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**MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 15, 2013 2:00 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 302, San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Catherine Waters R.N., Ph.D., Chair
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commission Taylor McGhee

The meeting was called to order at 2:09pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2012 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The minutes of the December 18, 2012 Community and Public Health Committee were unanimously approved.

3) HIGH USERS OF MULTIPLE SYSTEMS

Maria X. Martinez, DPH Senior Staff to the Director of Health; Carol Chapman, MA, Health Program Coordinator, CCMS; Tae-Wol Stanley, NP, Program Director, Sobering Center and Medical Respite; and Rajesh Parekh, MD, SF Homeless Outreach Team, gave the presentation.

Dr. Parekh stated that the FDA approved the injectable version of Naltrexone which reduces drug and alcohol cravings for four weeks. Users of the medicine do not get sick if they engage in substance use but will not get an effective high. The DPH is piloting a new study, currently under review by the Human Subjects Committee, with ten HUMS clients.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked why there is not just one provider in charge of coordinating care for the HUMS clients of so many programs. Ms. Martinez stated that these individuals access so many systems that it has not been possible to have one provider coordinate care across all the systems.

Commissioner Waters asked how the Veteran's Administration (VA) fits into the coordination of care for veterans who are also high users of multiple systems (HUMS). Ms. Martinez stated that the local VA does not provide housing to clients who are active drinkers; therefore the provision of overall services often falls to the City spectrum of services.

Commissioner Waters asked if the VA reimburses the City for any services it provides to veterans. Director Garcia stated that currently there is no reimbursement by the VA but that she has been working with the Mayor's Office to change this situation.

Commissioner Chung asked if there is a system in place to identify HUMS clients when they enter a system. Ms. Martinez stated that it depends on the system to which clients are accessing services. Because these clients access so many programs throughout the year, it is not always possible to identify them.

Regarding the Naltrexone pilot study, Commissioner Waters asked how the pilot is being funded. Dr. Parekh stated that the medication is the only added cost of the program; all other services currently exist within the DPH spectrum of services

Commissioner Waters thanked the presenters for their ongoing impactful work.

4) COMMUNITY PLACEMENT

Kelly Hiramoto, Director of Placement, gave the report.

Director Garcia thanked Ms. Hiramoto and her team for their effective work. She noted that placement was only focused on mental health clients until about ten years ago.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked where clients are placed who need placement in a level in between a skilled nursing facility (SNF) and a board-and-care facility. Ms. Hiramoto stated that often these clients are placed in a custodial hospital-based SNF. However, using a Leno-waiver, the client may be placed in a board-and-care facility that can accommodate the client's needs.

Commissioner Waters asked if hospitals receive reimbursement for these clients. Ms Hiramoto stated that each case is different but that there are always a number of clients whose cases do not warrant any reimbursement. She added that because many of the buildings in San Francisco are older, they do not fit the requirements of the Leno-waiver.

Commissioner Waters asked if a client can refuse placement outside of San Francisco. Ms. Hiramoto stated that placement is voluntary.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked if the Placement team works with families and caregivers. Ms. Hiramoto stated that the Placement team attempts to provide prevocational training and planning to clients. The Placement team also works with family caregivers when possible; the team has found that Asian families are often not as receptive to Placement team services because they want to take care of their family members.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Hiramoto and the Placement team for their work.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34pm.