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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday February 16, 2021 2:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2021 MEETING

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the January 19, 2021 meeting minutes.

3) RACIAL EQUITY TOOLKIT

Ayanna Bennett, MD, Director, Office of Health Equity, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraud and Commissioner Christian requested that the Committee receive an example of a racial equity toolkit used on an actual DPH program.

Commissioner Christian asked if the DPH is already using the GARE racial equity toolkit. Dr. Bennett stated that the DPH is not yet using the toolkit but the DPH does utilize other GARE resources.

Commissioner Chung requested that Dr. Bennett make the presentation to the Finance and Planning Committee along with showing a DPH contract as an example.

Commissioner Giraud stated that she hopes the DPH will be able to build the tool by year two with more qualitative information. She also hopes that all of DPH will use the tool, not just for presentations to the Executive staff or the Health Commission. Dr. Bennett stated that these tools are built to have integrity

through community interaction and in order to be effective, all levels of DPH staff must participate. She recommended that the DPH first develop and pilot this tool before implementing with DPH contractors.

Commissioner Girauo asked Dr. Bennett if she recommends a particular model. Dr. Bennett stated that the GARE model is what many of the other models are based on. She added that the GARE paradigm is in sync with Lean Change Management, which the DPH uses throughout the department.

Commissioner Christian asked if the Commission would be going through the questions of one of the models during a review of a presentation. Dr. Bennett stated that the presenter should already have included the answers to the model's questions in the presentation.

Commissioner Christian stated that it would be most helpful to have a worksheet in front of her so she can better understand what this process will look like. Dr. Bennett stated that a standard set of questions and/or a worksheet will likely be part of the model. She noted that the Commission would determine how in-depth the DPH responses to the models' questions should be.

Commissioner Girauo stated that a standard worksheet to be used as a cover for a presentation would be helpful for Commissioners to understand the information.

Commissioner Chung noted that it will be important to see an example of a DPH contract using this tool.

4) DRAFT RESOLUTION: RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Jonathan Cordero, Ph.D, Chair of the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone, and Mark Morewitz, Health Commission Executive Secretary, introduced the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung requested that WHEREAS statements be added which include culturally appropriate physical and behavioral health and substance use health inequity data. Commissioner Girauo stated that she agrees with this request.

Dr. Cordero suggested that the resolution include other Native American tribes that are represented by San Francisco residents. . Commissioners Girauo, Chung, and Christian agreed with this request.

Dr. Bennett suggested that the statement to be read at meetings should not only acknowledge and address the past but also reiterate a commitment to the health and wellbeing of Native Americans living in San Francisco by the DPH and the Commission. Commissioner Girauo supported this suggestion.

Commissioner Christian suggested that the title should be revised to indicate other Native American tribes and a commitment to the health and wellbeing of Native Americans.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29pm.