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MINUTES

CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE

Tuesday,
February 17, 2009

2:00 p.m.

101 Grove Street, Room 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

Present:

Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Chair
Commissioner Margine A. Sako, Member
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Member (arrived at 2:13 p.m.)
Commissioner James M. Illig, Ex Officio

Staff:

Barbara Garcia, Anne Kronenberg, Ginger Smyly

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Melara called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2009 CHPEC MEETING

The Committee (Melara, Sako) approved the minutes of January 20, 2009.

3) **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF LIVING WITH DIGNITY STRATEGIC PLAN, PART II OF II**

Bill Haskell of the Department of Aging and Adult Services presented the Living with Dignity Strategic Plan. A copy of his presentation is included as a part of these minutes. Marie Jobling and Sandy Mori, Co-Chairs of the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council and Steve Fields, Council member, were also present.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-up:

Commissioner Illig asked who are the DPH representatives on the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council. Mr. Haskell responded that John Kanaley is one, and the other seat is currently vacant. Ms. Garcia added that a replacement for the vacant seat would be named soon.

Commissioner Melara asked Ms. Jobling and Ms. Mori to add their perspectives. Ms. Mori noted that importance of leadership in each department to make these goals and objectives a reality. Ms. Jobling noted that the plan acts as a roadmap and that the Council exists as a place to share ideas and expertise. Mr. Haskell noted that the Council is also the only place where all of the participating departments meet regularly.

Commissioner Sako asked for a quarterly report from the DPH members who participate on the Council to the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee. Commissioner Illig also noted that given that John Kanaley is a member, that the LHH JCC should also receive quarterly reports.

Commissioner Sako asked whether there is a document that shows how DPH connects to the plan. Mr. Haskell responded in the affirmative, and agreed to provide a copy of the document to Mr. Soos.

Commissioner Illig asked how we move forward on these goals given the terrible economic conditions. Commissioner Melara noted that we should look to services that remain and how they continue to provide services. Commissioner Illig noted that the DPH focus is on primary care through Healthy SF, which doesn't take seniors. Ms. Garcia noted that Curry Senior Center, Ocean Park Health Center and many of the Consortium clinics take Medicare and Medi-Cal, and see older adults.

4) **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CITYWIDE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN**

Ms. Garcia reported that she received an e-mail that Maya Dillard Smith had been laid off as part of the City's budget reductions. Commissioner Melara requested that Kevin Ryan, Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice be asked to come to present the plan at a future meeting.

5) **BUDGET PRINCIPLES**

Commissioner Illig presented his draft of the revised Budget Principles.

Commissioner Melara raised the issue of a better definition for vulnerable populations. Commissioner Illig responded that the concept of "vulnerable populations" arose when the Commission began developing principles several years back. He added that the idea was not to say that no cuts could occur for those populations, but that impacts be minimized for these populations.

Dick Hodgson of the Clinic Consortium raised the issue of the Department's Section 17000 obligations. Ms. Kronenberg responded that the law is vague as to the Department's actual obligations.

The following amendments were made to the Budget Principles:

- “and linguistic” was added to the last bullet point of the Preamble to read, “Cultural and linguistic competency is integral...”
- The bullet “Non-/limited English” was removed from item 5 under Vulnerable Populations.
- “diagnoses” was changed to “characteristics” on item 6 under Vulnerable Populations.
- “physical and behavioral” was added to the first bullet of item 8 under Core Functions to read, “...maintain the physical and behavioral healthcare safety net...”
- The section “Primary Care” was changed to “Primary Care Teams.”
- “behavioral health programs” was removed from item 10 under Primary Care Teams.
- “In the near future,” was added to item 10 under Primary Care teams to read, “In the near future, valuable services....”
- Item 11 under Primary Care Teams was amended to read, “In the near future, primary care teams for severely mentally ill persons should include ~~behavioral health professionals working with medical staff~~ multidisciplinary team approaches to manage chronic conditions and promote recovery and wellness in community settings.”

Commissioner Illig moved that the amended Budget Principles be adopted and moved to the full Commission. The Committee (Melara, Sako) approved the amended Budget Principles.

6) EMERGING ISSUES

Commissioner Sako requested a running list of follow-up items as a checklist to be included as part of the minutes of the Committees and the full Commission.

Commissioner Melara asked about the report of the Community Benefits Partnership. Ms. Kronenberg responded that the Commission had received an update at the last Commission meeting. A report will be part of the April Community Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee meeting.

7) PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Hodgson asked about the timeline for the DPH 09-10 budget. Commissioner Illig responded that the Commission will not take action today regarding the budget, but will do so at the next Commission meeting.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

James M. Soos
Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary