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**MINUTES  
HEALTH COMMISSION  
FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 3:00 p.m.  
101 Grove Street, Room 302 or 300  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Edward Chow, MD, Member  
Commissioner Dan Bernal  
Commissioner David Pating MD

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2017**

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

**3) DRAFT FY2015 CHARITY CARE REPORT AND REPORTING GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Krishna Patel, Health Program Planner, Office of Policy & Planning, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow stated that he is pleased to see that the St. Luke's Hospital data is listed separately. Ms. Chawla stated that Sutter has not yet combined the licenses for the St. Luke's and CPMC Van Ness campuses. She noted that the SFDPH and Sutter have received input from the Health Commission over the last several years that there is a preference to continue listing the campuses separately to better understand the data.

Commissioner Chow suggested the final report have some suggestions of the direction for the report in the future.

Commissioner Chow asked for the report to more clearly differentiate between the Healthy San Francisco (HSF) and non-HSF population. Commissioner Pating requested that a definition of the non-HSF population be added to the report.

Commissioner Bernal asked for more information regarding the population that is persistently uninsured. Ms. Chawla stated that small business owners who often cannot afford insurance and people who are chronically homeless are included in this group.

Commissioner Chow asked for a definition to be added for the term, "MediCal Shortfall."

Commissioner Pating suggested "normalizing" the data in slide 11 so the data can be compared to data from the past years.

Commissioner Pating asked for more information District 10 in slide 12. Ms. Chawla suggested normalizing this data as well.

Regarding the report's conclusions, Commissioner Pating requested that the guidelines given to hospitals be included and information regarding whether hospitals are meeting these guidelines. Ms. Chawla stated that there is no measure to determine if a hospital has met the guidelines. She added that the obligation is to provide a certain level of charity care, not the reporting of this data.

Commissioner Chow stated that much of data included in the body of the reports gets lost and suggested moving it to the appendices. He noted that any graphs included in the body of the report should have a clear message.

Commissioner Chow requested that the report better reflect the impact of charity care in San Francisco since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. He added that it is important to include Medi-Cal shortfall and Charity Care expenditure data.

Commissioner Chow requested a deeper description of the uninsured population to help understand how charity care remains very important to serving this group. He added that the executive summary is too wordy and needs to be edited so readers can understand the overview of the report.

Public Comment:

Jim Illig, Community Benefit Manager for Kaiser Permanente, stated that his organization made the decision to only report Kaiser Foundation data; this does not include Kaiser outpatient data. He reminded the Committee members that Kaiser voluntarily participates in charity care reporting.

**4) EMERGING ISSUES**

This item was not discussed.

**5) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no general public comment.

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.