MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Tuesday January 15, 2019 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 2:03pm.

2) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2018 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the December 18, 2018 minutes.

3) VIOLENCE PREVENTION & CRISIS INTERVENTION UPDATE
Arturo Carrillo, Director, Street Violence Intervention Program and Diana Olivia-Aroche, Street Violence Intervention Program, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Loyce asked how the SFDPH responded to the two recent shootings near LaSalle Avenue. Ms. Olivia-Aroche stated that a clinical team was deployed to support the victims’ families and the surviving victim. In addition, the team helped make funeral arrangements. The team also worked in the community to provide educate and prevention of retaliatory acts.

Commissioner Bernal asked if the regular Wednesday meetings focus on a specific incident. Ms. Olivia-Aroche stated that all recent incidents are discussed to develop plans of support for the family and to discuss strategies to discourage retaliation.

Commissioner Chow asked for a comparison of the SFPDH programs and similar programs in San Jose. Ms. Olivia-Aroche stated that San Jose has approximately three gangs and San Francisco has ten gangs. She noted
that the program components in both cities are similar except that SFDPH offers employment opportunities as an incentive to leave gangs.

Commissioner Chow asked for information regarding Chinatown gang activity. Mr. Carillo stated that the gangs in Chinatown can be best reached by working with the community in that area. Ms. Olivia-Aroche noted that the SFDPH hires a subcontractor with experience in that neighborhood to provide access and assistance.

Commissioner Bernal asked if external factors such as unemployment rates or changes in the economy, impact how the SFDPH focuses its work. Mr. Carrillo stated that gentrification of the Mission has pushed gang activity to the Bayview and other neighborhoods. The team works with more businesses to bridge the cultural divide in neighborhoods where gentrification is an issue.

4) **JAIL UPDATE; RESOLUTION: “INCARCERATION AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE”**

Lisa Pratt MD, Jail Health Services Director and Tanya Mera LCSW, Director of Jail Behavioral Services and Reentry Services, presented the item.

**Commissioner Comments:**
Commissioner Chung asked if Jail Health Services conducts trauma screenings of individuals incarcerated in the San Francisco Jails (SFJC). Ms. Mera stated that Jail Health Services asks about physical trauma. She noted that the triage interview is not conducted in a private space. San Francisco Behavioral Health staff teach skills to cope with trauma.

Commissioner Chung asked if rates of recidivism are tracked. Dr. Pratt stated that Jail Health Services does not have access to Sheriff’s data to track recidivism. Assistant Sheriff Cathy Johnson stated that the Sheriff’s Department has been awarded a grant to expand services to women who have a history of domestic violence. The Sheriff’s Department tracks recidivism data.

Regarding the draft resolution, Commissioner Chow suggested that statements and data included on the Jail Health Services presentation may be useful to include in the resolution. He also requested that the resolution language be more specific and include relevant data to support the “Resolved” statements.

**Public Comment:**
Roma Guy MSW, Taxpayers for Public Safety, urged the SFDPH to use all available resources to find creative solutions to issues with gathering vital health-related information from all individuals incarcerated at the SFCJ. She encouraged the Health Commission to take a larger governance role in regard to the SFCJ and relevant issues related to incarceration.

Michael Lyon, community member, stated that he is in support of the spirit of the resolution.

5) **EMERGING ISSUES**

6) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
A person who remained anonymous stated that incarceration is a traumatic harm itself.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm