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COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday October 16, 2018 2:00 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 302, San Francisco, CA 94102

# 1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner James Loyce Jr., Chair

Commissioner Dan Bernal, Member Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:11pm.

# 2) APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2018 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The August 7, 2018 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

#### 3) DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS CONSUMPTION PERMITS

Mohanned Malhi, Principal Environmental Health Inspector, Cannabis Program, presented the item. The Committee reviewed draft SFDPH rules and regulations regarding cannabis consumption permits.

# **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Chow asked for a summary of the public comment made at the recent hearing on this issue. Mr. Malhi stated that some people want consumption outside of dispensaries and others wanted their business to be able to add cannabis as product. Some protested consumption of cannabis inside any facilities. He noted that the scope of the current ordinance only allows for cannabis consumption in dispensaries.

Commissioner Chow noted that Los Angeles seems to be dealing with cannabis regulations differently than San Francisco. Mr. Malhi stated that West Hollywood is allowing consumption of cannabis inside cannabis retailers. He noted that Proposition 64 enables local jurisdictions to decide whether consumption can be done onsite.

Commissioner Chung asked how the regulations deal with medical cannabis users who previously were allowed to consume onsite and purchase different amounts of cannabis. Mr. Malhi stated that regulations allow for some dispensaries who serve medical users to continue to allow consumption. However, if there is change of ownership, this permission would end.

Commissioner Chow asked how the SFDPH monitors cannabis businesses that serve both recreational and medical clients. Mr. Malhi stated that there are two types of cannabis business licenses: Adult and Medical. Medical users can purchase higher dosage and higher amounts of product. The SFDPH monitors all cannabis businesses in regard to how they implement services.

Commissioner Chung stated that she appreciates the diligence of the public education efforts and the regulations.

## 4) FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS SALES BAN PROJECT PLAN

Janine Young, Senior Health Inspector, Retail Tobacco and Smoking Program, and Derek Smith, Director-Tobacco Free Project, presented the item.

#### **Public Comment:**

Grace Lee, UCSF pharmacy student, asked how a statewide ban on flavored tobacco products could be achieved.

# **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Chung asked what can be done to convince the state to implement a flavored tobacco ban. Mr. Smith stated that the DPH works with the City's lobbyist.

Commissioner Chow asked how the SFDPH will be evaluating these regulations. Mr. Smith stated that the SFDPH is still developing an evaluation plan.

Commissioner Chung noted that there are still hookah lounges in San Francisco. Ms. Young stated that the lounges claim that a non-tobacco product is used in the equipment. The SFDPH is developing a protocol to monitory and test these products so it can enforce City regulations.

## 5) MATERNAL CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH NUTRITION SERVICES

Priti Rane, Director of Nutrition Services, presented the item.

## **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Bernal asked if there is data on the change in service utilization due to client concerns about their immigration status. Ms. Rane stated that there is not data on this issue. She noted that the SFDPH does not ask for a client's country of birth because this question posed a barrier to some people.

Commissioner Chung asked if small businesses will have the opportunity to install the scanners needed for the WIC vouchers. Ms. Rane stated that a demonstration project in Oregon noted that small stores had no barriers to obtaining the scanners, and therefore their businesses were not hurt by the regulations.

### 6) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

#### 7) PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Stancyk, UCSF pharmacy student, stated that body fluids on the street are a health issue. She recommended that Pit Stops be made available 24 hours a day so that homeless individuals have access to toilets and showers at night.

Taryn, UCSF pharmacy student, stated that pharmacists should be included when thinking of issues impacting health professionals.

Ereca Nguyen, UCSF pharmacy student, stated that health equity issues include menstrual equity. There should be increased access to menstrual products for homeless and low-income women served by the SFDPH, Library, and Human Service Agency. Homeless shelters and the jails should offer these products for no charge.

Tommy Lam, UCSF pharmacy student, stated that most patients do not realize that they have access to medication therapy management with pharmacists.

Alisha Vora, UCSF pharmacy student, stated that the SFDPH should be able to help those in need in regard to the opioid crisis.

Sae Taryn, UCSF pharmacy student, asked if there is analysis of the success of the City's naloxone distribution programs.

#### 8) ADJOURNMENT

The meet was adjourned at 3:54pm.