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**MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 2:00 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 300, San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner David Pating, MD, Chair
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee, Member

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:24pm.

2) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2015 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the December 15, 2015 minutes.

3) INCREASING THE AGE OF PURCHASING TOBACCO PRODUCTS, INCLUDING SMOKELESS TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, TO PERSONS AGE 21 AND OLDER

Derek Smith MSW MPH, Director Tobacco Free Project, and Janine Young, Senior Health Inspector, gave the presentation.

Supervisor Scott Weiner thanked Supervisors Mar, Cohen, and Farrell for joining him in cosponsoring the ordinance. He also thanked the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, the San Francisco Tobacco Free Project, and the SFDPH for their consistent and impactful work. He stated that the cost of smoking in San Francisco is estimated to be \$400 million a year; 1/3 of high school students smoke and 95% start before age 21. He added that teens who start smoking are more likely to be life-long smokers and are more likely to drink and use drugs. He also stated that nicotine and tobacco can permanently change brain chemistry in a teenager. The proposed ordinance is expected to result in a 25% drop in youth smoking in San Francisco. Commissioner Weiner added that 80 jurisdictions have already passed laws/ordinances to require purchasers of tobacco products to be 21 or older. The proposed ordinance is consistent with existing San Francisco laws and ordinances; it penalizes the seller not the purchaser. He encouraged the

Committee to recommend that the full Health Commission approve the resolution in support of the ordinance.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Pating noted that reduction of smoking is a goal of the San Francisco Department of Public Health Black African American Health Initiative (BAAHI). Mr. Smith stated that the SFPDH is partnering with Rafiki Health and Wellness on this initiative.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee stated that the San Francisco data does not show substantial change in smoking rates between 2007- 2012. Mr. Smith stated that the total number of African Americans and African American pregnant women may have decreased in San Francisco during this time; he noted that there is still a substantial health disparity on this issue within the San Francisco African American population.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked how the cost of cigarettes impacts prevention efforts. Mr. Smith stated that the cost of smoking is one of the points covered in smoking cessation efforts. He added that older smokers experience health issues but younger smokers tend to experience the economic impact.

Commissioner Pating asked if any jurisdiction has raised the tobacco purchasing age to 21. Mr. Smith stated that no other jurisdiction has raised the tobacco purchasing age to over 21 years of age; he added that 21 years of age is in alignment with the age for purchasing alcohol.

Commissioner Pating asked what is the current length of suspension for vendors who are caught selling to underage buyers. Ms. Young stated that a first-time violator has his/her sales license suspended for 90 days. If a seller is caught three times in one year, the license may be suspended for a year.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked how the SFPDH will notify the retailers of the change if the ordinance is approved. Ms. Young stated that the SFPDH sends an annual mailer that would include this information. In addition, the SFPDH monitors all tobacco vendors annually.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked if the SFPDH anticipates that the tobacco industry will oppose the ordinance. Mr. Smith stated the San Francisco Small Business Commission received a letter from the tobacco industry opposing their resolution; he added that it is expected that the tobacco industry will oppose the ordinance.

Commissioner Pating asked if the resolution and ordinance will cover all tobacco products including flavored e-cigarettes. Ms. Young stated that the City of San Francisco definition of tobacco products is very inclusive.

Commissioner Pating asked if adding fines would be helpful for the enforcement of the ordinance. Ms. Young stated that suspensions of tobacco licenses is a very effective tool.

4) SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK SMOKING CESSATION UPDATE

Hali Hammer MD, Director of Primary Care, and David Silven PhD, Clinical Psychologist, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Pating asked if eClinicalWorks is used to collect patient data on smoking cessation. Dr. Alice Chen, San Francisco Health Network Chief Medical Officer, stated that almost all SFDPH clinics are using eClinicalWorks as the patient health record system. She added that currently a manual review of the system is necessary to collect this data. The Population Health Division is working with the San Francisco Health Network to help determine which patients are smokers.

Commissioner Pating asked the next steps in the San Francisco Health Network's smoking cessation activities. Dr. Chen stated that the next step is monitoring how many patients who were referred to smoking cessation counseling actually attend sessions and eventually checking on the outcomes of the counseling.

Commissioner Pating asked how the San Francisco Health Network is doing in regard to the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set. Dr. Chen stated that the Network is currently achieving approximately 50% of this measure.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked for more information on the process of patient referrals to smoking cessation activities. Dr. Chen stated that currently the Network is not capturing all referrals. She added that through Lean planning efforts, it is hoped that next year the Network will be collecting this data.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.