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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday September 15, 2020 2:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.

2) APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the February 18, 2020 minutes.

3) HEPATITIS C UPDATE

Katie Burk, MPH, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked for an update on how the DeLiver Van and Street Medicine are assisting with Hepatitis C (Hep C) screening. Ms. Burk stated that Street Medicine has been able to outreach to unhoused individuals. The DeLiver Van was on pause due to COVID-19 but has begun services again. The van has been visiting methadone treatment programs, shelter-in-place sites, and will also visit navigation centers when they reopen.

Commissioner Chung noted that 25% of those known to have Hep C are cared for by the San Francisco Health Network; she asked for information regarding where the other 75% of this population receives its care. Ms. Burk stated that the remaining group is seen by Kaiser/UCSF/Sutter Health and added that exact breakdown is not currently known.

Commissioner Chung asked if the test positivity rate for Hep C is known. Ms. Burk stated that the test positivity rate is approximately 10-20%.

Commissioner Chung asked if data is tracked to determine the number of current Hep C patients that previously were infected with Hep C. Ms. Burk stated that this data is not tracked in the aggregate but is tracked by medical providers.

4) SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK PRIMARY CARE UPDATE

Anna Robert, RN, MSN, DrPH, Director of Primary Care, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked how many of the DPH health centers have integrated behavioral health. Ms. Robert stated that all the DPH health centers have behavioral health clinicians integrated with medical staff.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if primary care staff are able to give a warm hand off to behavioral health staff. Ms. Robert stated that this can occur at the clinics.

Commissioner Giraudo asked whether during the COVID-19 pandemic whether individuals referred to behavioral health were moved to telehealth. Ms. Robert stated that most behavioral health visits have been moved to telehealth in the health centers.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for information regarding possible reductions in well-child checks during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Robert stated that lack of public transportation options have been a barrier for many families. The DPH has conducted outreach and arranged for families to go to the nearest health center for check-ups and immunizations.

Commissioner Giraudo suggested that the DPH reach out to the First Five to get the word out to childcare centers regarding reminding families to get their children immunized.

Commissioner Chung noted that demographic data for primary care only shows information under gender for men and women. She encouraged the DPH to add transgender data and when that is not available, add a footnote indicating why the data is not available.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26pm.