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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday November 17, 2020 2:30 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D , Chair
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2020

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the October 20, 2020 minutes.

3) FOOD INSECURITY IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING COVID-19

Veronica Shepard, Program Coordination and Support, Office of Food Security and Racial Equity; Priti Pane, MS, RD, IBCLC Director of Nutrition Services; Erin Franey, Program Manager, Food as Medicine Collaborative; and Christina Goette, MPH, Community Health Equity Promotion, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraud asked if the grocery voucher program were a one-time funded project. Ms. Pane stated that the vouchers were intended as a one-time funded effort; however, additional funds for this program have been identified from the sugary tax fund.

Commissioner Christian asked for more information regarding programs that do not align with the needs of the community. Ms. Shepard stated that the seniors most in need for the Great Plates meal delivery program are not deemed eligible so the program offers services to individuals who are not most in need of this service. She also noted that Meals on Wheels does not offer the best quality of food or culturally appropriate meal options so some of the sickest people in the city are not receiving the best nutrition for their healing.

4) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Jessica Brown, MPH, Director of the Mental Health Services Act, and Marlo Simmons, MPH, Acting Behavioral Health Services Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked if there is a centralized hub in which interns receive didactic training. Ms. Brown stated that Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides a lecture seminar and interns may also participate in other trainings at their individual placements. She noted that BHS is working to hire additional staffing to support the recruitment and coordination of interns.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

there was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm.