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**MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday May 15, 2018 2:30 p.m.
101 Grove, Room 300, San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner James Loyce Jr., Chair
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commissioner Edward A. Chow MD (arrived 2:53pm)

Excused: Commissioner Dan Bernal, Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:31pm.

2) APPROVAL OF MARCH 20, 2018 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

3) SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY CLINIC CONSORTIUM OVERVIEW

Sabra Matovsky, SFCCC President and CEO, and Brenda Storey, Mission Neighborhood Health Center Executive Director, presented the organizational overview.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung stated that she admires the work of SFCC. She asked if SFCCC has an inter-clinic referral system. Ms. Matovsky stated that most of the SFCCC clinics offer primary care but refer to one another for specialty care services.

Commissioner Loyce stated that he values the strong relationship that SFCCC has with the communities in San Francisco. He asked for more information regarding the amount of MediCal patients in the SFCCC system. Ms. Matovsky stated that approximately 50% of its billing is MediCal.

4) SFDPH SYRINGE ACCESS & DISPOSAL SERVICES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Eileen Loughran, Program Manager for the Syringe Access and Disposal programs, gave the presentation.

Director Garcia thanked Ms. Loughran and her team for their effective work. She added that the SFDPH will continue to distribute clean needles and clean up used syringes.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung asked for information regarding how the DPH disposes of the used syringes. Ms. Loughran stated that used syringes are incinerated.

Commissioner Chung asked how syringe exchange sites will work with future supervised injection sites. Ms. Loughran stated that both programs are part of the continuum of care for people who inject drugs.

Commissioner Chow asked if studies have shown that single use of syringes is safer. Ms. Loughran stated that studies have shown that single use of syringes reduces the chance of infections which can lead to other health issues. In addition, each time a syringe is used, it becomes dull which can hurt veins. The World Health Organization recommends one use for syringes as a best practice.

Commissioner Chow asked if there is data showing that syringe exchange has led to an increase in utilization of treatment programs. Ms. Loughran stated there is anecdotal information showing that participants of syringe exchange sites use the sites as resources towards treatment. She added that data has shown that 1-to-1 exchange leads to increases in sharing and reuse of syringes.

Commissioner Chung congratulated the SFDPH for its early adoption of a harm reduction paradigm which has contributed to saving many lives in San Francisco.

5) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$916,907 WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY, TO PROVIDE SYRINGE CLEAN UP PROGRAM SERVICES, FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 (1.2 YEARS).

Tracey Packer, Director PHP Community Health Equity and Promotion, presented the contract request.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung asked if the contract is for citywide syringe clean-up and disposal. Ms. Packer stated that the service is for the entire city.

Commissioner Chow asked if the San Francisco AIDS Foundation will be adding 10 new staff for this service. Ms. Packer stated that the agency will be hiring new staff for the service. She noted that the purpose of the service is to clean-up syringes; community engagement will be left to other programs.

Commissioner Chung asked how the team will schedule clean-up throughout the City. Ms. Packer stated that the team will have a schedule of sites to clean-up throughout the City; they will also be on-call for emerging situations. Director Garcia stated that the 311 system will be used to track litter complaints.

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously recommended that the full Health Commission approve the contract.

6) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

7) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm.