MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 16, 2016  2:00 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 302, San Francisco, CA  94102

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm.

2)  APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2016 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

   Action Taken:   The minutes were unanimously approved.

3)  MATERNAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH UPDATE
Mary Hansell DrPH, RN, PHN, gave the presentation.

   Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Pating asked if public health nurses are connected to a centralized electronic medical record. Dr. Hansell stated that nurses record their notes but do not utilize an integrated electronic health record system.

Commissioner Chung stated that the overall preterm rate has decreased but the African American preterm birthrate has remained stable. Dr. Hansell stated that the African American rate decreased 10% and the White rate decreased 25%. Although there is improvement in both groups, the disparity between the groups has grown. She also stated that African American women experience higher rates of stress and trauma before being pregnant and while pregnant; both of these factors impact preterm birth rates. Commissioner Chung asked if homelessness impacts preterm birth rates. Dr. Hansell stated that she does not have data regarding this relationship but noted that women living in SRO hotels have higher preterm birth rates.
Commissioner Chung noted that the number of clients accessing services seems large. Dr. Hansell stated that since the initiation of the Affordable Care Act, the SFDPH has seen a large increase in female clients on MediCal.

Commissioner Pating asked for information regarding the caseloads for the nurses and added that he is concerned that there may be a staffing resource issue if the number of clients continues to increase. Dr. Hansell stated that nurses have 25 clients and the current number of home visitors is thirteen; in the future the program will need 20 home visitors to meet the needs of the population. She noted that peers cannot be used in the program model for first-time mothers. She added that the current staffing pattern meeting current needs.

Commissioner Pating asked how this program is funded. Dr. Hansell stated that the program is funded with MediCal and with a match from the General Fund.

4) OFFICE OF EQUITY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT WITH A FOCUS ON THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Israel Nieves-Rivera, Director of Office of Equity and Quality Improvement, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up

Commissioner Loyce asked for the source of the data regarding seniors. Mr. Nieves-Rivera stated that the data is from the Department for Aging and Adult Services (DAAS).

Commissioner Chung asked if there will be measurable benchmarks to evaluate the indicators. Mr. Nieves-Rivera stated that measures will be developed that will compare SFDPH data to national standards.

Commissioner Pating noted that there is a focus on decreasing disparity. Mr. Nieves-Rivera stated that the data shows improvements on many measures but there remains important disparities between populations.

Commissioner Loyce stated that he has been working with the African American communities on the paradigm of persistent stress disorder; he noted that for many people, there is no “post” stress because people list in trauma with persistent stress. Mr. Nieves-Rivera stated that there currently is no variable for this type of stress but he noted that the SFDPH and its community partners have been discussing this topic. Tomas Aragon, SFDPH Health Officer and Director of the Population Health Division, stated that the public health field is moving towards recognizing toxic stress and developing programs and measurements in this area.

Commissioner Pating requested that measures be developed for whole families. He also requested that in future presentations of this data, examples of work being conducted would be helpful to give context to the data. He also requested that when a new year’s goals are presented, the previous year’s goals should also be included to give context of the changes made.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.