MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday December 17, 2019 2:30 p.m.
LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER
Administration Building, Room B102
375 Laguna Honda Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94116-1411

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal, Chair
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D., Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:36pm.

2) APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the October 15, 2019 minutes.

3) SISTAS LEADERSHIP FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH (SLAY) COUNCIL
Jacqueline McCright, MPH, Deputy Director of Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch, Director of Healthy Hearts, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Loyce thanked Ms. McCright for her insightful presentation and asked for more information regarding expected outcomes for the program. Ms. McCright stated that the expected changes in participants is increased leadership skills and the ability to create change in their communities.

Commissioner Giraudo asked the length of the program funding. Ms. McCright stated that the program is funded for five years.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if there is a focused marketing program with school wellness centers. Ms. McCright stated that there is not a focused marketing campaign but there is a plan to recruit from the school
wellness centers. She noted that the ideal mix of participants would be school age and a cohort a few years older than school-aged. She added that the older group has the highest risk behavior.

Commissioner Giraudo suggested that recruiting freshmen students may be a good method to get younger students involved for longer lengths of time.

Commissioner Bernal asked for the funding source. Ms. McCright stated that the program is funded through the Center for Disease Control.

Commissioner Bernal asked for expected behavior change for participants. Ms. McCright stated that she observed participants’ decision-making skills maturing during the program.

Commissioner Giraudo encouraged those participants who will be going to college to contact the student health centers to help educate the counseling staff and interns.

4) “EXPECTING JUSTICE: SAN FRANCISCO COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR HEALTHY BIRTHS
Zea Malawa, MD, MPH, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Bernal thanked Dr. Malawa for the thoughtful presentation.

Commissioner Giraudo noted that the First 5 Children and Families Commission wrote a letter asking the Health and Human Services Department to prioritize services for pregnant women in their first trimester. She noted that children under 5 years of age often had access to development assessments but still too often fell through the cracks of the system.

Commissioner Loyce noted that in his decades of involvement with the DPH, he has witnessed many efforts to train staff on equity issues. Dr. Malawa stated that although there has been growth in this area within the DPH, she noted that many DPH programs focus on clinical outcomes while the programs she presented also address social justice issues.

Commissioner Loyce suggested collecting intergenerational data to better understand the issues of trauma in this area.

Commissioner Bernal asked for clarification regarding the change in birth weight data. Dr. Malawa stated that the San Francisco data follows the national trends. She noted that many African Americans experience multilevels of trauma, which result in lower birth weight.

5) EMERGING ISSUES
This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm.