MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 2:30 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 302, San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER
Present: Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee, Chair
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commissioner Sonia Melara, MSW (arrived 3:32pm)

Excused: Commissioner Judith Karshmer, Ph.D, PMHCNS-BC

2) APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Community and Public Health Committee meeting.

3) TRANSGENDER HEALTH PROJECT UPDATE
Barry Zevin, MD, Clinical Lead, gave the update.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked what the program has been using for surgery preparation education prior to the implementation of the new education modules. Dr. Zevin stated that the program had been relying on primary care and mental health providers in addition to other community providers.

Commissioner Chung asked Mr. Zevin to elaborate on the education and surgery preparation modules. Dr. Zevin stated that the modules take place over four evening sessions. Each session has a different focus: Planning for surgery, What to expect from surgery, Recovery from surgery, General summary of everything already discussed. He added that medical and mental health professionals will present along with people who have already had the surgeries.

Commissioner Chung asked what type of “wrap-around” support is provided to the program’s clients. Dr. Zevin noted that support for the program’s clients is similar to any other SFDPH program client; discharge plans are based on medical and psychosocial needs and the resources that are available. He noted that
some clients require respite care after surgery because their living situation is not conducive to proper healing.

Commissioner Chung asked how the program is evaluating whether the quality of patients’ lives is improving. Dr. Zevin stated that the program maintains a database to track outcomes and plans to follow-up with quality of life questions.

4) PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND VISION ZERO IN SAN FRANCISCO
Megan Wier, Environmental Health and Ana Validzic, Community Health Equity and Promotion, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Melara asked if speed is related to fatality rates. Ms. Wier stated that speed is the biggest predictor of fatality in pedestrian accidents.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked if the presenters have seen a vision-shift in this area. Ms. Wier stated that the field is moving beyond pedestrian safety to look at all modes of transportation.

5) EMERGING ISSUES
This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 3:53pm.