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**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday January 19, 2021 2:00 p.m.**  
**Remote Meeting via Webex Event**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D , Chair  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

Excused: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2020**

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the December 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

**3) JAIL HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE**

Lisa Pratt, MD, Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked for information regarding follow-up services offered to Jail Psychiatric Services post release. Dr. Pratt stated that in jail, individual sessions, group, and when needed, hospitalization are services offered. Post release services include on-demand follow-up outpatient psychiatric services. She noted that follow-out with these outpatient services are not mandated unless they are court ordered. Tanya Mera, Director of Jail Psychiatric Services (JPS), stated that JPS attempts to connect people to the level of service they clinically need but noted that many individuals are released before a successful connection can be made. JPS works with community mental health services and HIV providers to help individuals released from jail to navigate these systems. She also noted that Adult Probation and Pretrial Diversion both do a lot to connect people released from jail to community services.

Commissioner Chung asked for information regarding co-morbidities of the JPS population. Ms. Mera stated that 80% of JPS clients have a serious substance use disorder in addition to other medical and mental health issues. She noted that a goal for all JPS clients is to link them to primary care in the community.

**4) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE CLOSURE OF JUVENILE HALL**

Farahnaz Farahmand, Ph.D, Interim Director, Children, Youth, and Families System of Care, Mona Tahsini, Director, Special Programs for Youth, and Laura Moye, Director of Interdepartmental Initiatives, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo noted that the Youth Guidance Center has been a primary source of learning disability assessments for those youths who are incarcerated. She is concerned that plans for closing the facility include strategies for ensuring that this population still has access to the timeline assessments in their community placements.

Commissioner Chung asked for the presenters to send information to Mr. Morewitz with the percentage of self-identified transgender/non-binary youths in the Youth Guidance Center

Commissioner Chung encouraged the presenters to include success stories in future presentations.

Commissioner Giraudo requested that the presenters return to the Committee when there is a draft plan for community placements when the facility closes.

**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.