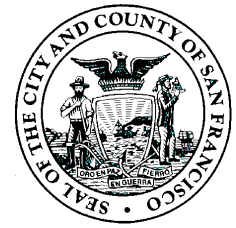


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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday October 20, 2020 2:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D , Chair
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the September 15, 2020 minutes.

3) RETAIL TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION UPDATE

Jen Callewaert, MS, REHS, Environmental Health Branch, presented the item. She noted that most of the staff working on Tobacco Free programs were activated early in the pandemic and are just now getting back to the Tobacco Free work.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung asked if Chinese men are more likely to use tobacco products. Ms. Callewaert stated that the DPH works closely with NICOS for outreach, prevention, and treatment to the Chinese community.

Commissioner Christian stated that when she worked in the Behavioral Court System, she observed a lack of treatment for monolingual Chinese individuals. She noted that clinicians in that system found it unsatisfying to provide treatment through an interpreter. Ms. Callewaert stated that the DPH Environmental Health Section adds Cantonese and Mandarin language capacity in job requisitions to help address the language needs of this population.

Commissioner Chung asked for more information regarding intersection of age with race for Latinx and Chinese men. Ms. Callewaert stated that it seems that older Latinx men have a higher rate of tobacco use; the data on Chinese men is small and has not been analyzed. Commissioner Chung noted that in some Chinese families, the male head of the family is not challenged so tobacco use may not be addressed.

Commissioner Giraudo noted that the school family resource centers have a variety of support groups and she suggested that the DPH reach out to these centers to more effectively reach the youth population.

Commissioner Christian asked if there is higher use of tobacco in the LGBTQ population. Ms. Callewaert stated that the tobacco industry has not targeted the LGBTQ population in the same manner it has for Black/African American youth. However, many LGBTQ individuals initiate tobacco use during their coming out process.

4) MATERNAL CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (MCAH) UPDATE

Aline Armstrong, MSN, PHN, RN, Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked for the following data at the next MCAH update:

1. Number of families served through WIC, including demographics
2. Malnutrition data during the COVID-19 pandemic
3. General CPS data to understand the impact of COVID-19

Commissioner Chung asked if there are psychological profiles of clients seeking services. Ms. Armstrong stated that programs work with clients to address toxic stress and trauma.

Commissioner Christian asked if this DPH section interacts with the schools. Ms. Armstrong stated that there are public health nurses in public schools and family planning clinics.

Commissioner Christian asked for data to help understand the level of stress and trauma experienced by Black/African American mothers and their unborn children. She noted this data will be helpful in understanding interventions that could address the relevant issues. Ms. Armstrong stated that the Black/African American clients experience a higher level of stress and trauma related to racism. She noted that the Black/African American Infant Program provides 10 prenatal/post-partum groups to help counteract the stress and trauma of racism. WIC works with all clients to ensure families' needs are met. She also stated that research shows that having a doula for pre/post birth sessions can be very helpful in navigating institutional racism of medical providers.

Commissioner Christian asked if there are behavioral health programs offered to young people separate than family planning. Ms. Armstrong stated that MCAH provides services to foster children and other children with special needs; case managers work with children in the court system and assist transitional age youth move on from the foster care system.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

Commissioner Christian suggested that the Committee consider focusing on how the DPH is measuring and addressing the effect of racism on physical and mental health of people targeted with this systemic psychological abuse. Mr. Morewitz suggested that two ways to address these concerns are to request that every Committee presentation include a racial equity lens or to request specific presentations focusing on racial equity issues. Commissioner Giraudo stated that she would like every presentation to the Committee include a racial equity lens. Commissioner Christian agreed and noted that the term "racial equity" does not always feel inclusive of all the intentional hate-filled systemic movements as well as individual episodes of racism. Commissioner Chung requested a specific presentation on the impact of historical/intergenerational trauma on health outcomes and quality of life.

Commissioner Christian noted that since she was appointed in July, she has not heard data or presentations that included indigenous populations.

Commissioner Giraudo suggested that the Committee receive an overview of ACES, measurement of Adverse Childhood Experiences, and a review of DPH ACES youth and adult data. She noted that since there is currently only one topic scheduled for the Committee in November, this will hopefully be possible.

Commissioner Chung stated that understanding the stories behind the services can be beneficial; she suggested that presentations include profiles of client successes to give context to the services being presented.

Commissioner Christian would like to understand more about how the DPH is addressing linguistic needs with clients in its full range of services. She also stated concern for the economic stress for social service workers to live in San Francisco and noted interest in exploring innovative strategies to address this situation. She explained that without the ability to attract these types of workers, it will be difficult to address the social issues the Committee is discussing.

Commissioner Giraudo requested information on current DPH behavioral health internship programs. She supports a robust DPH behavioral health internship program including masters and doctoral level participants. She added that internship programs are a pipeline to jobs.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53pm.