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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300 or Room 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, President
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Judith Karshmer, Ph.D, PMHCNS-BC
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner David B. Singer
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee

Excused: Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2013.

Action Taken: The minutes of the August 20, 2013 Health Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

3) Barbara Garcia, Director of Health, gave the report. The full report can be viewed at:
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Tom Waddell Urban Health Clinic Open House

The Commissioners, staff and public are invited to attend the Grand Opening Celebration for Tom Waddell Urban Health Clinic (TWUHC), on Wednesday, September 11, 9:30 – noon, 230 Golden Gate Avenue @ Leavenworth. The new clinic is a 15,000 sf state-of-the-art, multi-disciplinary, primary care clinic, serving homeless and marginally-housed persons as well as those living in supportive housing in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco and adjacent neighborhoods. Co-located with supportive housing at Kelly Cullen Community, TWUHC combines the practices of Housing and Urban Health Center (which has closed) and Tom Waddell Health Center's primary care into a new, larger practice at TWUHC. Services include primary care, psychiatry, psycho-social, and substance abuse, among others.

Voter's Information Pamphlet

Each election year, the Department of Elections makes free advertising and promotional space available in the filler pages of its Voter's Pamphlet to public agencies to place notices, advertisements, or general information. This year, there will be two health-related ads in the Voter's Information Pamphlet. There will be a notice

about Health Reform, providing residents with information on their health care coverage options and where to go for additional information. In addition, the Tobacco Free Project was given approval for an ad that informs the public of the new smoke free apartment disclosure law that takes effect in 2014. This new law requires that, by January 2014, all property owners with 50 apartments or fewer must designate and maintain a list of apartments where smoking is allowed, include this information in apartment vacancy listings (such as Craigslist ads for housing) and provide to potential tenants a list of apartments in the building that allow smoking before that new tenant signs their lease. Property owners with more than 50 units must do the same by January 2015. A website, www.SmokeFreeSF.org, is in the process of being set up to help renters and apartment managers become informed about the law and its implications. I am attaching a copy of the ad to the Director's Report.

Walgreens Teams up with SFGH Foundation

During the month of September, Walgreens has generously selected San Francisco General Hospital Foundation as their Charity Choice. Employees at 67 Bay Area stores will be asking their customers if they would like to give a donation at registers. Because Walgreens is also supporting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society that month, most of the stores will use their pharmacy as the area where customers are asked about supporting The General. However, at select locations close to the hospital, employees—wearing iconic heart lapel pins—will ask customers at all registers. Please keep this in mind as you buy your household items and back-to-school supplies or pick up your prescriptions in September.

eReferral Program a Finalist for Chamber of Commerce Ebbie Award

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has announced the finalists for the 2013 Excellence in Business Awards (the "Ebbies"), San Francisco's preeminent awards competition honoring excellence in business, presented by Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Finalists for the Innovation through Technology Award are: International Museum of Women, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Splunk.

The Innovation through Technology Award is presented to a technology-led business and/or organization that looks to IT to solve problems and increase efficiency. Criteria include the industry the business operates in, what new technology has been implemented and the issue or goal it has addressed and the impact that the technology has had on all aspects of the business and the communities the business serves. SFGH's eReferral program, which speeds access to specialists for patients throughout the DPH system, is being honored for using technology to improve care.

The awards will be given at an October 3 gala at the Westin St. Francis Hotel. More information on the 2013 Ebbies is available at: www.sfchamber.com/eventsprogs/events/ebbies/.

Lead-Safe Garden Practices Brochure Available

The Children's Environmental Health Promotion Program has just released a new informational brochure on Lead-Safe Garden Practices, in partnership with Garden for the Environment. Because most soil in San Francisco is contaminated with lead, coupled with the increasing popularity of families planting gardens, the brochure encourages gardeners to plant in raised beds or adding 12-18" of new soil on top of a barrier over the existing soil. It also includes information on how kids get lead into their bodies, the dangers of lead poisoning and best practices for reducing lead exposure. The brochure can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/CEHP/Lead/InfoGardeners.asp>. Karen.Cohn@sfdph.org or Joe.Walseth@sfdph.org has more information.

Project Homeless Connect 50

Project Homeless Connect 50 was, by any measure, a grand success. I am happy to report that 850 volunteers assisted 1,767 individuals at PHC on August 14th at Bill Graham Civic Center. Many thanks to all of the staff who volunteered to help us and a special thanks to Kara Zordel and her very capable staff who worked so hard to make this event a memorable one for everyone involved.

Dr. Tomas Aragon, DPH Health Officer, gave an update on the E. coli O157 infection in 14 persons (11 San Francisco residents), 9 of who ate at a restaurant in San Francisco on August 16 or 17. Five people have been hospitalized. There have been no new cases since this exposure date. Based on our current investigation, the preliminary conclusion is that there is no ongoing risk to the public's health. The restaurant, which has had excellent food inspections, has fully cooperated with health authorities and will remain open. SFDPH is working with owners to ensure continuing safe food storage, preparation, and handling. SFDPH is continuing its investigation, conducting special interview studies with the patients to determine how they may have been exposed and working closely with the California Department of Public Health.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked the health status of those who were hospitalized. Dr. Aragon stated that five people are hospitalized, two with kidney failure.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked for recommended precautions for the public. Dr. Aragon stated that the proper hand washing, before food preparation and after using the restroom, is necessary.

Commissioner Singer congratulated Dr. Aragon and the other DPH staff working on this incident on their effective work. He asked if the amount of time it took the DPH to be made aware of the outbreak was satisfactory. Dr. Aragon stated that it usually takes a week for symptoms to appear; he added that others may have been exposed but had more mild symptoms.

Director Garcia thanked Dr. Aragon for this work.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chung, Committee Chair, stated that the Committee recommended that the full Health Commission approve the September 2013 Contracts Report and two new contracts which are listed in the Consent Calendar. She also stated that the Committee has begun to discuss agenda items for a future two-hour planning session.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were unanimously approved:

- SEPTEMBER 2013 CONTRACTS REPORT
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES TO INCREASE NUTRITION EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$772,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016. (36 MONTHS)
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH MCKESSON HEALTH SOLUTIONS FOR THE LICENSING RIGHTS FOR THE MCKESSON CERME SOFTWARE AND INTERQUAL CRITERIA USED BY SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$421,556 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017. (63 MONTHS)

7) DPH SEX AND GENDER GUIDELINES

Maria Martinez, Senior Staff to the Director of Health, and Jenna Rapues, Community Health Promotion, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked for clarification regarding which settings the two questions on gender and sex be asked. Ms. Martinez stated that, due to the sensitivity of these issues, the DPH is recommending that the questions and responses be written to protect the privacy of clients/patients in all settings. The current

DPH data systems have not been customized to collect this information yet. In time, the DPH will be able to incorporate these questions. By approving the guidelines, the Health Commission can assist in moving a cultural shift forward on issues of sex and gender data collection. She added that the DPH has little impact on data collection requirements for the federal and State government data collection.

Commissioner Chung questioned the guidelines' recommendation to use the questions only for people who are at least 15 years old. She stated that the age for consent for an HIV test is thirteen in California and recommended considering that age. She added that data shows that middle school students report harassment and isolation due to gender and sex issues. Ms. Rapues stated that the guideline's recommendation came from a report from the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) which cited the age of 15 as an appropriate age to address these issues. Ms. Martinez and Director Garcia stated that these guidelines are a work-in-progress and will continue to be updated. Commissioner Chung stated that it is important to collect data from all impacted populations so the DPH can gain the best understanding of the issues.

Commissioners Melara recommended that the DPH disseminate the guidelines and train other medical and behavioral health providers in San Francisco to initiate a broader change.

Commissioner Karshmer asked for clarification on a deployment plan for the guidelines, including whether DPH contractors will be required to collect these data. Ms. Martinez stated that the first step is revising DPH data systems to add these questions. Then the DPH will disseminate and train its contractors and partners.

Action Taken: The DPH Sex and Gender Guidelines were unanimously approved by the full Health Commission.

8) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF FOOD SECURITY FOR RESIDENTS OF SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY HOTELS

Cynthia Comerford, Environmental Health Protection, Equity and Sustainability Branch, presented the draft resolution. She stated that the DPH revised the draft resolution based on the Commissioners comments from the 8/20/13 full Health Commission meeting.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Singer asked for clarification on the range of health issues that the Health Impact Assessment may explore. Ms. Comerford stated that the the DPH is responsible for code and compliance and responds to tenant complaints of mold, pest, and other related issues. The Heath Impact Assessment will explore security issues in the context of these other issues.

Action Taken: The Resolution was unanimously approved by the full Health Commission.
(See Attachment A)

9) HEALTH CARE SERVICES MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Policy and Planning, gave the update. She stated that on July 11, 2013, the draft Health Care Services Master Plan (HCSMP) was released for public comment. Presentations of the draft were made to the Health Commission on July 16, 2013, and to the Planning Commission on July 18, 2013. The public comment period on the draft HCSMP ran from July 11, 2013 through August 22, 2013. The Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Planning Department (Planning) received public comment through oral, mail, and email submissions. She stated that many of the comments pertained to the term "critical need" in the consistency determination structure. She added that this section will be revised.

Action Taken: The full Health Commission voted in support of moving the draft Health Care Services Master Plan forward for final consideration by the Health Commission and Planning Commission at the September 19, 2013 special joint Commission meeting.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Karshmer, LHH JCC member, stated that the LHH JCC met on August 27, 2013 to approve the staff credentials and quality reports.

COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

This item was not discussed.

11) CLOSED SESSION

- A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session
- B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)
- C) Closed session pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1157(a) and (b); 1157.7; Health and Safety Code Section 1461; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1

PERSONNEL EVALUATION: BARBARA GARCIA, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

Action Taken: The Health Commission voted not to disclose discussion of the item in Closed Session.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

**HEALTH COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 13-09**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF FOOD SECURITY FOR RESIDENTS OF SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY HOTELS

WHEREAS, San Francisco has over 500 residential hotels, and over 18,000 low-income tenants which live in Single Room Occupancy Hotels (SROs);

WHEREAS, SROs are the largest supply of low-cost housing in the city and are occupied by the lowest income and most vulnerable citizens of San Francisco;

WHEREAS, Many SROs are in need of repairs and renovations, are overcrowded, and lack access to kitchens;

WHEREAS, Many residents of SROs are food insecure due to a lack of adequate resources to purchase healthy food, lack of access to retail establishments selling affordable and healthy food, and a lack of facilities to prepare and store food;

WHEREAS, There are complicating factors to expanding food preparation and storage options in SROs, including fire safety risks, the need for building upgrades, pest infestations, additional public health nuisances, lack of supportive services and the need for more proactive routine inspections of all SROs in San Francisco;

WHEREAS, Research has linked food insecurity and substandard housing to poor health outcomes, including stress and depression, incomplete viral suppression among HIV positive urban poor, higher rates of hospitalization and acute care utilization, asthma, infectious disease and injuries; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) has an integral role ensuring housing safety and habitability in SROs through its responsibility for health and safety inspections for code compliance, through its role responding to tenant complaints, and as a provider of supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals through its Direct Access to Housing program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Health Commission supports a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) that evaluates food security and other conditions to improve the health of residents in SROs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as stakeholder input is a significant component of a HIA, the Health Commission supports the development of a private-public multi-agency working group to identify the key issues associated with food security and the wide variety of related health issues in SROs.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission adopted this resolution at its meeting of September 3, 2013.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission