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MINUTES
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COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 20 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 Tierney, Ex Officio Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2011 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Commissioner Illig stated that he was not at the July 19, 2011 meeting and asked that the minutes be revised to reflect this fact.

Action Taken: The minutes of the of the July 19, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved with the change noted above.

3) PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION

Tomas Aragon MD, DPH Health Officer, gave the presentation which outlined the timeline and process by which the DPH will apply for public health accreditation. He stated that the proposed mission for the DPH accreditation will be to transform it into a learning, high-performance organization that prioritizes, innovates, and continuously improves in order to optimize the health and well being of the populations. The accreditation process will demonstrate the DPH's capacity to deliver the three core public health functions: Assessment, Assurance, and Policy Development. Contained within the core functions are the ten essential services of public health: Monitor Health; Diagnose and Investigate; Inform, Educate, Empower; Mobilize Community Partnerships; Develop Policies; Enforce Laws; Link to/Provide Care; Assure Competent Workforce; and Evaluate.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Sako stated that the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) will require working with other City Departments. She asked how the DPH will structure the plan so that it remains in control over the management of its CHIP activities. Director Garcia stated that the DPH will work closely with other City Departments and the Mayor's Office in the development of the CHIP to insure that the DPH has authority over the management of its own activities.

Commissioner Illig asked what types of professionals comprise the Public Health Accreditation Board. Dr. Aragon stated that the Board is comprised of public health experts around the world.

Commissioner Illig asked if accreditation is linked to new government revenue. Dr. Aragon stated that the process is voluntary and not tied to funding.

4) COORDINATED CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CCMS) AND HIGH USERS OF MULTIPLE SYSTEMS (HUMS)

Barbara Garcia, Director of Health introduced the project and stated that Maria Martinez, Assistant to the Director of Health, will return to the Committee with recommendations on changes to be made in the service system after a full analysis of data has been completed. Ms. Martinez made the presentation. Also in attendance were Rajesh Parekh M.D., Homeless Outreach Team, and Jan Gurley, M.D., Tom Waddell Health Center.

Ms. Martinez stated that CCMS is a composite database system of integrated medical psychological and social information about high risk, complex, and vulnerable populations who are often high users of multiple public health, emergency, and criminal justice systems. Ms. Martinez stated that authorization for use of CCMS is done on the basis of what information the user needs to know about a particular client.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig asked if there are plans to move the Public Conservator under the management of DPH. Director Garcia stated that incorporating the Public Conservator's Office into DPH would not solve the problems for these populations. Because they do not remain in care, providers do not have a chance to develop an appropriate care plan which is necessary for conservatorship.

Director Garcia stated that she has limited the types of services that the MAP van offers and the DPH may open a new drop-in facility to meet the needs of high utilizers during the night and early morning hours.

Commissioner Melara stated that the CCMS data will be useful for other City Departments.

Commissioner Sako recommended that the DPH apply for funding for the project from foundations or the Hospital Council.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

Commissioner Sako requested that future presentations made to the Committee be developed around the three public health core issues and preferably include recommendations for policy or legislation.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.