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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday December 21, 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

Excused: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021 MEETING

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the November 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

3) FOOD INSECURITY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Paula Jones, Director of Food Security, Priti Rane, Director of Nutrition Services, and Veronica Shepard, Director, Office of Anti-Racism and Equity, Population Health Division, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Dr. Monique LeSarre, Rafiki Coalition and Wellness, called to advocate for food security because food is justice. Many Black/African American individuals suffer from food insecurity. She noted that Bayview Hunters Point does not have adequate food stores with fresh options.

Tiffany Carter, Co-Founder of SF Black Wall Street, stated that food justice is racial justice. She requested more culturally appropriate food for Black/African Americans.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo requested program access data and 2022 program goals for all of the programs that were presented. She noted that data helps tell the story of what is happening in this area right now.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for verification of whether Anthem is currently the only health plan that has committed to including food as a coverage medical benefit, noting that the San Francisco Health Plan is currently considering this benefit too.

Commissioner Chung thanked the presenters for including client stories in the presentation, noting that these help bring the human stories to these policy and program issues.

Commissioner Chung stated that it is deeply upsetting that there is so much food wasted in the City. She asked if staff have considered using a collective impact model, partnering with professional food establishments, to maximize efforts to share leftover food with those in need. Dr. Jones stated that a new law increases the amount of leftover food that will be required to be saved by commercial food establishments. She added that it is important for communities to be able to choose food options that are culturally appropriate.

4) EMERGING ISSUES

This issue was not discussed.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm.