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MINUTES

CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE

Tuesday,
July 21, 2009
2:00 p.m.

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL, 3rd FLOOR, ROOM A-300
375 Laguna Honda Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94116

Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Chair
Commissioner Margine A. Sako, Member
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Member
Commissioner James M. Illig, Ex Officio

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Melara called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Chair
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner Steven A. Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner James M. Illig, Ex Officio

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2009 CHPEC MEETING

Action Taken: The Committee (Melara, Sako, Tierney) approved the minute without revision.

3) IMPACT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CUTS

Dr. Bob Cabaj, Director of Community Behavioral Health Services presented the impact of the City's behavioral health cuts. He distributed a spreadsheet of the cuts and a memo, which are attached and hereby incorporated into these minutes.

He added that it's premature to discuss the impacts of the budget year cuts yet as the Board of Supervisors has yet to pass the FY09-10 budget, but he walked the Commission through the documents. The CBHS RFP is due to be released shortly.

Barbara Garcia added that no Civil Service employees will be laid off until November pursuant to the City's MOU, and the Department will not eliminate funding for any contractor without 30-day notice. Notices are ready to be sent out as soon as the State budget is signed.

Commissioner Comments/Requests for Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig asked whether any restored services would be cut once the State cuts are made. Ms. Garcia responded that she has not heard. Commissioner Illig noted that mid-year cuts will be first heard by the Commission

Commissioner Sako asked about the state of mental health care in the City with these cuts. Dr. Cabaj noted that the City has maintained a single standard of care. The Board rejected cuts for the indigent ensuring that indigent and Medi-Cal clients get the same standard of care. This has necessitated a case management vs. a psychotherapy model of care. There have been cut backs in the amount of care given, but no outright closures. There has also been reconfiguration of services due to changes within contract agencies. Dr. Cabaj also noted the impact of the State's CalWORKS cuts, and how those will impact CBHS clients.

Commissioner Sako asked about who will take the biggest cuts. Dr. Cabaj noted that the Board restored a number of contractor cuts, but not civil service positions. On top of that is attrition of civil service positions, which are by and large not being rehired.

Commissioner Sako asked which population will be hardest hit. Dr. Cabaj noted that the seriously mentally ill are covered, but the not so seriously ill (e.g., depression patients) will likely that will not be served. In substance abuse, there is not much being cut. There is a small cut to methamphetamine, but not as much as feared. Methadone services have actually been slightly enriched.

Commissioner Sako asked about inpatient psychiatry services. Ms. Garcia responded that she believes it is being well managed and should be fine. The Dore Alley facility has also helped to take off some of the pressure. Ms. Garcia noted that one of the big issues has traditionally been recycling through the system. They've made a big effort to work to stabilize individuals and get them into housing to help stop the recycling.

Commissioner Illig asked about the addbacks and whether the Department was instructed to restore certain programs. Ms. Garcia responded that the Board and the Controller's Office used the Department's priorities in adding back funds.

Commissioner Melara asked for an update once the City's budget is passed. Ms. Garcia noted that it would be good to get the whole Department's budget to the Commission.

4) COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER PLANNING PROCESS

Barbara Garcia, Director of Community Programs, Deputy Director of Health provided the structure of the Stakeholder Engagement Process. A copy of her document is attached and hereby incorporated into these minutes. Ms. Garcia noted that some of the integration of CBHS into primary care settings is underway. She added that managing residential beds is also being undertaken.

Commissioner Comments/Requests for Follow-Up:

Commissioner Sako asked about the efficiency of the MAP vans. Ms. Garcia responded that the MAP vans have been everything to everyone and don't do it all efficiently. She added that she has been working to focus the responsibilities of the MAP van program including times and populations for transport.

The Committee requested a follow-up report to the full Commission in January 2010.

Commissioner Tierney asked about the assignment of primary care provider to include behavioral health. Ms. Garcia responded in the affirmative, noting that partnerships are being developed between primary care and behavioral health.

Commissioner Tierney requested that policy challenges be included, especially where the Commission might be helpful. Ms. Garcia responded in the affirmative.

5) UPDATE ON HEALTHY SAN FRANCISCO

Tangerine Brigham, Director of Healthy San Francisco, Deputy Director of Health provided an update on Healthy San Francisco. A copy of her memo is attached and hereby incorporated into these minutes.

Ms. Brigham addressed the data reports that Healthy San Francisco regularly produces. She followed up by noting the topic areas that will be included in the September 1, 2009 annual report that will be given to the full Commission.

Commissioner Comments/Requests for Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig requested that quarterly as well as semi-annual reports get sent to the Commission.

Commissioner Melara asked about the role of the advisory committee in determining what data are collected. Ms. Brigham responded that all of the data to be collected was determined as part of the evaluation project, the RFP for which has been released. Commissioner Melara asked whether there is consideration of additional data points that need to be collected now that the program is up and running. Ms. Brigham responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Illig asked that data be provided for both DPH and non-DPH providers. Ms. Brigham responded in the affirmative, given non-DPH providers ability and willingness to provide data. She noted for example that for hospitals, unreimbursed Healthy SF costs are not currently being collected on an encounter basis; it would require them to develop that system.

Commissioner Sako asked about data availability for medical homes. Ms. Brigham responded that encounter data is collected by the medical homes. She noted that granularity of data is not as fine for non-DPH medical home providers as it is for DPH providers.

Commissioner Illig requested information on clinics that are no longer open to new patients. Three DPH clinics are closed to new patients: Ocean-Park, Silver Ave., and GMC. Non-DPH clinics that are closed include: Sister Mary Phillipa, Mission Neighborhood Health Center-Excelsior, and Chinese Community.

Commissioner Illig asked for data on “churn.” Ms. Brigham responded in the affirmative, but that she is defining “churn” to include two cycles of disenrollement.

Commissioner Illig asked about the evaluation. Ms. Brigham responded that \$800,000 was raised for evaluation, and that an RFP was released, three proposals received, and that Mathematica was chosen as the evaluator.

Commissioner Tierney requested that successes of the program be included in the September report. Ms. Brigham responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Sako asked about inclusion of “lessons learned” following two years of enrollment. Ms. Brigham responded that she would include that in the September 1, 2009 report. Commissioner Sako requested that the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement report on the Employer Spending Requirement portion of the Healthcare Security Ordinance. Ms. Brigham agreed to provide the contact information for OLSE to Mr. Soos.

6) **EMERGING ISSUES**

None.

7) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

James M. Soos
Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary