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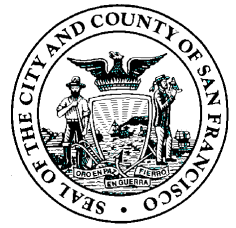
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HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday June 2, 2025 1:00 p.m.

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

1) Call to Order

Present: Commissioner Edward Chow, MD, Member
Commissioner Judy Guggenime, Member
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo, Member

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF MAY 5, 2025

Action Taken: The committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

3) MONTHLY CONTRACTS REPORT

Jenny Louie, DPH COO & Michelle Ruggels, SFDPH Business Office Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thanked Ms. Louie for the excellent summary document and the streamlined contract review process.

Regarding the Justice and Diversity Center contract, Vice President Guillermo noted that the DPH uses a work order with the Human Service Agency (HSA) to fund this program and asked if the DPH monitors it. Ms. Louie stated that the DPH Business Office monitors the program and reports back to HSA on the program's performance.

Regarding the UCSF contract, Vice President Guillermo asked if the program services could be billed to Medi-Cal. Ms. Louie stated that approximately 60-75% of the contract services can be billed to Medi-Cal; the General Fund offsets the remaining amount of the contract.

Commissioner Chow asked whether the contract uses similar billing methods as the UCSF professional services provided at ZSFG. Roland Pickens, San Francisco Health Network Director, stated that this contract funds UCSF specialists to provide medical services at LHH and is outside of the Affiliation Agreement between the DPH and UCSF.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding the new authority given to the DPH in regard to government contracts. Ms. Louie stated that new legislation passed that enables the DPH to facilitate contracting with other government agencies and bypass standard RFP selection requirements.

Regarding the nursing registry contracts, Commissioner Chow noted that the DPH saved \$40M through the excellent processes for nurses.

Vice President Guillermo asked if the hiring freeze has been calculated into the necessary use of registry. Troy Williams, San Francisco Health Network Chief Nursing Officer, stated that the Mayor's Office has released RN, LVN, and personal care assistant positions so the DPH is hiring for these positions. He noted that the DPH continues to have less than a 5% vacancy rate for nurses.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the report.

- 4) **Request for approval of a New Grant Agreement with Code Tenderloin (Fiscal Sponsor Center for New Music San Francisco, INC.) to provide Community Holistic Overdose Prevention Programs (CHOPP) in San Francisco. The total proposed agreement amount is \$5,159,243 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 5/1/2025 through 4/30/2030 (5 years).**

Robertson Somuah, System of Care Program Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Vice President Guillermo noted that the Controller is going to conduct a needs assessment within the first 6 months of the contract and asked if the units of service or program model may shift afterwards. Ms. Louie stated that any program shifts would not be significant.

Vice President Guillermo asked how this programs is coordinating and sharing data with the Children's Network. Ms. Louie stated that A Better Way will hold a resource fair and a speaker series in the Tenderloin. She noted that both contracts are similar and will be coordinating together.

Commissioner Chow asked why the program needs a fiscal sponsor. Mr. Somuah stated that the organization is working towards achieving its own 501C3 status. Director Tsai noted that the organization is incredibly effective in providing navigators with relevant lived experience for the DPH neighborhood teams.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

- 5) **Request for approval of a New Grant Agreement with Homeless Children’s Network (HCN) to provide the Community Holistic Overdose Prevention Program (CHOPP). The total proposed agreement amount is \$3,095,400 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029 (5 years).**

Qianya Vinson, Equity Contracts Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Vice President Guillermo asked for more information regarding the peer support model. Ms. Vinson stated that the organization will train peer support specialists. There will be a peer support manager who will conduct training and will conduct outreach too.

Vice President Guillermo asked if eight people will be trained or receiving peer support each month. Ms. Vinson stated that 8 individuals will be receiving peer support per month.

Commissioner Chow asked how lessons learned will be incorporated into the program model. Ms. Vinson stated that the DPH will work with organizations that are administered by Black/African American community members and serving Black/African American community, to come together to share resources on a quarterly basis.

Commissioner Chow noted that this is federally funded and asked if funding is at risk. Ms. Vinson stated that at this time, there are no threats to this funding. The DPH has a contingency plan for using opioid settlement funding as a contingency.

Commissioner Guggenlime asked how success will be defined and measured. Ms. Vinson stated that data reporting will include units of service and demographic information.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

- 6) **Request for approval of a New Professional Service Agreement with Community Forward SF to provide outpatient mental health & substance use disorder services to previously unhoused people ages 18 and up who suffer from mental health issues. The total proposed agreement amount is \$8,606,530 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 (2.25 years).**

Robin Candler, Shelter/PSH Care Coordinator, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked how program referrals will occur. Ms. Candler stated that most referrals come from onsite case managers. A triage team helps to determine which staff member can best respond.

Vice President Guillermo asked if new staffing is needed for this contract and asked the impact of any delays or problems in hiring new staff. Ms. Candler stated that the vendor is in the process of hiring staff. There is an existing behavioral health team that can begin the work.

Commissioner Guggenlime asked how this contract fits in with the Mayor's "Breaking the Cycle" initiative. Director Tsai stated that this fits in with the Mayor's initiative. The DPH has a strategy to increase service and treatment models to support both residents of shelters and permanent supportive housing.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

- 7) **Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Latino Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services of San Mateo County, Inc. to perform Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) State mandated substance use residential services to youth under the age of 18, who are residents of San Francisco, and Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The total proposed agreement amount is \$3,952,480 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 9/1/2024 through 8/31/2026 (2 years).**

Kellee Hom, SUD System of Care Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow noted concern that the hourly rate for a physician seems to be \$5,000. Ms. Hom stated that the rate for physicians is \$350 per hour.

Vice President Guillermo asked if the new site has been specifically certified by the state for the purpose of the contracted services. Ms. Hom stated that this facility has been certified for the purpose of the contracted services.

Commissioner Chow asked why the site is not in San Francisco. Director Tsai stated that the state issued a corrective action plan against the DPH for not having sufficient level of care for youth in its service system. This program and location will fulfill the regulatory requirements. He noted that it has been difficult to find a San Francisco location.

Commissioner Chow asked why the contract term is for two years. Ms. Hom stated that the DPH wants to review whether cost reimbursement or fee-for-service is the best model after a few years of service.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

- 8) **Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Regents of the University of California, Children and Adolescent Services to develop workforce capacity across the Children, Youth, & Families System of Care in delivering two evidence-based treatment models. The total proposed agreement amount is \$1,380,075 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 09/26/2024 through 06/30/2026 (1 year and 7 months).**

Farah Farahnaz, Director Children, Youth, and Families System, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thanked Ms. Farahnaz for the concise and effective presentation of this contract.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

- 9) **Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Homeless Children’s Network’s Youth Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Programs. The total proposed agreement amount is \$8,960,000 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028 (3.75 years).**

Kellee Hom, SUD System of Care Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Vice President Guillermo asked why there was difficulty establishing these services previously. Ms. Hom stated that the DPH did not have previous providers to take on this level of service. She noted that the vendor is taking a substance use disorder approach in its program model.

Vice President Guillermo asked how the DPH will check in to assess the progress of this service. Ms. Hom stated that the DPH has been providing technical assistance on service design and deliverable requirements and will continue to work closely with the vendor.

Commissioner Chow noted the contract is retroactive to October of 2024 and asked if services have been provided by the vendor since that time. Ms. Hom stated that the DPH has been providing technical assistance to the vendor since that time and participants have enrolled in trainings.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

- 10) **Request for approval of a new Grant Agreement with San Francisco AIDS Foundation to provide peer-based Contingency Management (CM) programming. The total proposed agreement amount is \$2,640,560 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 5/1/2025 through 6/30/2029 (4 years and 2 months).**

Robertson Somuah, System of Care Program Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow stated that he appreciates the monitoring issues with the vendor being put into the contract for ongoing tracking.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked for more information how the program model works. Mr. Somuah stated that the most effective model to help people using stimulants, and some opioid users too, is to give them incentives to not use substances, in addition to other supportive services. Director Tsai stated that the program model is evidence-based and has been found to be very successful in San Francisco with stimulant users.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

- 11) **Request for approval of a New Grant Agreement with HealthRight360 to**

perform Contingency Management (CM) capacity building and mentoring. The total proposed agreement amount is \$949,200 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029 (4 years and 6 months).

Robertson Somuah, System of Care Program Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow noted that the program will sponsor two mentees and asked what else the contract will fund. Mr. Somuah stated that in the first year, the vendor will mentor and in the second year the mentees will build their own programs

Vice President Guillermo noted that Glide, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, and HR360 have all been funded to provide contingency management programs. Director Tsai stated that the DPH can provide a list of all contingency management programs in San Francisco.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

12) EMERGING ISSUES

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Vice President Guillermo requested a list of all DPH vendors and a list of contracts for each vendor and the DPH area the contracts serve.

13) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.