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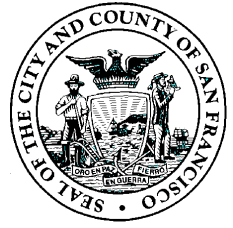
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**MINUTES**

**HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday October 17, 2023 2:00 p.m.**

**101 Grove Street, Room 300  
San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D , Chair  
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 MEETING**

Action Taken: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**3) PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY: PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF SAN FRANCISCANS**

Godfred Masinde, PhD, MBA, HCLD, Public Lab Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian thanked Dr. Masinde for the presentation; it makes her proud to be working for the City. She thanked all the Public Health Lab staff in the room. She appreciates the diversity of the team.

Commissioner Chung thanked Dr. Masinde for the very important information and requested an annual update.

Commissioner Giraud is very impressed with the work of the lab, which is essential for the City. She is impressed that there are efforts to conduct testing closer to patients, such as in jail, and asked if only DPH programs have this type of access. Dr. Masinde stated that only DPH has use of this rapid response equipment.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if there was an emergency and others needed access to lab services, how would the DPH interact with the situation. Dr. Masinde stated that the DPH has an agreement with San Mateo county for testing services they do not yet have; other MOUs could be developed with other entities as needed.

**4) INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE**

Jonathan Fuchs, MD, MPH, presented the DPH Center for Learning and Innovation update.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung stated that capacity building is so important, especially for the Getting To Zero initiative. She asked if there are impact metrics to see how other states are doing after receiving our trainings. Dr. Fuchs stated that the unit is committed to training other public health entities. In Arizona, they developed a program and have expanded their catchment areas after being trained by the Center for Learning and Innovation. In Florida, there has been a ten-fold increase in PrEP prescription after the training. Commissioner Chung noted that telling these stories is very important.

Commissioner Christian thanked Dr. Fuchs for the presentation.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for more information regarding how this unit assists other areas of the DPH. Dr. Fuchs stated that he sees the section's role as supporting other areas of the DPH in their workforce development work. For example, the section is building an online course for the Environmental Health Branch to help build their technical capacity and workforce. He added that his unit can work with local subject matter experts to develop online or in-person courses.

Commissioner Giraudo asked who has access to these courses developed by the unit. Dr. Fuchs stated that any City and County staff can access the trainings. Anyone can enroll in the SF Learn site courses.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if the workforce initiatives are realistic in scale, noting she is concerned about the unit's staff getting burned out. Dr. Fuchs stated that there is a major effort to conduct strategic planning which will help the unit focus.

**5) EMERGING ISSUES**

This item was not discussed.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16pm.