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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday July 16, 2024 2:00 p.m. 101 Grove Street, Room 300 San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

Commissioner Karim Salgado

Excused: Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D , Chair

Commissioner Christian called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

2) <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2024 MEETING</u>

<u>Action Taken</u>: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3) RESERVE FOR ACCELERATED DISEASE RESPONSE (RADR)

Julia Janssen, RADR Medical Director, Joshua Cristantiello, RADR Program Manager, and Jennifer Banta, RADR Training Coordinator, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian thanked the presenters for their enthusiasm and creating an effective infrastructure.

Commissioner Christian noted the scarcity of funding and hopes that staff can be embedded in other DPH sections to continue this important work. Commissioner Salgado stated that she hopes funding can be found to continue this important work.

Commissioner Christian noted that digital literacy is so important. Dr. Banta stated that the group created an onboarding process because managers did not understand what is required for onboarding. There is now a video training which can be used as an onboarding template.

4) HIV HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE

Bill Blum, Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian congratulated Mr. Blum for his effective work, noting that the number of HIV cases are decreasing and viral suppression is increasing. Mr. Blum noted that when there is viral suppression with HIV, the virus cannot be transmitted.

Commissioner Christian asked how PrEP is taken. Mr. Blum stated that PrEP can be taken as a daily pill or a long-acting shot which is taken every 2 months, after an initial 2 shots in the first month.

Commissioner Christian asked for more information regarding the reasons why the women, whose data are captured on slide 8, "Epidemiological Snapshot" are mostly uninsured. Mr. Blum stated that racism and classism contribute to this situation. He noted that San Francisco has several programs focused on women with HIV to help counteract this issue.

Commissioner Salgado asked the percentage of the DPH HIV budget allocated to prevention. Mr. Blum stated that prevention funds are separate than HIV Health Service funds, which focus on treatment. Mr. Morewitz stated that HIV prevention funds generally derive from the Center for Disease Control and the state, and are managed by a different section of the DPH.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22pm.