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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday November 16, 2021 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 Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2021 MEETING

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the August 17, 2021 meeting minutes.

3) BRIDGE HIV: RESEARCH OVERVIEW-INNOVATIONS IN HIV PREVENTION

Susan Buchbinder, MD, Director, Clinical Research Director; and Hyman Scott MD MPH, Medical Director of Clinical Research, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked if there is data on the number of users for the PrEP-Mate and Dot-Diary applications. Dr. Buchbinder stated that the applications are currently only used by participants in the trial. Commissioner Giraudo suggested that collecting user data by age group may be helpful.

Commissioner Bernal noted that during the pandemic, data indicates that viral loads for Black/African American men remained the same while all other racial groups' viral suppression decreased to the baseline level of Black/African American men. This indicates a health disparity. Dr. Buchbinder noted that HIV prevention and care was prioritized as an essential service during the pandemic. She added that the team is learning that diversifying modes of care, such as teleconferencing, reaches individuals who had been difficult to reach. However, no one mode works for everyone.

Commissioner Chung asked if both transgender men and women are eligible for the PrEP 3D project. Dr. Buchbinder confirmed that eligibility includes both transgender men and women.

Commissioner Christian suggested that study participants be surveyed regarding their anecdotal experience during the pandemic, in regard to accessing care. Dr. Buchbinder noted that published data indicates that many PrEP users stopped usages or changed from a daily usage to as-needed, due to change in sexual practices during shelter-in-place.

4) HOUSING CONSERVATORSHIP UPDATE

Angelica Almeida, Ph.D, Director, Street Based and Justice Involved Behavioral Health Services, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Giraudo asked for clarification of the average age of individuals who have received 8 or more 5150 holds. Dr. Almeida stated that the average age for this group is 30 to 40 years old.

Commissioner Giraudo asked what types of professionals can place someone on a 5150 hold. Dr. Almeida stated that law enforcement and behavioral health clinicians, under the authority of the DPH BHS Director may place an individual on a 5150 hold. She added that the BOS passed legislation to enable paramedics to initiate a 5150 hold, but this has not been implemented yet. She also stated that any individual who is not a law enforcement officer must complete a DPH training in order to have authority to place someone on a 5150 hold.

Commissioner Christian asked for more information on the contact and outreach for those individuals who have been placed on 5 or more 5150 holds. Dr. Almeida stated that every individual's situation is different so there is a range of modes and types of programs and locations in which individuals may be contacted.

Commissioner Christian requested more information on the documentation necessary for housing conservation. Dr. Almeida stated that there must be documentation of at least eight 5150 holds on an individual, in addition to documentation showing that the individual has been offered and refused voluntary services.

Commissioner Chung noted the importance of the city systems of care developing trusting relationships between police and impacted communities, noting the long history of misuse of authority regarding involuntary treatment of all types. She lauded the development of the Street Crisis Response Team and noted this type of community-level intervention is most effective.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41pm.