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COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 15, 2011 2:00 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 302, San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Margine Sako, Chair
Commissioner James M. Illig, Member
Commissioner Catherine Waters R.N., Ph.D., Member
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ex Officio Member
Commissioner Sonia Melara

The meeting was called to order at 2:07pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 18, 2011 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The minutes of the January 18, 2010 Community and Public Health Committee were unanimously approved.

3) DPH PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Frances Culp, Senior Health Program Planner, presented the current DPH Performance Measures and shared the process for how they may be changed in the future. The DPH goal is to align these measures with the DPH Health Report Card Indicator measures. Although the revised measures will not be put into practice until FY 2012/2013, the process to review them will begin in summer of 2011. Andrew Murray and Keith DeMartini from the Controller's Office were present and participated in the discussion of this item.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this item:

These performance measures will not impact compliance with the 1115 Waiver.

The Committee encouraged the DPH to share the performance measure data with its quality management staff and to use the data to benefit the DPH programs.

Although only a handful of the DPH performance measures are published in the Mayor's budget book, the DPH is able to negotiate what is included in future publications.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up

Commissioner Sako would like to use performance measure data to understand how proposed budget cuts may impact quality outcomes.

Commissioner Illig requested that the Committee receive mid-year and end-year reports on any performance measures data to give feedback to the DPH.

Commissioner Illig requested that the measures include outcomes and efficiencies.

Several Commissioners stated that budget cuts may impact the DPH scores on the performance measures.

4) COMMUNITY PLACEMENT UPDATE

Kelly Hiramoto, Director, gave the presentation which provided an overview of DPH Community Placement activities which strive to ensure clients are stabilized in the most appropriate, least restrictive setting.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this item:

The system works well but there are still delays due to complex cases.

The community capacity varies depending on the season, climate and other factors out of the control of the DPH.

The Placement Unit assists with MediCal and Short Doyle authorization for acute hospital payments throughout California.

There are forty-one beds at the Napa hospital.

To insure consistency amount individual providers that are conducting intakes, the DPH is developing a centralized assessment tool that will assist in decreasing the need for repeat interviews within the San Francisco system.

Client assessments are entered in AVATAR.

To assist clients who live at facilities that do not allow clients to stay during the day and because there is a lack of formal adult day treatment programs, the DPH is using a peer program to help clients navigate activities during the day.

In an effort to slow the cycling of clients in and out of the institutes for mental health, the DPH is exploring shorter stays at facilities with a high level of care and then a quick transition of the client to a facility with a lower level of care.

The DPH has helped reshape some of its contractors' programs to better fit the needs of its client populations.

The system attempts to match clients with a program that can best meet their needs versus just filling empty beds.

One of the new aspects of the model is to focus on a client's mental health needs and then deal with substance abuse issues before attempting to transition her/him to a lower level of care.

The Placement Team has begun to collect long-term data on clients and will be able to present this to the Commission in 2012.

Barbara Garcia, DPH Director, commended Ms. Hiramoto and Elayne Hada, Placement Coordinator, for their effective work.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up

Commissioner Sako requested that the Commission be notified if budget decisions impact any level of capacity within the Placement System.

Ms. Garcia suggested that the Commission consider as a policy question whether, with the current budget constraints, the DPH can continue to manage the level of comprehensive care for everyone entering the system.

5) PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Rajiv Bhatia, M.D., Director of Occupational and Environmental Health, gave the presentation. He encouraged the Commissioners to work with him to develop a statement of principles that reflect on the success of activities in other cities.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this issue.

There is commitment among the Departments responsible for implementing the Executive Directive Pedestrian Safety.

There are more local resources available to assist bicycle safety than pedestrian safety.

Supervisor Kim will be holding a hearing on April 7th to discuss specific areas within District 6 that have lower level of pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up

Commissioner Sako requested that Dr. Bhatia resubmit slides with the Muni data separated out to show Muni-related injuries and deaths.

Commissioner Sako asked for a presentation from the SFMTA on this issue at the next meeting.

Commissioner Waters stated that she is particularly interested in how environmental factors impact pedestrian safety.

6) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE CALENDAR

There was no discussion of this issue.

7) EMERGING ISSUES

Commissioner Illig stated that a Board of Supervisors hearing may be calendared to consider opening an injection center. Ms. Garcia stated that regardless of the effectiveness of this type of program, it is not possible at this time to successfully manage an injection center through the DPH with the current budget constraints.

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Petruzzella, Dominican University student, urged the Committee to insure that all CPMC buildings be seismically upgraded.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm.