1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner David Pating, MD, Chair
Commissioner James Loyce Jr., member

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

2) APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

3) JAIL HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE

Lisa Pratt MD, Director, gave the update.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Pating asked for more information regarding the cause for the lower census in the San Francisco jails. Dr. Pratt stated that the San Francisco are making few arrests which result in a lower census in the jails.

Commissioner Pating asked if race and gender as assigned by the Sheriff in the San Francisco County jails. Dr. Pratt stated that inmates are asked to identify their gender; the Sheriff’s Department assigns race.

Commissioner Pating asked for more information regarding the overlap of jail inmates and those SFDPH clients who are frequent users of services such as hospital emergency rooms. Dr. Pratt stated that there is substantial
overlap of the two populations. She added that there are meetings between paramedics, police, and SFDPH Behavioral Health in an attempt to establish plans for these high users of many city services.

Commissioner Pating suggested that STD testing be put on the Jail Health Truth North list because it is a very important public health issue.

Commissioner Pating asked if there are rapid tests for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. Dr. Susan Phillip, Director of SFDPH Disease Prevention and Control, stated that the SFDPH received a grant to assist the SFDPH with a rapid STD testing process that has been found successful in London.

Commissioner Pating asked for information regarding the percentage of jail inmates, not previously connected to care, who are linked to medical care through Jail Health Services. Dr. Pratt stated that this data is not currently collected. She added that the greatest success in this regard are HIV infected inmates, who are more likely linked to community care.

Commissioner Loyce thanked Dr. Pratt for her effective service to the SFDPH and the community.

Commissioner Pating stated that he appreciates the approach of using short-term public health interventions for the jail population.

4) EMERGING ISSUES
   This item was not discussed.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT
   There was no public comment.

6) ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.