MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, May 2, 2017 3:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 302 or 300
San Francisco, CA  94102

1)  CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Chair
Commissioner Edward Chow, MD, Member
Commissioner Dan Bernal
Commissioner David Pating MD, non-voting guest

2)  APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2017

Action Taken:  The minutes were unanimously approved.

3)  MONTHLY CONTRACTS REPORT
Michelle Ruggels, Director of the SFDPH Business Office, reviewed the report.

Commissioner Comments:
Regarding the AIDS Emergency Fund contract, Commissioner Chow asked why this contract was not put out to bid earlier. Ms. Ruggels stated that this agency is merging with Positive Resource Center and the merger is complex. The extension ensures that there is no interruption of client services.

Commissioner Chung requested a future Committee item on the fiscal issues related to agency mergers including cost effectiveness per cost of services.

Commissioner Pating stated that he is concerned that agencies such as HealthRight360 are becoming too large through multiple mergers. Director Garcia reminded the Committee members that the SFDPH does not have authority over community agencies; however, it does have authority to approve contracts with these agencies.
Regarding the Project Open Hand contract, Commissioner Chow asked if there was a more efficient method to choose a provider for this service this vendor was the only applicant for this service. Ms. Ruggels stated that sole source waivers are used only when necessary and the competitive bidding process allows the SFDPH to renegotiate service rates.

Regarding the Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center Medical Case Management contract, Commissioner Bernal asked if this service will be provided at the LGBTQ Center. John Melichar, SFDPH Population Health Community Health Equity and Promotion, stated that he is unsure of the location of this service.

Regarding the Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center Trans Form contract, Commissioner Chung noted that the agency has a HRSA contract to explore evidence-based care; she noted this contract should replace the HRSA contract. She asked whether the agency is still working with Tom Waddell Health Center. Dean Goodwin, SFDPH HIV Health Services, stated that the agency is still partnering with Tom Waddell Health Center for these services. Commissioner Chung requested that the Contract Report footnotes include information on relevant partnerships for the contract.

Commissioner Pating asked if the SFDPH would consider moving to a capitated rate model for its clinical service contracts. Mr. Goodwin stated that the funding source for this contract is Ryan White which has its own service model. Director Garcia stated that the SFDPH is exploring this type of model but she added that it puts the organization at financial risk. Ms. Ruggels added that if a capitated model was used, the vendors would still bill by the minute which would give the SFDPH cost information but not benefit the vendor or client. She also stated that the SFDPH is considering how best to evolve its current model.

Regarding the RTZ Associates contract, Commissioner Pating asked if the SFDPH will be able to require its vendors to use the same electronic health record model once it has chosen a vendor. Director Garcia stated that this requirement is cost prohibitive for vendors.

Commissioner Chow asked why the contract extension is only for one year. Jacquie Hale, Office of Contracts and Compliance, stated that this contract will help bridge the gap until the SFDPH chooses its electronic health record vendor.

4) EMERGING ISSUES
Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Policy and Planning, gave an update on the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) grant. The program is intended to reduce the number of people with substance use disorder and mental illness who are incarcerated by redirecting them into treatment when they are arrested.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Chung asked if there is an age criteria for the grant. Ms. Chawla stated that the grant serves individuals who are at least 18 years of age.

Commissioner Pating asked for clarification of the grant’s outcomes. Ms. Chawla stated that the outcomes for the grant include improved health, housing, and diversion from incarceration.

Commissioner Bernal asked if the SFDPH is coordinating the grant within local law enforcement entities including BART police. Ms. Chawla stated that BART and the Police Department are collaborators on the grant. Director Garcia stated that BART has identified 200 individuals who come in contact most frequently with BART police and may benefit from the intervention.
5) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no public comment.

6) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.