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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday September 20, 2022 2:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, 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 AUGUST 16, 2022 MEETING

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the August 16, 2022 meeting minutes.

3) CENTER ON SUBSTANCE USE AND HEALTH: CREATING BETTER OUTCOMES FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO USES SUBSTANCES

Phillip O. Coffin, MD, MIA, presented the item.

Public Comment:

A UCSF pharmacy student suggested that needle stick containers in bathrooms have insulation to protect anyone touching the container. Dr. Coffin stated that he will forward the suggestion to those who supervise the needle disposal services.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraud thanked Dr. Coffin for his impactful work and suggested that the Health Commission receive a list of studies and publications in which results were disseminated. She noted that the outcome of these important research studies is not just academic publishing but also to implement effective public health interventions.

Commissioner Giraud asked for more information regarding tools case managers were given to assist in decreases of overdoses in the SRO Overdose Prevention Project. Dr. Coffin stated that data indicated specific

SROs with the highest mortality rate due to drug overdoses. Medication interventions were used by case managers. Dr. Coffin also noted that therapy assisted overdose management in addition to medications is the most effective protocol. He also noted that COVID interrupted this project. Commissioner Giraudo stated that she is particularly interested in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy protocols that are effective in decreasing overdose rates.

Commissioner Chung is interested in behavioral and cultural shifts and asked if new dependencies on other medications like buprenorphine are created by the medicine interventions. Dr. Coffin stated that sometimes these medications are best used throughout someone's life to increase quality and length of life. He noted current federal regulations makes data collection and even use of some medication interventions difficult to better assess the long- term impacts.

Commissioner Chung asked how clinicians in these studies approach sexual orientation and sexual practices. Dr. Coffin stated that patients are asked what that perceive as benefits and harm of substance use; usually the benefits relate to sexual behavior and satisfaction.

4) REINVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE

Jonathan Fuchs, MD, MPH, Director, Center of Learning and Innovation, SFDPH, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo asked if community partners are able to access the learning portal. Dr. Fuchs stated that the learning portal was just redesigned with community collaborators so it will best serve their needs and associated learners.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for more information regarding options that have been offered regarding burnout, noted on slide 7. Dr. Fuchs stated that there is a significant vacancy rate in the Population Health Division, which impact staff stress. Positions in grants management will hopefully help expedite the hiring process for future positions in the Division.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if there is a coaching and/or mentoring program. Dr. Fuchs stated that DPH Human Resources has a career coaching program; his unit is also building out a new mentoring program so that individuals can serve as preceptors to help people outside of the Division and share recourses throughout the Department.

Commissioner Giraudo asked how staff are kept informed about these offerings. Dr. Fuchs stated that a new Communications staff members is being hired for the Center for Learning and Innovation.

Commissioner Chung asked if housing affordability is a reason people cite for moving out of the city. Dr. Fuchs stated that compensation is listed but not housing costs.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm.