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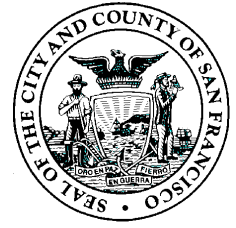
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HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday August 20, 2024 2:00 p.m.

**101 Grove Street, Room 300
San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Girauo, Ph.D , Chair
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Karim Salgado

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 JULY 16, 2024 MEETING

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3) MATERNAL, CHILD, AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Aline Armstrong, MSN, RN, PHN, MCAH Director, and Tiffany Reyes, BSN, RN, PHN, Interim CMS Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Girauo asked if there is stated funding associated with the needs assessments. She hopes there can be additional funding to increase service access and increase innovation. Ms. Armstrong stated that the DPH is advocating for funding, when possible.

Commissioner Christian thanked Ms. Armstrong for the clear and interesting presentation. She asked if additional sources of funding are sought out for programs that are adequately funded. Ms. Armstrong stated that staff look at Gaps and attempts to address disparities within the DPH budget.

Commissioner Salgado asked for more information regarding reported racism. Ms. Armstrong stated that client experience surveys are where individuals have reported racism or other types of discrimination. She added

that training staff with implicit bias trainings is needed as a response. Commissioner Giraudo thanked Ms. Armstrong for her honesty and supports educating and training staff.

Commissioner Christian stated that she assumes there are required staff trainings. She asked if the results of the needs assessments and reports of discrimination and racism get presented to staff. Ms. Armstrong stated that the DPH Office of Health Equity is helpful in regarding to responding to client reports and racially charged issues.

Commissioner Giraudo asked how effective is the counseling referral system for foster care. Ms. Reyes stated that Foster Care makes referrals to those programs; MCAH staff do not make those referrals. MCAH staff attempt to ensure continuity of care so individuals have an opportunity to develop a relationship with providers so they do not need to retell their story over and over.

Commissioner Salgado asked why is it complicated for individuals to transfer from foster care to an adult system. Ms. Reyes stated that many foster care participants had frustrating experiences in foster care and may not have established relationships with provider or have the skills to navigate the adult service system. MCAH staff attempt to help connect youth to adult services when they turn 21.

4) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (PHEPR) UPDATE

Andi Tenner, MD, MPH, FACEP, Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian thanked Dr. Tenner for the amazing work. She noted that Dr. Tenner's thoughtful and visionary management is very impressive. She asked what the coordination between the National Guard, state, and local infrastructure is. Dr. Tenner stated that PHEPR staff have worked hard for several years to break down silos between these agencies. There is a big divide between public safety and public health. She had established productive working relationships with the Coast Guard and other safety-focused organizations. Helping each entity understand what the other does helps to break down barriers.

Commissioner Christian asked which DPH street team PHEPR staff participate in. Dr. Tenner stated that PHEPR is involved in the BEST Street team. She works with Dr. Kunins and Ms. Gaeta to get resources most effectively to people who need them.

Commissioner Giraudo stated that she continues to push for a pediatric disaster coalition. She also encouraged Dr. Tenner and the public to visit disastershock.com which is a global organization around the world helping to prepare for disasters.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32pm.