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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
1001 Potrero Avenue, Conference Room 2A6
San Francisco, CA 94110

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D. Chair
Commissioner James M. Illig, Ex Officio Member

Excused: Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D., Member
Commissioner Sonia Melara E. Melara

2) APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2 FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The minutes of the November 2, 2010 Finance and Planning Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

3) MONTHLY CONTRACTS REPORT

Jacque Hale, Director of Office of Contract Management and Compliance gave the report.

Action Taken: The Contracts Report was unanimously approved.

Barbara Garcia, Deputy Director, gave an update on the Westside Community Services Corrective Action Plan. She stated that the agency continues to be out of compliance due to the ongoing issues with the Board of Directors. Although a board recruitment plan was developed, the board has not met since October and no new members have been recruited. The Board President and other members who should resign because they have served longer than the bylaws allow show no indication that they will step down. However, quality services continue to be provided to clients and the organization is exceeding its contracted units of service

Ms. Garcia stated that Marylouise Adlo-Robinson, the organization's long-time Board President, sent her a

letter meant to be an update on the Board recruitment activities but it did not indicate that she or other current board members would be stepping down.

Mary Anne Jones, CEO of Westside, stated that she hired an external consultant to develop and implement a board recruitment plan.

Mitchell Salazar, a Westside Board member, stated that the board members who have served longer than the by-laws allow should resign so that new board members be recruited to properly serve the organization.

Commissioner Tierney instructed Mr. Morewitz to put this issue on the January agenda. At that time, the Committee will ask Ms. Garcia for input on how she recommends proceeding and whether to take action to terminate the contract with this organization.

4) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,000 WITH BAY AREA CREMATION AND FUNERAL SERVICES, INC. FOR TEMPORARY MORGUE STORAGE SERVICES FOR LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL FOR THE TERM OF DECEMBER 7, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 6, 2012 (2 YEARS).**

Jacquie Hale, Director Contracts Management presented the contract.

Action Taken: The contract was unanimously approved.

5) **RESOLUTION: REVISED HEALTH CARE ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE (HCA)**

Frances Culp, DPH Senior Health Planner made the presentation. She stated that HCA is reviewed every two years to insure that the ordinance is up-to-date with changes in the health care insurance delivery system within the United States. Its intent is to give guidelines for employer based health care insurance.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this item:

Employees may choose to not accept insurance because they are already covered through a family member or private policy.

The deductible amount includes all co-payments and money spent on medications.

There was not consensus among the HCA Work Group members regarding the increase in the annual deductible amount in which the employees are responsible. The DPH found that employees did not report a problem with paying the previous deductible amount of \$3,500.

Public Comment:

Karl Kramer, of the San Francisco Living Wage Coalition, stated that the proposed increase in insurance costs come at a time of economic hardship for many. The \$4,000 deductible may not be affordable to many workers.

Alice Rogoff, of the San Francisco Living Wage Coalition, stated that non profits are already struggling financially and its particularly challenging to pay the skyrocketing insurance costs for employees. There was an informal promise that the City would assist with paying the increase in health insurance costs for non-profits but that has not happened.

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

6) LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE CITY-WIDE BUDGETING PROCESS

Phil Arnold, Human Service Agency (HAS), Deputy Director for Finance and Administration and Dianne Jensen, HSA Senior Planning Analyst made the presentation.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this item:

- Although HIV services and primary care were considered to be part of the resolution, neither was included because it did not seem feasible to identify an appropriate subset of the clients who are only receiving long-term care.
- Future steps in the process may include investigating how to use the various city-client databases to identify special populations that need and are accessing long-term care. The recently developed DPH vulnerability index may be used to assist in this effort.

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the full Commission approve the Long Term Care Coordinating Council Resolution.

7) DPH FIRST QUARTER REPORT FY 2010-2011

Gregg Sass, DPH Chief Financial Officer made presentation. He stated that the projected DPH deficit should be covered by the amount the Department will receive from the Medi-Cal waiver.

Committee Comments/Follow-Up

Commissioner Illig asked for clarification of the \$4M surplus from Laguna Honda Hospital. Mr. Sass stated that external auditors identified the surplus.

8) MAYOR'S BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS

Gregg Sass, DPH Chief Financial Officer presented the Budget Instructions. He stated that he is optimistic that the DPH can meet the budget targets.

Barbara Garcia stated that when substantial budget cuts are necessary, she plans on closing programs versus implementing an across-the-board percentage cut because this weakens the whole service system.

9) COMMITTEE ANNUAL CALENDAR
POSSIBLE ACTION:

10) EMERGING ISSUES

11) PUBLIC COMMENT

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.