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MINUTES HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm

2) APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2010 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action: The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the October 16th, 2010 Community and Public Health Meeting with the addendum that the EMS confirmed that the Fire Department stated that they currently have no issue with the length of the staff shifts.

3) STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN DEMENTIA CARE

Gail Cobe, RN, LHH Clinical Nurse Specialist, Memory Care & Integrated Wellness Programs; Ruth Gay, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association of "No California" and "No Nevada;" and Bill Haskell, Long Term Care Principal Investigator, Department of Aging and Adult Services presented the "Strategy for Achieving Excellence in Dementia Care" plan.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this item:

- The DPH hopes to include the material for training behaviorist and primary care staff as part of the integration within the community primary care clinics.
- The presenters requested assistance with developing the medical services curriculum in their workgroups.

- The plan for Healthy Families 2020 may overlap with the issues and suggested actions contained in the “Strategy for Achieving Excellence in Dementia Care.”
- The Plan addresses issues related to single adults.
- The Plan discusses some of the issues related to the criminal justice system but does not offer comprehensive solutions to the complex problems of that arena.
- The Committee suggested that the presenters approach the following groups to do a presentation: the Hospital Council; local hospital Grand Rounds; training programs for health care professionals; the Community Benefits Partnership; and the Bar Association (specifically for those attorneys working with estate planning and conservatorship issues).

Committee Follow-Up

Commissioner Sako requested that Mr. Morewitz draft a letter to the Hospital Council encouraging the Council to hear a presentation on “The Strategy for Achieving Excellence in Dementia Care.”

4) JAIL HEALTH SERVICES (JHS) UPDATE

Joe Goldenson M.D., JHS Director/Medical Director; Frank Patt, JHS Deputy Director and Kate Monico Klein, Director of Forensic AIDS Project, made the presentation.

Dr. Goldenson stated that in the last few years, the Mayor has proposed privatizing Jail Health Services as a cost cutting measure for the City budget. He explained that the plan would not be open to non-profits but instead would use one of the few large private corporations that provide prison medical services.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this issue:

- Approximately ninety percent of the San Francisco County jail inmates are San Francisco residents.
- There are approximately 20,000 individuals who are incarcerated in the County jails throughout each year. The jails hold approximately 2,000 individuals on any given day.
- There are two patterns regarding the general average length of incarceration: one group is generally released within a few days and the other stays an average of five or six months.
- There a fifty percent recidivism rate.
- The Jails currently do not have the resources to thoroughly treat and link inmates to the substance abuse services they need. However, methadone is provided to inmates through a contract with the Bayview Hunter’s Point Foundation.
- When appropriate, the conservatorship process may be initiated while someone is incarcerated.
- A common problem of older inmates is that dementia impacts their behavior; many are arrested for abusing or attacking someone close to them.
- Obesity is also a problem in the jails because the average diet is 2,800 calories a day and many inmates do not get appropriate exercise.
- JHS uses urine to test for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) because many of these diseases are asymptomatic. STD Control works with JHS to track down folks in the community to encourage treatment for those people who were tested while incarcerated but did not receive their results.
- There are not adequate resources to implement discharge planning for the general population (without HIV or mental health issues).
- Eligible Inmates are not signed up for Health San Francisco while they are incarcerated because there are not staff available and because Healthy San Francisco prefers that people

take the first step to sign-up on their own which results in provider appointments being used more efficiently.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up

Commissioner Sako requested that the presentation be made to the full Health Commission in early 2011. She also asked Mr. Morewitz to find out more information on the state bill being introduced which may enable the Jail to bill MediCal when inmates are transferred to inpatient care while incarcerated.

5) RESOLUTION: ENDORSING EFFORTS BY THE SOUTHEAST FOOD ACCESS WORKGROUP (SEFA) AND THE SAN FRANCISCO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO INCREASE OFFERINGS OF AFFORDABLE FRESH, HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE FOODS AT SUPERSAVE STORE IN THE BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT.

Jacob Moody, Executive Director, Bayview Hunters Point Foundation and SEFA co-chair gave the presentation and introduced the resolution. The following are highlights of the discussion of this issue:

- The Supersave store serves as the commercial north anchor of the 3rd street food corridor.
- The owner of the Supersave store has spent a significant amount of his own capital to change the focus of the store from selling only liquor to being a general grocery store. The owner also has a long history of working to improve the Bayview neighborhood.
- There is currently no farmer's market in the area; the selection of fresh produce in stores is sparse.
- Community organizers are strongly encouraging the local Kroger store to improve its food selection.
- The project has support from Supervisor Maxwell; Mr. Moody has also met and discussed this issue with incoming Board of Supervisor, Malia Cohen.
- The San Francisco Redevelopment agency is involved as a financial partner in the pre-development stage of the project. Organizers are also attempting to attract and leverage other funders; there is current interest from private foundations to assist with funding the project.
- Mr. Moody stated that due to the economic issues and health disparities of people living in the Bayview neighborhood, he asked the Health Commission for support of this project by approving the resolution.

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

6) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Barbara Garcia, Deputy Director, stated that she has a list of topics to consider for the full Commission and Committee calendar.

POSSIBLE ACTION:

7) EMERGING ISSUES

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.