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# MINUTES

# HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday October 1, 2024 2:00 p.m. 101 Grove Street, Room 300 San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex

#### 1) Call to Order

Present: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Chair

Commissioner Edward Chow, MD, Member

Excused: Commissioner Tessie Guillermo, Member

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

# 2) <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE</u> OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Action Taken: The Finance and Planning Committee members unanimously voted to approve

the minutes.

# 3) MONTHLY CONTRACTS REPORT

Michelle Ruggels, SFDPH Business Office Director, presented the item.

# **Commissioner Comments:**

Regarding the Felton Institute contract, Commissioner Chow noted concern for the fiscal stability of the vendor. Ms. Ruggels stated that the vendor is striving for more diverse funding sources but at the present, the City funds 90% of the agency's budget.

Commissioner Chung stated that she is pleased with the new programs, noting that there is evidence supporting incentive-based support.

Regarding the Dataway US contract, Commissioner Chow asked if this vendor was involved in the large data breach situation he read about in the media. Marc Upchurch, Chief Information Security Officer, stated that Dataway was not involved in that situation. He noted that the DPH has used this vendor for 7 years because of its responsiveness, understanding of the DPH work, and datasets. He noted that the vendor was chosen in a competitive bidding process and the DPH is getting good value for the work provided.

Commissioner Chung asked if the company has access to PHI. Mr. Upchurch stated that the company has limited exposure to data; they provide a cybersecurity firewall which filters data and prevents virus intrusion. It scans emails and attachments but does not retain any of the content of the information. He added that all DPH vendors must go through HIPPA and data security training. There are no none privacy/data breeches involving this vendor.

Regarding the Curry Senior Center contract, Commissioner Chow asked if the DPH is paying the vendor until the new contract is certified. Ms. Ruggels stated that the DPH is attempting to certify the new contract as quickly as possible so there is no gap in vendor payment. She added that the DPH works with vendor to amend invoices from the old contract templates so they can continue to get paid until the new contract is certified.

Regarding the HealthRight360 contract, Commissioner Chung asked for more information regarding the change in model at Acceptance place. Kellee Hom, Residential SUD Program Manager, stated that it is unclear whether the same population has transition to the new agency (from Baker Places). She added that new CalAIM requirements indicate that as long as a program is meeting the needs of a client, the client can remain in the program.

Regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Youth Center and Clinic, Commissioner Chow asked how clients know which of the programs to choose from, noting that it can be confusing for the public. Kali Cheung, Director of Transitional Age Youth System of Care, noted that this contract was meant to bring health services and capacity building, including funding an additional clinical staff member. There is one program which is funded by two sources.

Regarding the Health Services Advisory Group contract, Commissioner Chow asked how the contract term mistake was made. Ms. Ruggels stated that several DPH Business Office staff have retired in the last months and so she is unsure who made the mistake.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve October 2024 Contracts Report.

# 4) Request for approval of a new Grant Agreement with Tides Center for Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing (DISH) a project of Tides Center to create a Peer Led Overdose Prevention Educator program that focuses on reducing fatal overdoses in Permanent Supportive Housing sites in San Francisco. The total proposed agreement amount is \$4,091,846 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 08/01/2024 through 07/31/2029 (5 years).

Robertson Somuah and Rob Hoffman, DPH Overdose Prevention Contracts Managers, presented the item.

# Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked how many total hours will the peers work. Mr. Hoffman stated that each peer will work in 2 hour shifts. The peers need support and supervision from the program staff. He added that large group events occur less frequently; each cohort exists for 12 weeks. Incentives cannot exceed \$600 per year.

Commissioner Chung asked if peers can participate for more than one year. Mr. Hoffman stated that peers can repeat service for more than one year. However, the agency does not want to impeded on the individual's ability to collect public benefits so it does not fund them more than the \$600 allowance.

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that that the full Health Commission approve the grant agreement.

#### 5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

# 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

# 7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26pm.