MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 2:00 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 300, San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER
Present: Commissioner David Pating, MD, Chair
        Commissioner Edward Chow, MD

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
        Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee, Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:25pm.

2) APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2015 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

    Action Taken: The minutes were unanimously approved.

3) PREVENTION OF PRETERM INTEGRATING INTO PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION
Curtis Chan, MD MPH, Medical Director of Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Pating asked if the SFDPH has been able to build upon others’ work or was this a brand new initiative. Dr. Chan stated that the SFDPH has been able to incorporate work done by the World Health Organization and the March of Dimes.

Commissioner Pating asked if the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) includes women’s clinics. Marcellina Ogbu, SFHN Deputy Director, stated that the SFGH 5M clinic is a women’s health clinic; she noted that the Maxine Hall Health Center and the Southeast Health Center have women’s clinics.
Commissioner Pating asked if this initiative is primarily research or a service program. Dr. Chan stated that the initiative is primarily a research endeavor.

Commissioner Chow asked how the SFHN and the Public Health Division work together on this initiative. Alice Chen, MD, SFHN Chief Medical Officer, stated that SFHN understands that it needs to build a public health structure to be more effective with prevention efforts. Albert Yu, SFHN Ambulatory Care Director, stated that SFHN understands the predictors of pre-term births. The issue is how to effectively reach out to the impacted communities to encourage engagement in medical interventions.

Commissioner Chow stated that this project can be part of a larger Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health update in the future.

Commissioner Pating requested that in future presentations of this initiative to include preterm births by zip code. Dr. Chan stated that the SFDPH has this data and can provide this in the future.

4) UPDATE: SF HIP CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2017
Margaret Fisher RDHAP, Oral Health Consultant, gave the presentation. She introduced her colleagues, Susan Fisher-Owens MD, and Steven Ambrose DDS, who also assisted in answering questions.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Pating commended the presenters for their work to develop effective frameworks for the Plan.

Commissioner Pating asked for more information on the reasons leading to the wait-time for SFDPH dental services. Ms. Ogbu stated that many patients did not have MediCal and therefore are now accessing many types of medical services which has led to a wait. Dr. Ambrose noted that two new SFDPH dentists were recently hired which should assist to alleviate the wait and increase the number of dental visits.

Commissioner Pating asked if there are any financial penalties for not meeting dental access to care needs. Ms. Fisher stated that there is no financial penalty associated with the wait time for dental services.

Commissioner Pating asked if it makes fiscal sense to hire dental consultants to help with the waitlist and increase dental visits. Dr. Chen stated that the reimbursement rates for dental visits are very low.

Commissioner Pating requested an update in 6 months to the Committee to include the SFDPH efforts and other city-wide contributions. He also requested that future presentations should include concrete examples of how the SFDPH and City are moving toward zero new cavities.

5) EMERGING ISSUES
This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 3:51pm.