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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday January 21, 2020 2:00 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 302, San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal, Chair

Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D, Member

Commissioner James Loyce, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 2:08pm.

2) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17, 2019 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the December 17, 2019 minutes.

3) FY2018-19 SECURITY MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT: SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK AND POPULATION HEALTH, ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT

Basil A. Price, Director of DPH Security, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked how staff security awareness is measured. Mr. Price stated that pre/post surveys given after trainings are used to measure this metric.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for examples of employee-to-employee incidents. Mr. Price stated that employee altercations that lead to physical violence or threats of violence via email, texts, or phone calls.

Commissioner Giraudo asked what Mr. Price does when he receives these incident reports. Mr. Price stated that he interviews the employees with a DPH Human Resources representative to determine the risk level of the situation. Human Resources then determine how to proceed with disciplinary action.

Commissioner Chung asked who could be a "non-patient" in a potentially violent situation. Mr. Price stated that many DPH staff work in the community, on the street. Anyone they encounter could potentially pose a threat.

Commissioner Bernal noted that Tom Waddell clinic has a higher rate of battery and asked if extra security support is provided to prevent future violence. Mr. Price stated that this clinic's client population and the people hanging out in the area are higher risk for potential violent situations. The DPH provides a mix of private security and a Sheriff's deputy onsite in additional to security systems installed inside the clinic. He added that clinic staff are also trained in crisis intervention and de-escalation training skills. He noted that the security system can call additional deputies at ZSFG to provide assistance.

Commissioner Giraudo noted that in an emergency at Tom Waddell, it would take time for Deputies to travel from ZSFG to provide assistance. Mr. Price stated that both the local Police and Sheriff are notified in a crisis situation.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if clinic staff have been provided with a protocol to deal with ICE agents if they appear at the clinic. Mr. Price stated that the City has provided protocols and employee trainings to respond to situations involving ICE.

Commissioner Giraudo asked how often these ICE-oriented trainings are conducted. Mr. Price stated that the trainings are conducted annually. The protocol involves contacting DPH Executive staff to make a quick decision whether to shut down the clinic. Commissioner Giraudo stated that she is concerned about the time it may take for staff to get a decision from DPH Executive staff.

4) RETAIL TOBACCO RULES AND REGULATIONS: E-CIGARETTE SALES RESTRICTIONS

Jen Callewaert, MS, REHS, Environmental Health Branch, Tobacco and Smoking Program, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal asked how enforcement of the new regulations will work. Ms. Callewaert stated that the team works with the City Attorney's Office to enforce the regulations. Community education includes outreach to distributors and tobacco shops.

Commissioner Giraudo noted the availability of additional cannabis businesses means more potential access of cannabis for adolescents. Ms. Callewaert stated that the tobacco enforcement group is distinct and does not advocate for additional cannabis businesses. Commissioner Bernal suggested that the tobacco group communicate these concerns to the DPH staff working on cannabis policy.

Commissioner Chung asked what are neighboring counties doing in regard to e-cigarette policies. Ms. Callewaert stated that the state is looking to develop a uniform policy. Commissioner Giraudo noted that many of her adolescent clients go to Daly City to buy vaping products.

Commissioner Chung suggested that the DPH look at all the substances that youth are using in an effort to increase the effectiveness of prevention efforts.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

Mr. Morewitz asked the committee members for suggestions for agenda items. Commissioner Bernal suggested a Street Medicine update. Commissioner Giraudo suggested updates on Behavioral Health Services for homeless families and transitional age youth.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm.