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**HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
2:00 p.m.
San Francisco General Hospital Room 2A6
San Francisco, CA 94110**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Sako called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Present: Commissioner Margine Sako, Chair
Commissioner James M. Illig, Member
Commissioner Catherine Waters R.N., Ph.D., Member

**2) FOR DISCUSSION AND GENERAL DISCUSSION OF NEW COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Commissioner Sako welcomed everyone to the newly formed Committee and presented the following as its mission:

Community & Public Health Committee

To assure oversight and review of Departmental policies, programs, and issues that are not addressed through the SF General Hospital or Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committees. Issues to be addressed, but not limited to, are services provided through Community Programs, public health prevention activities, Healthy SF, Emergency Medical Services Agency, and Jail and forensic health.

- Provide a forum for productive discussion and recommendations to improve DPH program development and service delivery. Community comment and input is strongly encouraged.
- To develop a strong understanding by Commissioners about relevant topics, encourage creative and active input from all interested parties, and provide appropriate guidance and assistance.

- Committee members will hear DPH and community presentations; request additional information where needed; and when suitable, make recommendations.

Commissioner Sako stated that in addition to DPH staff, other community stakeholders, including DPH contractors, are invited to attend the Committee to help give context and input to the topics reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Sako asked Barbara Garcia, Deputy Director of Health, to assist with creating a twelve month calendar of topics to be presented to this Committee by various DPH divisions. Ms. Garcia will present the Committee with suggested DPH presentations at the next Committee meeting.

3) **EMERGING ISSUES**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Dr. John Brown, Director of the San Francisco EMS Agency, briefly introduced the Quality Dashboard which uses ten indicators to help assess EMS in San Francisco. Similar Dashboard models have helped other municipalities with their quality initiatives.

He stated that the DPH makes policies and procedures in regard to EMS. The Fire Department is the provider of services; it can make policy on the resources it will spend on EMS and in regard to what entity will be charged for those services.

Currently only two private companies have applied to provide ambulance services. Transport One just completed its corrective action plan steps and Bayshore Ambulance submitted their application. Regardless of whether both of these companies are approved to provide services for the City, Dr. Brown does not anticipate a dramatic change in ambulance services.

Dr. Bob Cabaj, Director of Behavioral Health, stated that the Fire Department is now charging DPH and its contractors for inspections. The DPH charges the Fire Department for Fire and Ambulance Inspections.

Dr. Brown will elaborate on the model and EMS when he makes a full presentation at the February 16, 2010 Community and Public Health Committee meeting.

SF DPH Primary Care Behavioral Health Program

Maria Martinez, Community Programs Deputy Director, Ms. Garcia, and Dr. Cabaj presented the San Francisco Department of Public Health Primary Care Behavioral Health Program (see Attachment 1). The DPH hired the Public Consulting Group to assist with the creation and evaluation of this model.

The model insures that patients have access to both primary and mental health care onsite on the same day; it should reduce loss-to-follow up. The intent is to integrate mental health services into primary care clinics and integrate primary care services into mental health clinics. This enables patients to continue to choose which clinic they prefer; the benefit will be that patients who had previously only received one or the other will be offered both services onsite by providers who will be coordinating care.

An important aspect of the project is how to best maximize federal reimbursement for both primary care and mental health services being provided at the same physical site. Increased effectiveness in patient services will derive from enabling primary care providers to refer those patients needing mental health assessments/services to clinicians onsite; this will enable the primary care providers to see more patients each day. Mental health providers will leave a portion of every hour unscheduled to prepare for seeing patients referred by the primary care providers. The model should also increase the number of clients mental health providers may see each day. Licensed mental health clinicians can bill for every assessment they complete. With increased number of patients seen by both types of providers, the overall amount the DPH will receive in Medi-Cal reimbursement revenue should increase.

The South of Market Mental Health Clinic is currently piloting the model. The Tom Waddell, Silver Avenue, Castro Mission, Housing Urban Health, and Ocean Parkway clinics are being assessed to adopt the model by July 1st, 2010. The execution will proceed differently for each clinic because each has distinct systems and cultures. The goal is to transition all DPH clinics to the model over the next twelve months. Eventually, the San Francisco Clinic Consortium staff will also be trained on the model after it is piloted.

The Committee asked for an update on this issue at the May 18th, 2010 Community and Public Health Committee meeting.

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT****

Annie and Hima distributed a letter to the Commissioners outlining issues related to the lack of safety for strippers in clubs that have built private rooms/booths without permits.

Annie stated that the Entertainment Commission has jurisdiction over the clubs. However, they have done nothing to help provide a safer environment for the workers. Because there is a lack of safe work environment and frequent sexual assault of strippers in these booths, she asked the DPH for help to make these clubs safer for the strippers who work there.

Hima stated that she has met with DPH representatives and Health Commissioners in the past but the situation continues to be dangerous for women working in these clubs. She requested that the DPH take action to deal with the lack of health and safety of the strippers at these clubs.

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at. 3:26pm

Mark Morewitz
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San Francisco Department of Health Primary Care Behavioral Health Program

DPH has made a commitment to ensure that individuals in Primary Care have access to behavioral health services. To this end, as of January 2010, we plan to start a new model in our primary care clinics. Evaluations of similar programs in a variety of cities suggest better clinical outcomes with patients, improvement in primary care provider and patient satisfaction with behavioral health services, and a better value for the health care dollar (citations follow).

At the core of this model, there will be a new provider—the “Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) Provider.” The PCBH Provider will focus on a specific problem that the patient and primary care provider identify; e.g., solving a relationship problem, enhancing motivation to change health risk behaviors, changing lifestyle behaviors to prevent illness or improve disease management, learning ways to improve mood and ability to relax, addressing problems with use of medications, improving parenting skills, addressing child behavior problems, establishing stable housing, promoting stability and a higher quality of life for patients with serious mental illnesses, and assisting with the problems of obesity, smoking, alcohol and drug use.

The PC Behavioral Health Provider: A Member of the Primary Care Team		
Service:	Brief Intervention	Pathways (Chronic Care and Self Care Management)
Role:	Works to relieve burden of behavioral health problems on PC team, improve patient access to behavioral health services at the time of need (all levels of need)	Works to improve health outcomes for patients needing sustained behavior change support
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located in the heart of the clinic and works out of any available exam room ▪ PCP remains in charge (PCBH Provider makes recommendations, does not have case load) ▪ Open Access Scheduling – Sees patients immediately before / after PC visit. Is available throughout the day, every clinic day of the week, even while seeing patients if need be ▪ Takes all comers – No wrong referrals – Is Generalist ▪ Provides visits that are brief in time and duration, but as needed ▪ Emphasizes problem-solving, education, self-management, skill building ▪ On-going measurement of QOL – Quality of Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifies “high impact” group (e.g., chronic pain, diabetes, depression, PTSD, ADHD, Homelessness, SMI) ▪ Based on evidence, PCBH Provider and PCP co-develop “pathway program” for patient, share care plan ▪ Often involves monthly self-management classes (lead by PCBH Provider or co-lead by PCBH Provider and PCP), where patients complete outcome measures, learn skills, and in some cases, receive medications. May involve registries, use of telephone ▪ Measures outcomes (utilization, clinical, satisfaction)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charts in medical record ▪ Use evidence-based interventions, including cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, mindfulness, etc. ▪ Provides same-day verbal feedback to referring PC providers 	

There will be two phases to establish this program:

- Readiness Review (to help clinics prepare for this program)
Services offered: 2-3 day clinic site review, workshop for PC providers, consultation with clinic leadership, application of practical readiness tool to identify preparation targets
- Implementation (to prepare the PCBH Provider and the PC providers to work as a team)

Services offered: Core competency training for identified PCBH Provider, identification of barriers that PC providers see to success of program, practice support tools for PC providers and PCBH Provider, early morning and/or lunch hour presentations to PC providers based on responses to training interest surveys

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