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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday June 16, 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 Edward Chow, MD, Member

Commissioner Tessie Guillermo, Member Commissioner Judy Guggenhime, Member

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

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF JUNE 2, 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:

Regarding the contract with Santa Cruz County, Commissioner Chow asked how Santa Cruz became a contractor of the San Francisco DPH. Rowena Marania, Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Coordinator, stated that Santa Cruz volunteered to administer this contract which involves 44 California counties.

Regarding the API Wellness contract, Vice President Guillermo asked why the audits were late and if the results were acceptable. Wasim Samara, Business Office Financial Analyst, stated that the audit was submitted late and is currently being reviewed.

Commissioner Chow asked if the contract adds additional night navigators. Emily Raganold, DPH Director of Community Substance Use Programs, stated that the contract adds daytime case managers and transportation services.

Regarding the Language Line contract, Commissioner Chow asked if the DPH still employs its own translators. Ms. Louie stated that the DPH does employ some staff who receive bilingual pay for interpretation services. However, much of the DPH interpretation services are provided by contractors.

Commissioner Chow asked if his contract provides for in-person or phone-based services. Aiyana Johnson, ZSFG Chief Experience Officer, stated that the contract provides for both in-person and phone-based interpretation services.

Regarding the Seneca contract, Commissioner Chow asked for clarification regarding the roles of Seneca and Edgewood. Lisa Hilley, Deputy Director of Children, Youth, and Family Services, stated that the contract is with Seneca for specialty mental health and Edgewood is a subcontractor.

Vice President Guillermo asked how non-dependent youth are recruited for the contracted services. Ms. Hilley stated that the target population is usually recruited from a higher level of services who are in need of more wrap-around-services.

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

4) Request for approval of a New Contract for SFDPH Jail Health Services to perform Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Mental Health Diversion programming on behalf of the California Department of State Hospitals. The total proposed contract amount is \$15,060,000 for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 (5 years).

Tyler Mains, Jail Health Services Chief Medical Officer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guggenhime asked if the purpose of the contracted services is to assist someone to heal or stand trial. Dr. Mains stated that the court may dismiss charges if someone is participating in treatment.

Vice President Guillermo asked if the contract funds derive from the state. Dr. Mains stated that the contract is state-funded and is a revenue generating contract for Jail Health Services. He noted that the state sets patient rates.

Commissioner Chow asked if the performance measures are designed by the state. Dr. Mains stated that the state has mandate reporting metrics.

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

5) Request for approval of a new Agreement with Westside Community Mental

Health Center for Westside Clubhouse. The total proposed agreement amount is \$593,040 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 3/15/2025 through 6/30/2026.

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 if this program model has been used with substance users. Ms. Hom stated that the model has only been used with people experiencing mental health issues. She noted that the DPH Business Office will monitor the contract.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked what constitutes success for this program model. Ms. Hom stated that participant independence and self sustainability will be metrics used to measure success. She noted that many clients experience substance use disorders and are isolated so the model adds support and community.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information about phasing out the mental health component since it has been successful. Eric Dubon, Health Program Coordinator, stated that the California Health Foundation used to fund the mental health clubhouse. However, that funding has ceased. The DPH is funding a pilot of this program model for substance use populations, with a particular focus on methadone users.

Vice President Guillermo requested a follow-up to the Finance and Planning Committee regarding the success of this program model.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health

Commission approve the contract.

6) **EMERGING ISSUES**

This item was not discussed.

7) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12pm.