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**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday January 18, 2022 2:00 p.m.**  
**Remote Meeting via Webex Event**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D , Chair  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member  
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, MD

Excused: 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 DECEMBER 21, 2021.**

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the December 21, 2021 meeting minutes.

**3) SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK PRIMARY CARE UPDATE**

Anna Robert, RN, MSN, DrPH, Director and Blake Gregory, MD, Primary Care Director of Population Health and Quality, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked the percentage of DPH primary care clinics that have integrated behavioral health services. Dr. Robert stated that behavioral health assistants help link patients to food, transportation, and equipment. Each clinic also has behavioral health clinicians for warm hand-offs or referrals for patients who screen positive on behavioral tools used by medical staff. She added that the clinics struggle with vacancies which results in medical staff providing behavioral health services. She also stated that psychiatrists are part of the clinic staffing structure too.

Commissioner Giraudo noted that she has heard from her patients that there are limited number of behavioral health appointments available at DPH clinics. Dr. Robert stated that the Primary Care team attempts to utilized staff across all clinics to meet behavioral health needs of patients. She reiterated that staff vacancies impact service delivery.

Commissioner Chung stated that she appreciates the personal stories included in the presentation because it humanizes the patients and highlights their experiences.

Commissioner Chow thanked the team for all it has done through the pandemic. He asked for possible reasons why data shows that so many Asians over the age of 50 have Vitamin D deficiencies. Dr. Robert stated that many people do not get out of work during daylight and reside in neighborhoods with safety issues that prevents them taking walks.

Commissioner Chow noted concern about the low number of Black/African American patients in Chinatown offered the COVID vaccine. Dr. Robert stated that there is not a large Black/African American patient population at that clinic.

**4) SAN FRANCISCO RETAIL TOBACCO PERMIT AND ENFORCEMENT**

Janine Young, Environmental Health Branch, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo noted that vaping is still popular with high school students and asked if there is a relevant module to offer this population. Ms. Young stated that a new Department of Justice grant funds an art contest and work study initiative to help create an anti-vaping campaign which would be placed on buses that go to schools. Commissioner Giraudo requested an update on this campaign when it is completed

Commissioner Chow asked if the FDA has approved vaping equipment. She noted that the ban in San Francisco likely led people to purchase supplies in neighboring counties that do not have a ban on vaping products. Ms. Young stated that the FDA has approved many of the products; the DPH website contains information on the FDA approved products. She noted that the next usage survey will include vaping usage data.

**5) EMERGING ISSUES**

This item was not discussed.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm.