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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday April 20, 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 2:01pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2021 MEETING

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the March 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

3) SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Priscilla Chu, DrPH, MPH, Public Health Accreditation Coordinator, SFDPH, Population Health Division, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraud asked how the work of public health accreditation work is integrated into the work of the Population Health Division (PHD) and the DPH. She also asked how the Community Health Assessment impacts DPH development of its priorities. Dr. Chu stated that measures of the Community Improvement Plan are imbedded into the PHD Strategic Plan. She noted that DPH is involved in the work done on each of the measures in the Plan.

Commissioner Giraud stated that she is concerned that the PHD staff be aware of the work of public health accreditation, including the Community Improvement Plan. Dr. Chu stated the staff working on public health accreditation, including the Community Health Assessment, have worked with each PHD section to develop these measures.

Commissioner Christian thanked Dr. Chu for the presentation.

4) SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK PRIMARY CARE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Hamilton Holt, MD, Medical Director and Interim Director, presented the item.

Anna Robert, Primary Care Director, asked the committee to take a minute of silence to mark the guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial pertaining to the murder of George Floyd, and to honor the range of emotions many were experiencing related to the trial and the many injustices of the United States policing practices resulting in harm to Black/African Americans.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked for clarification of the educational requirements for the Behavioral Health Center (BHC) positions noted in the presentation. Dr. Holt stated that requirements include Masters level education and licensure or registration as a candidate for licensure while still accruing supervised hours. Dr. Robert stated that the BHC Health Worker II positions do not require a college degree.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for clarification regarding the distinction of patient population between the San Francisco Health Network Primary Care behavioral health services and Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS). Dr. Robert stated that within Primary Care, patients with mild to moderate behavioral health issue are served; patients with higher level of need are referred to CBHS.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if this system reflects services for children and adults. Dr. Holt stated that Dr. Robert's previous response related to services for adults. He noted that Primary Care services is exploring options to better integrate other mental health programs for youth, into its service spectrum.

Commissioner Christian requested demographic data on Primary Care, behavioral health clients. Dr. Holt stated that he would send that information through Mr. Morewitz.

Commissioner Chung encouraged the inclusion of success stories in future presentations. She asked how the clinics work with patients who are not able to make in-person appointments. Dr. Holt stated that during COVID-19, telehealth services have been offered with great success. He noted that previously, primary care services were not reimbursed for telehealth behavioral services.

Commissioner Giraudo thanked all those doing this work and wished them well in filling current behavioral health vacancies.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.