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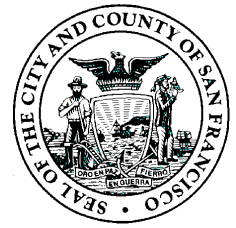
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**MINUTES**

**HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday October 15, 2024 2:00 p.m.**

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

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D , Chair  
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.  
Commissioner Karim Salgado (Arrived at 2:38pm)

The meeting was called to order at 2:08pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING**

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

**3) TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM UPDATE**

Susanna Graves, MD, MPH, Director TB Prevention & Control, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian asked why TB tests are not required annually for DPH staff. Dr. Graves stated that the CDC recommends TB testing of staff upon hire and recommends future testing only related to known exposures. She noted that staff are educated that being in enclosed spaces with someone with active TB is the highest risk of contracting TB.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if children and adolescents who have newly immigrated to the United States are routinely screened for TB. Dr. Graves stated that NEMS has identified screening of newcomers as a gap and priority; the organization applied for a federal grant to improve TB detection and treatment in this population.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if the requirement that individuals return after 2 days to get their PPD test read is an impediment for many. Dr. Graves stated that she is a proponent of using blood tests in some situations

for this reason. The blood test is accurate when people have been vaccinated in other countries. The blood test also circumvents the need for chest X-rays and future testing.

Commissioner Giraudo appreciates the case study. She asked for an update on the screening and treatment protocol Dr. Graves develop. Dr. Graves sated that the DPH published the protocol to share best practices with the industry.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if the protocol will be used in DPH clinics. Dr. Graves stated that there are discussions happening within the DPH on how best to implement the protocol within DPH clinics. They developed a bundled order to assist providers to get diagnostic and treatment regimens pre-populated in EPIC to make it easier.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if the protocol could be piloted at Chinatown Health Center. Dr. Graves stated that Chinatown Health Center has been a leader for years in TB prevention and treatment.

Commissioner Christian stated that it seems odd that annual TB testing would not be required in a housing setting. Dr. Graves stated that CDPH does not require this level of testing; however, any housing provider could implement a stricter TB screening protocol. She added that the likelihood of developing active TB is not high after someone has a baseline of PPD screening when they were hired. The DPH has generally not observed TB transmission in housing settings.

#### **4) BHS INTERNSHIP PIPELINE UPDATE**

Danyelle Marshall, Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Director, and Katy Pacino, Internship Coordinator, presented the item.

##### Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo noted that the website does not list specific information about internship work sites. Some potential interns are frustrated that they do not know where their worksites would be. Ms. Pacino stated that the website currently does list all work sites, noting that there was a period of time when this information was not listed.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if the DPH can contract outside of the organization to hire clinical supervisors. Ms. Pacino stated that the DPH is waiting for guidance from the state on how to implement funding for the clinical supervisor positions.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for an update on the opportunities listed on slide 16 at the next presentation of this topic.

Commissioner Christian asked for an explanation of the term “Multicultural Student,” listed on slide 10. Ms. Marshall, stated that people from diverse backgrounds apply for stipends. The term “Multicultural” is about the diversity of the people applying for internships and the populations they will serve. Commissioner Christian suggested that the DPH consider reaching out to Black universities to advertise the internships.

Commissioner Christian asked if high school students could be BHS interns. Ms. Pacino stated that the DPH Human Resources Department has strict rules about who can intern at the Department; high school students are not allowed to see clients.

#### **5) EMERGING ISSUES**

This item was not discussed.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was not public comment.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51pm.