recommendations. However, the California legislature has been policies in place that will ensure access to these successful bio-medical tools to all Californians.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if there are known reasons for the increase in Syphilis cases in women. Dr. Cohen stated that this is a national trend. The DPH has revised screening guidelines to be more effective in detecting cases early.

Commissioner Salgado asked how the DPH reaches youth of color, noting that in some ethic and racial groups, there are specific taboos about talking about sex. Ms. Underwood stated that the DPH is partnering with community providers and relevant Health Access Points to reach youth of color.

Commissioner Christian asked if the presenters could give the Committee members a sense of the work the DPH is doing in the local schools. Ms. Underwood stated that the DPH has been rebuilding its health education program. Due to a lot of staff transitions and newly hired staff, new relationships are being forced with the Unified School District. There are also some San Francisco Health Network clinics focusing on youth which are based in public high schools. She noted any student over the age of 12 can access services.

Commissioner Christian asked if the DPH is weaving a message that it is okay to delay sexual activity. Dr. Cohen stated that the Unified School District has a robust sexual education curriculum, which is not something the DPH takes part in presenting.

Commissioner Giraudo again encouraged the DPH to work closely with school wellness clinics in regard to providing messaging and education. Social media sites are also effective outlets to reach youth.

4) EMERGING ISSUES

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

There were no Commissioner comments on this item.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm.