1) CALL TO ORDER
Present: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commissioner James Loyce Jr., Member

Excused: Commissioner David Pating, MD, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm. Commissioner Loyce chaired the meeting.

2) APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

3) CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH UPDATE
Willi McFarland, MD, PhD, MPH & TM, gave the update.

Director Garcia stated that this section does incredibly important work in research and information dissemination around the world.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Chung stated that there are data on HIV prevalence for transwomen but not much data on transmen, especially those having sex with men. She encouraged the SFDPH to do more research on this population to get a complete understanding of this population. Dr. McFarland stated that the unit has done studies focusing on transmen but have only focused on the burden of the disease, not behavior or risk factors. He noted that currently there are only five known transmen with HIV in San Francisco.

Commissioner Chung stated that the data available on transmen shows that domestic violence and mental health issues are common.
Commissioner Chung encouraged the SFDPH to be more effective and culturally or linguistically inclusive when studying or working with a small population, especially when this population is not a funding priority.

Commissioner Loyce asked for more information about transgender women of color. Dr. McFarland stated that transgender women of color have higher rates of HIV transmission.

Commissioner Chung stated that it is her understanding that transwomen of color are more likely to live in poverty. Dr. McFarland stated that current data collected on this population is from those accessing the SFDPH service system. He added that those who have more financial resources are often not reached through research.

Commissioner Loyce asked for more information regarding transwomen who are in the San Francisco jails. Dr. McFarland stated that no current studies are being conducted on this population.

Commissioner Chung noted that the TEACH Study data shows that transwomen use condoms and safer sex practices with secondary partners but more often have unprotected sex with primary partners. Dr. McFarland stated that the SFDPH is currently looking at this issue through a National Institutes for Health study. He also noted that the strain of HIV in transwomen is more like the most common in heterosexuals and intravenous drug users.

4) MEDICAL RESPITE PROGRAM EXPANSION
Alice Moughamian RN CNS, Program Director, and Hali Hammer MD, Director of Primary Care gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Chung asked if the SFDPH is tracking unexpected hospital readmission rates for this population. Ms. Moughamian stated that data is collected on patients that are discharged to a higher level of care; this rate is approximately five percent.

Commissioner Chung asked if most of the medical respite population is from ZSFG. Ms. Moughamian stated that 80% are ZSFG patients and the other 20% are from community hospitals that may serve San Francisco Health Network patients.

Commissioner Chung noted that someone who is homeless will have difficulty with care after gender reassignment surgery. Ms. Moughamian stated that the Medical Respite program does serve patients who have had these procedures. She noted that these patients are admitted to the program the day before the surgery and stay afterward. Culturally competent care is provided on both the men and women’s sides of the facility.

Dr. Alice Chen, Chief Medical Officer for the San Francisco Health Network, stated patient flow is an issue; the SFDPH Whole Person Care Initiative helps to link patients to agency care so the respite beds can serve others. Ms. Moughamian noted that 30% of the medical respite population is managing seven or more chronic medical issues.

Director Garcia stated that the SFDPH are working with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to assist with providing services to this population.
Commissioners Chung and Loyce thanked the presenters for their impactful work.

5) EMERGING ISSUES
This item was not discussed.
6) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no public comment.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 3:14pm.