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## MINUTES

### HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, July 7, 2009**

**3:00 p.m.**

**101 Grove Street, Room 302**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

#### **+NOTE SPECIAL MEETING TIME**

Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Chair  
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D., Member  
Commissioner James M. Illig, Member  
Commissioner Sonia Melara, M.S.W., Member

#### **1) CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Tierney called the meeting to order at 3:08p.m.

Present: Commissioner Steven Tierney  
Commissioner Edward Chow  
Commissioner James Illig  
Commissioner Sonia Melara, M.S.W. (Arrived at 3:32p.m.)

#### **2) APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2 2009 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Action Taken: The Committee approved the minutes of the June 2, 2009 Finance Committee without change.

#### **3) CONTRACT UPDATE AND APPROVAL**

Jacquie Hale presented the contracts report.

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the report.

### **3A) CONTRACTS REPORT ON CNH- SFGHMC**

Gloria Garcia-Orme, Nursing and Operations Director for Primary Care requested approval for a new software license agreement and accompanying three-year agreement with LANDesk Software INC. to acquire a service tracking software fro the interpreter services at San Francisco General Hospital. The software has a database of many languages and will facilitate collaboration of interpretive resources at other hospitals in the Bay Area.

#### Comments:

- Commissioner Chow praised the software and requested that Garcia-Orme describe how the software worked in Alameda County.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Action taken: The Committee unanimously approved the request.

### **3B) CBHS**

Jeff Mori, Executive Director of the AARS David Yonemoto, Associate Director of the AARS requested approval for relocation of Asian American Recovery Services, INC. outpatient program to 2166 Hayes Street from 2201 Sutter Street. Mori stated that the AARS program would save money by relocating its facilities AARS would like to mitigate issues with landlords in the area and provide security to the adjacent the parking lot.

#### Comments:

- Commissioner Tierney asked about site approval. Mr. Yonemoto explained that the program has already added an existing program to 2166 Hayes Street.
- Commissioner Illig asked about how the concentration of similar types of programs is decided and expressed the need to make procedures to address public complaints.
- Commissioner Melara stated that the Tenderloin neighborhood has an abundance of services and questioned whether some communities should have more than others.
- Commissioner Chow explained that clusters of some services and organizations gravitate to the vicinity of the hospital. Dr. Bob Cabaj responded that the program wants to place its services where the need is greatest.
- Commissioner Tierney requested for an additional provision that the Department reports back on Oct. 6 on transition of the facility to the new neighborhood.
- Commissioner Illig asked that the Department investigate the concentration of similar programs and address neighborhood concerns.
- Commissioner Chows asks that the Department revisit protocol for program concentration.

#### Public Comment:

- Christine Allison-Harris spoke positively about her experience with the program.
- Stephen Fields, a Project Coordinator for the AARS, explained that the agency makes a conscious effort to give back to the surrounding community and be a good neighbor.
- Joan Chatfield-Taylor presented a map of concentrations of substance abuse and mental health programs in San Francisco neighborhoods and a report on the impact of recovery homes in residential neighborhoods. (*Residential Recovery Homes and Their Local Impacts* by Arlene M Taber and Michal Alti. March 2, 2007).

- Martha Campbell, a resident, expressed concerns about security and safety in the area. Disagrees that the new building is a good choice.
- Lorraine Rorke Bader, a resident whose backyard is adjacent to the program's parking lot, expressed concerns about security and the high concentration of rehabilitation programs in her neighborhood.
- Will Bartlett, a property owner, expressed concern about increased concentration of rehabilitation programs, especially those that operate during evening and weekend hours.
- Kevin Borne, a home and business owner, stated that the residential neighborhood is not designed to support more rehabilitation owner. Stated that there are few places to sit in public.
- Pam Cullens, a participant in the Lee Woodward program, spoke positively on her experience in the program. She wants the program to get more exposure in other communities.
- Lorraine Lucas, a board member of the Haight Ashbury Improvement Association, said the Association gave AARS an award for being good neighbors. She wants the DPH to focus on spreading out health care facilities.

4) **Emerging Issues**

No emerging issues.

5) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No general public comment.

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:58 PM.