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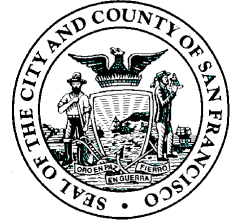
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**MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION
FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 3:30 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300
San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Chair
Commissioner Dan Bernal, Member
Commissioner Edward Chow, MD, Member

The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2019

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the August 6, 2019 meeting minutes.

3) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH NORTH EAST MEDICAL SERVICES (NEMS) TO SUPPORT THE DENTAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE (DTI) LOCAL DENTAL PILOT PROGRAM (LDPP), FOR THE PERIOD OF 1/1/19 – 12/31/20 (2 YEARS). THE STATE, THROUGH ITS MEDI-CAL WAIVER PROJECT HAS ALLOCATED INNOVATION PILOT FUNDING TO DPH TO HELP ENSURE THE TARGET POPULATION IS ACCESSING DENTAL SERVICES. NEMS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL USER PILOT PROGRAM BY IMPLEMENTING PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF THEIR PRIMARY CARE PATIENTS AGES 0-5 WHO ALSO ACCESS CO-LOCATED DENTAL SERVICES ONSITE AT SPECIFIED NEMS ' PRIMARY CARE CLINICS. REIMBURSEMENT IS BASED ON ACHIEVING AN INCREASE IN DENTAL SERVICES PARTICIPATION. THE TOTAL PROPOSED CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$486,058 WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked if any participating entity met the 20% relative improvement rate. Beth Neary, San Francisco Health Network, stated that a primary care provider could achieve this rate of improvement by encouraging health messages and behavior change regarding prenatal visits and early childhood dental visits. Reimbursement rates for connecting a child successfully to dental services is substantially higher than the rate for general health messages and encouragement.

Commissioner Chow asked if the state was in favor of this type of strategy. Ms. Neary stated that the state considered the strategy effective.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding those organizations that are participating. Ms. Neary stated that that initially eight San Francisco organizations with federally qualified health centers participated and HealthRight360, a substance use treatment organization, and clinics in Marin are now participating.

Commissioner Chow asked for an update on the Silver Avenue Health Center. Ms. Neary stated that this clinic was able to achieve a 20% improvement rate.

Commissioner Bernal noted that the SFDPH already has a robust dental program and gave accolades to the this contracted service for striving to outreach to historically difficult-to-reach populations.

Commissioner Chow asked why the contract is being brought for approval towards the end of its term. Ms. Neary stated that the contract took several months to negotiate the contract.

Commissioner Chung noted that although not all the clinics reached the 10% or 20% improvement rate, they still may achieve impact on the target population.

Commissioner Chow requested that a written explanation be provided when there is a delay in bringing a contract to the Health Commission for approval. Commissioner Chung noted that if the delay is longer than three months, the contract documents should include a written explanation.

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

4) EMERGING ISSUES

This topic was not discussed.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.