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**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 19, 2022 2:00 p.m.**  
**Remote Meeting via Webex Event**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D , Chair  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

Excused: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

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

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2022 MEETING**

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes.

**3) 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 more information regarding the impact of the Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) on the number of 5150 holds for the client population. Dr. Almeida stated that the SCRT project is still in its pilot phase and that in general, 5% of 4,000 calls to 911 have led to 5150 holds being initiated.

Commissioner Giraudo suggested that the public needs more education on the strict criteria for conservatorship. She added that members of public expect higher numbers of people being conserved based on what people see on the streets.

Commissioner Giraudo noted concern that the DPH and City begin planning for the Governor's proposed Care Court. Dr. Almeida stated that the DPH has reviewed the draft legislation and is engaged in conversation with the state and subject matter service providers.

Commissioner Chung noted that she is hoping the San Francisco Behavioral Health Court will be a helpful model for a possible Care Court.

**4) ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT) PROGRAM UPDATE**

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

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked the status of the 25% of clients referred to the LPS conservatorship. Dr. Almeida stated that most of these individuals remain in the community with medication or additional support.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for more information regarding interventions that were not helpful with this population, resulting in referrals to conservatorship. Dr. Almeida stated that there are some situations in which an individual needs a higher level of care, which can be provided through a conservatorship.

Commissioner Chung asked if cultural differences impact the populations who seek/don't seek help through this program. Dr. Almeida stated that culturally appropriate outpatient care is provided; family members are primary sources for referral. She noted that the client population is mostly white; she added that there are some communities that may not trust the City as a mental health resource.

Commissioner Chung noted that health and racial equity are a priority of the Mayor and the DPH. She looks forward to hearing more about outreach to communities of color through this program.

Commissioner Giraudo, noting that 25% of clients were referred to LPS Conservatorship, asked for more information regarding the process to refer someone to this program. Dr. Almeida stated LPS Conservatorship criteria requires that individuals be deemed chronically gravely disabled due to mental disorders. The referral process can begin while someone is admitted to an inpatient unit from community psychiatrists. She added the petitions for LPS Conservatorship may also be filed while someone is incarcerated. The Department of Disability and Aging Services conducts an assessment of the case. She added the LPS conservators may consent for behavioral health treatment on behalf of a client; this includes involuntary medication orders. She also stated that the DPH BHS staff strive to treat individuals in the least restrictive level in the community, if possible.

Commissioner Giraudo asked with there is adequate staffing in the AOT program to deal with the number of client referrals. Dr. Almeida stated that each year the program has received a different number of referrals. BHS continues to monitor staffing levels to ensure program effectiveness.

Commissioner Giraudo requested an update as DPH BHS better understands the Care Court legislation.

**5) EMERGING ISSUES**

This item was not discussed.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01pm.