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## MINUTES

### CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE

Tuesday,  
October 20, 2009  
2:00 p.m.

101 Grove Street, Room 302  
San Francisco, CA 94102

#### 1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Melara called the meeting to order at 2:08pm

Present: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Chair  
Commissioner Margine A. Sako, Member  
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Member (arrived at 2:20pm)  
Commissioner James M. Illig, Ex Officio

#### 2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 CHPEC MEETING

The minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting were approved without changes.

#### 3) PRESENTATION ON CITYWIDE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN

Kimberly Wicoff, Deputy Director of the Mayors Office of Communities of Opportunities presented the Citywide Violence Prevention Plan. Ms. Wicoff gave an overview of the structure, goals, and outcomes of the plan. She highlighted the formation of the Inter-Agency Council (IAC) has been created to promote collaboration among local organizations that work on similar issues and serve the same populations. Ms. Wicoff explained that the overarching goal of the Violence Prevention Plan is to ensure that all San Franciscans have access to a support system.

Commissioner Illig asked if the IAC is creating data databases to track the effectiveness of the Violence Prevention Plan. Ms. Wicoff responded that her department is working with group at Stanford University to identify variables that determine when people are at an especially high at risk for violence.

Commissioner Sako asked how the plan addresses duplication of services. Ms. Wicoff responded that Communities of Opportunities keeps track of CBO's and where community members seek support. She explained that Communities of Opportunities looks carefully for service duplications and gaps in services provided. Ms. Wicoff added that the data being collected on available services may be useful in helping to make decisions about RFP's.

Commissioner Melara expressed interest in the preventive measures outlined in the plan. Commissioner Melara noted that many of the services created by the plan are set up to respond to violence rather than prevent it. She asked that the Violence Prevention Plan address issues surrounding domestic and suggested the IAC include the Family Violence Council.

Ms. Wicoff thanked Commissioner Melara for her suggestion and added that the Violence Prevention Plan is intended to be flexible and maximize collaboration with CBO's.

Patrick Boyd, Chief Adult Probation Officer, noted that there are many ideas of what this plan would look like. He explained that the plan was designed to adapt to new issues that arise.

Commissioner Illig asked which agencies fund probation. Patrick Boyd responded that the City and County fund probation. Mr. Boyd added that for the 18-25 age group, some federal stimulus money funds probation.

Commissioner Sako asked how many people probation are not residents of San Francisco. Patrick Boyd responded that he does not know the answer and explained that the data available shows people on probation currently live. He added that some people have left San Francisco after they were put on probation and the City does not necessarily have data on those numbers.

Commissioner Melara asked if the Violence Prevention Plan could implement a program similar to the Justice Center in San Francisco to bring similar program under the same facility. She noted that given the controversy surrounding the Justice Center in San Francisco, other cities have Family Justice Centers that attempt to create one location for an array of services.

Commissioner Sako recalled that a similar idea was once implemented in public elementary schools. The idea was that the schools were in central locations and seemed like a logical place to house an array of social services in schools.

Commissioner Illig suggested using a community justice center as a "one-stop-shop" location for an array of social services.

#### **4) CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE MISSION**

Commissioner Melara requested an update on the committee's progress.

Barbara Garcia suggested CHPEC considering looking into restructuring the committee so that quality assurance will extend across the entire Department. Ms. Garcia mentioned that she is

brining in a consultant to assess her department to make sure the goals are being met. She noted that discussion about the committee's mission and goals tie in with budget conversations. Ms. Garcia offered to update the Health Commission on the largest RFP from the City.

Commissioner Illig asked if Barbara Garcia manages prevention projects. Barbara Garcia responded that Communicable Disease and Environment Health are responsible for prevention projects and the staff reports to Mitch Katz.

Commissioner Sako noted that after reviewing the new organizational structure of DPH, she realized there are some aspects of the older structure that she agrees with, such as the increased number of committees. Commissioner Sako expressed concern that there is not much oversight of programs when a majority of them report to Dr. Katz.

Barbara Garcia mentioned that she and Anne Kronenberg could help with oversight.

Commissioner Sako mentioned that the copy of the CHPEC mission statement is not the most recent copy. She requested more internal reporting from sub-departments to the Health Commission. Commissioner Sako asked that the EMS staff attend a CHEPEC meeting prior to the full Commission meeting to increase dialogue about the issues surrounding EMS.

Commissioner Illig expressed agreement with Commissioner Sako, and suggested more groups attend a CHPEC meeting prior to presenting before the full Commission. He noted that one purpose of the committees is to give Commissioners an opportunity to discuss the issues prior to the full Commission meeting.

Commissioner Tierney suggested that the Commission discuss the committee structures.

Commissioner Sako agreed with Commissioner Tierney and added that the planning and finance discussions connect very strongly.

Commissioner Tierney suggested that once the Health Commission budget principles are revised, it might be easier to address finance and planning initiatives.

Commissioner Sako noted that restructuring the committees could improve communication between the Commissioners and the Department.

**6) EMERGING ISSUES**

None.

**7) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:40pm.

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Grace Alderson  
Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary