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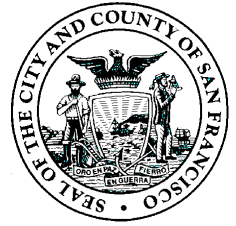
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HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday March 19, 2023 2:00 p.m.

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

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

Excused: Commissioner Suzanne Girauo, Ph.D , Chair

Commissioner Christian called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING

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

3) POPULATION HEALTH DIVISION HEPATITIS C UPDATES

Melissa Sanchez, Applied Research, Community Health Epidemiology & Surveillance Branch and Rachel Grinstein, Community Health Equity & Promotion Branch, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung noted that there is no data for transgender individuals. Ms. Grinstein stated that the DPH does not control private labs' collection of data and gender data often does not include transgender categories.

Commissioner Chung stated that some community sites cater to trans communities; is there a way to track gender data even though there is not a total dataset? Ms. Sanchez stated that depending on the site, there is more detailed risk factor and demographic data for some community sites. One of the sites is focused on trans women. She noted that local data indicates that there are not significantly higher rates among trans people tested in San Francisco even though studies have shown trans women have higher rates.

Commissioner Chung noted that American Indians seem more at risk. Ms. Grinstein stated that the DPH has been working with the Native American Health Center and they are providing rapid Hepatitis C tests in the short-term; they had stopped testing because they were not getting a lot of people in for testing and having trouble with confirmatory testing for those who do not access the clinic for primary care.

Commissioner Chung asked for more information on the percentage of the population who are unhoused and who may not have primary care providers. Ms. Grinstein stated that a large percentage of this population have no home address or use the testing site as their home address. There is no way to know how many of these individuals who tested positive are still living in San Francisco.

Commissioner Chung stated that San Francisco is one of the first cities to provide Hepatitis C treatment to uninsured people; this should be a source of pride for the Commission and DPH.

Commissioner Chung asked if private labs provide data to the DPH. Ms. Grinstein stated that data is submitted through lab reports. The DPH does EPIC chart review for San Francisco Network clients. A DPH team member has "Care Everywhere" access for individuals who are not Network clients; however, most people tested receive their care through the Network.

Director Colfax stated that Senator Weiner passed a requirement for the collection of sexual orientation and gender data. He noted that the DPH Office of Policy and Planning can look into this issue.

4) SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK PRIMARY CARE UPDATE

Blake Gregory, MD, Director of Primary Care, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung asked if primary care patients are surveyed to understand their behavioral health progress. Dr. Gregory stated that a survey is sent after services are provided; topics include bias in care and whether the individual was treated with respect. There is a Care Experience team that partners with the clinics to make improvements as needed. Commissioner Chung stated that the Commission is invested in patient health outcomes.

Commissioner Christian asked how many people access primary care without insurance coverage. Dr. Gregory stated that the San Francisco Health Network works with individuals to get signed up to Medi-Cal or Healthy San Francisco.

Commissioner Christian noted that it is exciting to see data used with providers so they can better understand how their performance fits in. Dr. Gregory stated that providers are encouraged to use this data to help create performance goals. The Primary Care team uses direct emails to all providers so everyone feels part of the team.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.