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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

2:00 p.m.

101 Grove Street, Room 220

San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Tierney called the meeting to order at 2:05pm

Present: Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Chair
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D., Member
Commissioner Sonia Melara, Member

Absent: Commissioner James M. Illig, Ex Officio Member Excused

Commissioner Tierney welcomed everyone to the newly formed Finance and Planning Committee.

2) APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2009 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action Taken: The Committee approved the minutes of the December 1, 2009 Finance Committee without change.

3) HEALTH REPORT CARD UPDATE

Abbie Yant and Andrey Ostrovsky presented an update of the San Francisco Health Card.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Yant and Mr. Ostrovsky for their good work. The following are replies by the presenters in response to questions by the Commissioners:

Regarding how to make the Health Report Card accessible to an average San Francisco resident, the presenters indicated that they have always aimed to make the project a community engagement resource. The next phase of the website is being designed using a community bulletin board model so that it can be a practical tool for various levels of community to interact and increase the effectiveness of the San Francisco service system. However, the reality is that the first tier users will most likely be DPH staff, DPH contractors, and hospitals.

Regarding the long term survival of the project, the presenters indicated that Mr. Ostrovsky will be leaving the project in March to go back to school. There is hope that another intern will be found to continue participating in the leadership of the project. Although the BHSF budget has not been increased in 12 years, it is stable. Its budget is comprised of 50% grants and 50% hospital funding based on a formula. A key cost efficiency of this project is that it uses available community data instead of creating new data collection projects.

Although other cities have developed Health Report Cards, none have done so with the intention of encouraging the kinds of collaboration that San Francisco has built in. The project design is built around a diagonal integration model that encourages and facilitates community involvement. Stakeholders of all levels can identify public health issues that need attention. The website will be a user-friendly way by which an individual or organization can easily access others with similar concerns and/or resources to deal with the identified issues.

Commissioner Comments/Follow Up Request:

Commissioner Chow commended the work done on the project but stated that the ten goals are too broad to be concretely helpful. He discussed his concern that the adoption of the Health Report Card goals as the only DPH goals may cause an obstacle to dealing with new public health priorities that are unforeseen at this time.

Action Taken:

The draft, "Resolution to Adopt the Ten Issue Areas of the San Francisco Report Card as the Priority Health Issue Areas for the Department of Public Health," was introduced, discussed, and amended to recommend that the Health Commission adopt the Health Report Card's goals as a non-exclusive list of public health goals for the DPH. The revised draft resolution will be presented to the full Health Commission at the 2/2/10 meeting.

The Committee voted (Chow/Melara "In Favor;" Tierney "Not In Favor.") requesting that the Health Report Card Presentation be made at the 2/2/10 full Commission meeting.

4) CONTRACTS REPORT

Jacque Hale, Manager, Contracts Office, presented the Contracts Report.

The Commissioners asked Ms. Hale to be prepared to discuss issues related to DPH consulting contracts at the next Finance and Planning meeting. From this discussion, the Commissioners will identify specific information they will request from the DPH to present at a subsequent Finance and Planning Committee meeting. This information may include: a list of all DPH consultant contracts, services consultants provide, contract terms, contract amounts, and what outcomes are used to evaluate them; the total proportion of the DPH budget used for consultants; whether any

type of consultants are mandatory; and an explanation of whether each division has different criteria to make decisions to hire consultants.

Action Taken: The Committee approved the Contracts Report with the exception of the Westside and Harder and Company contracts. The Committee requested assurance that the Corrective Action Plan for Westside has been completed prior to approving this contract. The Committee also requested information on the break-down of services and their cost that is being added to the Harder and Company contract prior to approving it.

Perry Lang of Black Coalition on AIDS is invited to the next Finance and Planning Committee meeting to discuss a proposal to increase the number of African Americans enrolled in Healthy San Francisco.

5) **EMERGING ISSUES**

Gregg Sass provided information on the current budget situation. The Mayor's Office has made no additional requests for cuts for the current budget year. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, it is difficult to make budget cut recommendations adding up to the approximate \$100M amount the Mayor's Office has requested because there is potential for revenue from three sources.

- 1) The Medi-Cal 1115 waiver expires on 9/1/10. The DPH hopes to have a better sense of what the new waiver may offer in additional funding.
- 2) The Hospital Fee proposal is expected to be approved in the Spring, and assuming it is effective retroactive to April of 2009, could produce \$42M in the current year and an additional \$16M in the budget year.
- 3) Finally, Health care reform may offer an extension of FMAP. This could be worth \$14M to DPH.

These could be huge sources of revenue addressing most of our targets, but there is no way of predicting the outcome for either at this time.

Rather than presenting deep cuts in service and reversing them as the revenue opportunities become known, DPH proposes deferring presentation of any reduction scenarios pending availability of additional information on revenue solutions.

The Committee commended the DPH, its employees, and volunteers for a successful H1N1 Vaccination Clinic.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENT** none

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at. 3:34

Mark Morewitz
Health Commission Executive Secretary