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**MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 302
San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, Chair
Commissioner Sonia Melara, Member
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D., Member

Excused: Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D. Ex Officio Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2011 FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The minutes of May 3, 2011 Finance and Planning Committee were unanimously approved.

3) MONTHLY CONTRACTS REPORT

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

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig asked for clarification of the total contract amounts for the HillRom and Shanti Project contracts. He requested that the "Total Contract Amount" column on the Contracts Report be consistently filled out.

Commissioner Chow questioned the practice of developing ten-year contracts. Ms. Hale stated that the RFP listed the contract term as ten years for both contracts. Robert Longhitano, DPH Contracts Analyst,

stated that the HillRom contract provides IT support to a fetal monitoring prenatal care program. He also stated that the ten year contract term helped increase savings on the maintenance.

Commissioner Illig asked that in the future, contracts that provide services to clients be kept to a maximum of five years.

Commissioner Illig requested that Ms. Hale check to make sure the ten year term for the Shanti contract is correct.

Commissioner Illig requested that Mr. Morewitz set up a meeting with Ms. Hale to revise the Contracts Report format.

Public Comment:

A speaker who wished to remain anonymous asked how DPH is able to change timeline of contracts.

Action Taken: The Committee recommended that the June Contracts Report be approved by the Full Health Commission.

4) 2010 CHARITY CARE REPORT OUTLINE

Frances Culp, Senior Health Planner, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/ Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow requested that a timeline be added to show the history of San Francisco Charity Care.

Commissioner Illig asked if hospitals have different timelines for their own OSHPD data collection. Abbie Yant, Senior Director at St. Francisco Hospital, stated that hospitals may have varying OSHPD data submission schedules. Commissioner Illig requested that the reporting period for each hospital be included in the report.

Commissioner Chow stated that hospitals should be commended for attempting to submit data for the Charity Care Report when each of their data management timelines may differ.

Regarding Section II of the outline, Commissioners Chow and Melara requested to review data that the Health Commission has not historically had a chance to analyze to ascertain whether it is helpful in developing any recommended changes to the Charity Care Ordinance.

Regarding Section IV of the outline, Commissioner Illig requested information on net patient revenue for a 10 year period of time. Commissioner Illig stated that he is interested in how many patients received services under charity care, how much the services cost, and how much reimbursement the hospitals received.

Commissioner Chow stated that it is important to show the fiscal impact of Healthy San Francisco and whether it has replaced some of the care that in the past would have been categorized as charity care.

Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Policy and Planning, stated that the Healthy San Francisco Report will focus on the services provided under Health San Francisco. Barry Lawlor, Director of Community Health at Catholic Healthcare West, stated that under Healthy San Francisco there is a shift of where funds are spent but not reduction of overall costs to the hospitals. He also stated that it would be fair to include the Healthy San Francisco data in the charity care report.

Ms. Yant stated that Healthy San Francisco is charity care and she hopes the Healthy San Francisco Report will assist in the overall analysis of charity care costs to hospitals and determining whether the systems in place are cost effective. She also stated that hospitals have spent extra money to create line item bills for Healthy San Francisco patients who do not pay for services they receive.

Commissioner Chow stated that the Healthy San Francisco report should show the amount of any reimbursement a hospital has received so the actual net cost is reported.

Commissioner Illig asked how donations impact Healthy San Francisco costs. Ms. Yant stated that each hospital has a different agreement on this issue.

5) HEALTH CARE ORDINANCE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director, of Health and Director of Policy and Planning, gave the presentation. She announced that Lori Cook, Senior Health Planner, who previously worked in the Housing and Urban Development Division, has been hired to work on this project.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Melara asked for clarification on how the community meetings will be facilitated. Ms. Chawla stated that experts from the community will be invited in addition to any members of the community. At each meeting, an introduction of the planning process will be given and an overview of demographics and health disparities of the neighborhood will be reviewed. The DPH will release guiding questions in advance to gather relevant information on that community.

Commissioner Illig requested that the Health Commission should get minutes of all meetings and that the draft plan should come before the Health Commission prior to it going before the joint Health and Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Garcia stated that the plan will come before the Health Commission first as Commissioner Illig requested.

Public Comment:

A speaker who wishes to remain anonymous asked how many users of services will be on Task Force. Ms. Garcia stated that several participating organizations are consumers of services.

6) COMMITTEE ANNUAL CALENDAR

Commissioner Illig asked that when the budget process is completed, he would like a presentation on the full DPH budget including non-General Fund items.

7) EMERGING ISSUES

Commissioner Melara asked for an update on the CFO hiring process. Ms. Garcia stated that the process is underway and that she hopes to hire a replacement for Mr. Sass by the end of August. Mr. Sass will stay until October to assist in the transition process.

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28pm.