1) CALL TO ORDER  
Present: Commissioner David Pating, MD, Chair  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member  
Commissioner James Joyce, Jr, Member  

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm.


Action Taken: The minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

3) SFHN DENTAL SERVICES UPDATE  
Steven Ambrose, DDS, Director of San Francisco Health Network Dental Services, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments:  
Commissioner Pating asked the panel size of the average dentist. Dr. Ambrose stated that there are 7.25 FTEs. He added that the SFDPH dentists do not cover a consistent panel of patients.

Commissioner Pating asked if there is a genetic or biological issue that makes it more likely for certain groups to get cavities. Margaret Fisher, SFDPH Oral Health consultant, stated that there is no data showing any racial or ethnic group has a predisposition to cavities more than others.

Commissioner Chung asked for more information on cultural issues or practices that may impact dental health. Ms. Fisher stated that educating caregivers about the importance of early prevention is very important. She noted that in some communities, baby teeth are viewed as not important because they will fall out; therefore children are not taught to brush regularly and get more cavities.
Commissioner Chung asked for information on possible visions for expansion of the SFDPH program if there were additional resources. Dr. Ambrose stated that services could be expanded for children and pregnant women. He noted that the San Francisco Health Network is considering moving its clinic at the ZSFG campus to a larger space.

Commissioner Chung asked for information about adult dental services. Dr. Ambrose stated that the SFDPH does not have resources to provide services to every uninsured adult. Dental services are not covered under the Affordable Care Act or Healthy San Francisco.

Commissioner Loyce asked if the SFDPH has considered expanding its dental services. Hali Hammer MD, Director of Primary Care, stated that this type of change would be a shift in priorities and resources for SFHN. She added that currently the goal is to prioritize services for children whose families are served at ZSFG.

Commissioner Chung noted that having functioning teeth is very important to quality of life for homeless adults.

Commissioner Pating stated that based on the discussion it seems the strengths of the dental services are its comprehensive plan, introduction of fluoride treatment in schools, and stabilization of staffing. He added that future opportunities may include expanding services in the Mission and adding more adult denture options, especially for people who are homeless.

4) **EMERGING ISSUES**
This item was not discussed.

5) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no public comment.

6) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meet was adjourned at 3:51pm.