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**MINUTES  
HEALTH COMMISSION  
FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2020 2 pm  
101 Grove Street, Room 300  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

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

Excused: Commissioner Dan Bernal, Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2020**

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the February 4, 2020 minutes.

**3) MONTHLY CONTRACTS REPORT**

Michelle Ruggels, Director of the SFDPH Business Office, presented the item.

Action taken: The Committee unanimously approved the report.

**4) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH TALEMED, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,840,000, TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED, TEMPORARY TRAVELING NURSE REGISTRY PERSONNEL TO THE SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK, ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER (ZSFG), LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL (LHH) AND OTHER SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK FACILITIES, FOR THE TERM OF MARCH 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 (4 YEARS AND 3 MONTHS).**

Terry Dentoni, ZSFG Chief Nursing Officer, presented the contract.

Action taken: The Committee unanimously approved the contract.

5) **PROPOSED PROGRAM REVIEW: "1156 VALENCIA HUMMINGBIRD RESPITE," PROGRAM TO BE LOCATED AT 1156 VALENCIA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA, 94110**

Kelly Hiramoto, LCSW, Special Projects Manager, presented the discussion item.

Public Comment:

Marcy Katz Bacalao, Policy Director of Compass Family Services, stated that she is in support of this program which treats individuals with dignity.

Sara Short, Community Housing Partnership, stated that she lives nearby and supports the project. Instead of children seeing suffering on the streets and witnessing the City take no action, she would like children to observe a City taking care of its residents with healing programs like this one.

Lydia Bransten, St. Anthony's Foundation, mother who has a child in school a few blocks from the program site, stated that she is in support of the program. She added that it is important to teach her child that all people deserve respect.

Lauren Kahn, HealthRight360 and a resident of the neighborhood, stated that the new Hummingbird program is acutely needed.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioners Chung and Chow expressed gratitude to the DPH staff for conducting extension outreach in the neighborhood for this program.

6) **PROPOSED PROGRAM REVIEW: "PROJECT 180," A NEW DRUG SOBERING CENTER, TO BE LOCATED AT 180 JONES STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94102.**

Judith Martin, MD, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Services, presented the discussion item.

Public Comment:

Christy Shirilla, lives around the corner from the site and is opposed to the location and cost of the program. She stated that the children in the area are already negatively impacted by what they observe on the street. She noted that the DPH did not disseminate information about the community meetings. She added that the DPH has not provided sufficient answers about where participants will go after they leave the program. She requested a second community meeting with adequate space and interpreters.

Calder Lorenz, St. Anthony's Foundation, stated that the organization staff understands the anger about the lack of process, but feel the project outcomes are urgently needed. He added that many of their staff respond to overdoses and they welcome any help with these issues. He also stated that there is currently nowhere to take people using methamphetamine.

Marcy Katz Bacalao, Policy Director of Compass Family Services, stated that she supports the project but noted that repairing of trust needs to be initiated by the DPH. The project needs to be coordinated well.

Lydia Brandsten, St. Anthony's Foundation, stated that the Tenderloin community has worked together to develop shared agreements to protect students walking to school each day. She stated that the program organizers need to work with the community to align with these values. She added that the street is currently unsafe for those who live there, whether in homes or on the street.

Paul Harkin, HealthRight360, is in favor of the project. He has lived and worked in the Tenderloin for 20 years and commended those who made public comment for understanding the need for the intervention, while simply wanting more involvement in the planning. He noted that this is a compassionate trauma informed response to a crisis.

John Shoulder, TNDC Housing Night Manager, stated that the DPH did not collaborate with the community; the one meeting had no interpreters or adequate space for all who wanted to attend. In addition, the DPH ended the meeting before those who wanted to speak were heard.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung stated that the project would fit in with other existing efforts in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Chow thanked all those who contributed public comment, in person and in writing. He encouraged the DPH to conduct a robust outreach effort to ensure community inclusion.

**7) EMERGING ISSUES**

This item was not discussed.

**8) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no general public comment.

**9) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.