



STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

11:00am – 1:00pm

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MEMBERS:

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Supervisor Connie Chan -- Ian Fregosi

Assessor's Office -- Holly Lung

City Attorney's Office -- Mary Jane Winslow

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AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item). Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 19, 2020.

III. STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item). The City's state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.

IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Discussion and Action). Discussion and possible action item: the Committee will review and discuss state legislation affecting the City and County of San Francisco. Items are listed by Department, then by bill number.

New Business

Department of Public Health

Presenter: Max Gara

1. SB 110 (Wiener): Substance use disorder services: contingency management services

Recommended Position: Sponsor

This bill seeks to address the increase in methamphetamine use and overdose deaths by expanding substance use disorder treatment options covered under Medi-Cal by requiring Medi-Cal to pay for contingency management.

Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector

Presenter: Eric Manke

2. SB 219 (McGuire) Property taxation: delinquent penalties and costs: cancellation: public health orders.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill provides county tax collectors the ability to cancel property tax-related late payment penalties or other charges for those taxpayers who have experienced financial hardship due to a shelter-in-place order. Providing statutory authority for our current circumstances, as well as any future public health emergency, is critical to provide consistent application of penalty waivers across the state and to provide taxpayers with appropriate relief.

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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Reviewed and approved by Commission?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

SB 110
Sen. Wiener; District 11, Democrat
Substance use disorder services: contingency management services

Recommended Position

- SPONSOR** **SUPPORT**
 SUPPORT if amended **OPPOSE**
 OTHER & Describe

Summary

SB 110 seeks to address the increase in methamphetamine use and overdose deaths by expanding substance use disorder treatment options covered under Medi-Cal by requiring Medi-Cal to pay for contingency management.

Background/Analysis

San Francisco is experiencing a significant rise in the number of individuals using methamphetamine, resulting in health- and social-related impacts. Between 2008 and 2019, meth overdose deaths in San Francisco have increased by 500 percent. Additionally, 50 percent of psychiatric emergency room admissions at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital are now meth-related (pre-COVID-19).

Currently, there are no FDA-approved medications for the treatment of methamphetamine use disorder, unlike with opioids where treatment options such as methadone are available. An evidence-based practice that is available to help people with meth addiction is contingency management (CM). CM is the practice of reinforcing desired behaviors through

incentives. CM can be applied in a wide range of treatment contexts for enhancing retention in treatment and decreasing drug use – for not only individuals with a primary SUD diagnosis, but also for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and a substance use disorder.

CM is currently being used by the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs, and by San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Behavioral Health Services’ community partners to treat clients.

Challenge

Currently, CM is not recognized as an evidence-based practice under Medi-Cal, and regulations prevent CM from being eligible for reimbursement under the program. These barriers limit access to Medi-Cal clients with substance use disorders to this treatment.

Solution/Recommended Proposal

SB 110 would expand substance use disorder treatment options covered under Medi-Cal, requiring Medi-Cal to pay for CM. Components of CM must include patient drug screening, incentive structure for rewards, and conducted in conjunction of other SUD services. In addition, the bill would:

- Require Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to issue guidance and

training to providers on their use of CM services

- Exclude CM from the prohibition of gifts under Medi-Cal, as specified under Section 51478 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.
- Provisions of bill would be contingent on funds allocated under the annual Budget Act, and receiving federal financial participation.

The Methamphetamine Task Force, convened in response to growing meth use in the City, identified expanding the use of CM as a key strategy to reduce the medical and social impacts of meth use on San Francisco.

In 2020, Sen. Wiener authored SB 888, which was last year's version of SB 110. The City and County of San Francisco, through the State Legislative Committee, sponsored SB 888 per the recommendation of SFDPH. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the bill was put on hold, and therefor did not make it through the 2019-2020 legislative session.

Departments Impacted & Why

San Francisco Department of Public Health would be positively impacted by the bill, which would allow for an important treatment option Meth-related SUDs to be reimbursed under Medi-Cal. Further, Medi-Cal insured clients will have access to treatment options that best fit their needs

Fiscal Impact

These changes could potentially reduce costs to the City by increasing reimbursement opportunities from the state.

Support / Opposition

Last year's version of this bill, SB 888, was supported by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco.

No opposition on file as of 1/21/2021

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Reviewed and approved by Commission?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

SB 219

Sen. McGuire, District 2, Democrat

Property taxation: delinquent penalties and costs: cancellation: public health orders

Recommended Position

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPONSOR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT if amended | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER & Describe | |

Summary

SB 219 provides county tax collectors the ability to cancel property tax-related late payment penalties or other charges for those taxpayers who have experienced financial hardship due to a shelter-in-place order. Providing statutory authority for our current circumstances, as well as any future public health emergency, is critical to provide consistent application of penalty waivers across the state and to provide taxpayers with appropriate relief.

Background/Analysis

Tax Collectors are unable to cancel property tax penalties on late remittances, based on economic hardship alone, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The immediate solution has been to seek an executive order by the Governor to allow economic hardship penalty waivers. Since this order is of limited duration, it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of San Francisco and the State of California to have this type of relief codified in statute should this, or another, pandemic continue after the expiration of the order.

All local agencies, including counties, rely on property taxes for the majority of their

general funds and make financial decisions to manage cashflow during the year based on the receipt of property taxes in December and April. Because both the timing and amount of the property tax is highly predictable, schools, counties, cities, and special districts structure their borrowing for tax and revenue anticipation notes (TRANS) and bonds accordingly. As a result, it is critical for local agencies to sustain this predictability for our financial well-being and to be able to sustain front-line response efforts and social supports during a public health emergency. Further, it is equally important for tax collectors to be able to provide consistent, accurate information to taxpayers, particularly in a time of crisis.

Challenge

Tax Collectors do not have legal authority to cancel property tax-related late payment penalties based on economic hardship alone, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Solution/Recommended Proposal

SB 219 provides county tax collectors the ability to cancel property tax-related late payment penalties or other charges for those taxpayers who have experienced financial hardship due to a shelter-in-place order.

This will provide a much-needed tool for county tax collectors to assist those who need it most during a crisis, but also maintains

important predictability of critical revenue support for local agencies.

Departments Impacted & Why

No other City and County of San Francisco department would be impacted.

Fiscal Impact

Since the implementation of Governor's executive order, the San Francisco Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector has approved 2,399 secured property tax COVID penalty waivers totaling \$3.6 million and 723 unsecured property tax COVID penalty waivers totaling \$569,377.

Support / Opposition

Support

California State Association of Counties
Urban Counties of California
Rural County Representatives of California
California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors

Opposition

No Opposition