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**MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 2:00 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 300, San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commissioner David Pating, MD, Member
Commissioner Edward Chow, MD

Excused: Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2014 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the December 16, 2014 minutes.

3) TRANSGENDER HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE

Barry Zevin, MD, Transgender Health Clinical Lead, gave the update.

Commissioner Comments/ Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chung asked for clarification on the reason a MediCal patient would utilize the DPH Transgender Services program instead of working directly with a surgeon. Dr. Zevin stated that most surgeons do not accept MediCal from individual patients. However, because the DPH program has contracted with surgeons, it can offer access to this service.

Commissioner Chung asked if reproductive rights and family planning are part of the health education component of the program. Dr. Zevin stated that these topics are included in patient health education. He added that each patient's situation is distinct and therefore education is tailored to the patient's needs. He also noted that MediCal does not currently cover sperm bank or egg harvesting/banking services.

Commissioner Chung requested that the DPH work with the Transgender Law Center and other advocacy groups on issues related to post-survey identity issues such U.S. passport procedures, which currently vary by state.

Commissioner Chung asked if patients continue to engage in the DPH program after surgery. Conrad Wenzel, Transgender Health Services Program Director, stated that approximately 25% of patients engage directly after surgery. Dr. Zevin stated that program staff hope to build a patient registry to better track patients and outcomes.

Commissioner Chow noted that the original DPH plan was to outsource surgery but then train its own medical staff to complete the surgeries; he asked for an update on this plan. Dr. Zevin stated that the program is working within a 5-year plan to train or hire in-house surgeons. Roland Pickens, Director of the San Francisco Health Network, stated that the DPH is working with UCSF during the next year to assess the demand for the surgeries. If demand is not high, it may make fiscal and programmatic sense to continue outsourcing the surgeries.

Commissioner Chow stated a vital step in developing a Transgender Center-of-Excellence is determining quality measures so that data can begin to be collected for evaluation. He requested that when the program is presented to the full Health Commission within the next quarter, that an evaluation plan be presented along with the program.

Commissioner Pating asked for clarification on the costs of the program to the DPH budget versus MediCal reimbursement. Mr. Pickens stated that, as with any MediCal patient, the reimbursement rates do not cover all the actual costs of providing care. He added that sometimes it takes up to seven years for MediCal reimbursement costs to be reconciled by the state. He added that the current DPH budget for this program is \$500,000.

Commissioner Pating suggested that the DPH explore the potential revenue source of the program if other counties referred patients. Commissioner Chung requested that in addition to an evaluation plan, that the program also include a business plan when it presents to the full Health Commission later this year.

4) SF HIP SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2017

Margaret Fisher, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, reviewed the plan and draft resolution.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chung stated that oral health is one of the most underfunded health services even though data shows the importance of dental health on overall health outcomes.

Commissioner Pating asked if specific geographic areas of the city will be targeted or will a broad general approach be more effective. Ms. Fisher stated that the effort will be throughout primary care clinics in the city. Albert Yu, MD, Director of Ambulatory Care, stated that there is a financial return on providing preventative care now because there is cost savings of having to provide health and dental care later.

Commissioner Pating commended the DPH for including non-dental staff (e.g. primary medical care providers) in the plan.

Commissioner Pating asked for the outcomes and evaluation of the plan. Ms. Fisher stated that the final outcomes will be an annual count of the number of varnish applications. Marcellina Ogbu, Deputy Director of the San Francisco Health Network, stated that the plan is a city-wide project that involves other community partners; the DPH is not solely responsible for its implementation. Commissioner Chung noted that the draft resolution should clarify that the plan is not solely a DPH project and involves community partners.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

Cyndy Comerford, Environmental Health, reviewed changes in the state ordinance governing massage establishments. She stated that on September 2013, the California State Legislature passed, and Governor Brown signed, Assembly Bill No. 1147 (“A.B. 1147”), which, among other things, amended state regulations of massage practitioners to remove restrictions on local land use authority and enables local governments to more effectively zone and regulate massage establishments. She added that the DPH would bring a resolution to the Health Commission in the near future regarding codifying AB 1147 into local ordinances.

Commissioner Chung stated that the massage industry is ubiquitous with human trafficking; she is in support of providing necessary protections for massage workers in addition to health education and condom distribution.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53pm.