Summary/Action Minutes

I. Update on Affordable Care Act Enrollment

Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on enrollment for the Affordable Care Act. The presentation included:

- 1st week of March received 2500 applications for any benefit and will remain open until March 31, 2014
- In person application at Social Services Agencies – through the 1st week of March – 4,500 applications
- Low Income Health Program – 43,000 enrolled and will be transferred into Medi-Cal
- Processing 32,000 applications from Covered California to enroll in Medi-Cal

Some of the challenges include delays in the States’ policies, decisions and direction, in addition to technical difficulties. The Social Services Agency’s successes with the enrollment process include: continued focus on children with Health Families transition, outreach at community forums and websites, on-going communication with unions and workforce.

Speaker
Njeri McGee-Tyner, Alameda Health Consortium, thanked the Social Services Agency for their support in the enrollment for the Affordable Care Act.

Purpose:
☑ Report progress
☐ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
☐ Other:

II. Update on the Health Care Services Agency’s Executive Team Reorganization – continued to April 14, 2014

III. Proposed E-Cigarette Ordinance

Dr. Muntu Davis, Alameda County Public Health Officer, presented introductory comments regarding the proposed E-Cigarette Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would amend the ordinances related to tobacco product regulations to include electronic smoking devices. The ordinance is aligned with tobacco use and sales restrictions.
Dr. Phillip Gardiner of the Tobacco Related Disease Research Program, University of California, presented a PowerPoint presentation on electronic cigarettes. The presentation included his research on various types of electronic cigarettes and information on the ingredients used in them.

The ordinance contains laws to align e-cigarettes with tobacco usage and some sales restrictions. It defines smoking to include electronic smoking or vaping. Use restrictions include County buildings, enclosed public spaces, and places of employment in the unincorporated areas of the county. Violations of the ordinance will result in a fine.

Speakers

Dale Gieringer, Director of CalNorml, does not support the ordinance and is in favor of electronic cigarette usage without restrictions as it is not a tobacco product.

Dr. Cathy McDonald, Project Director for the Alameda County ATOD Provider Network supports the e-cigarette ordinance.

Liz Williams, Americans for Non-Smokers Rights, supports the e-cigarette ordinance.

Serena Chen, American Lung Association, supports the e-cigarette ordinance.

Brittni Chiguata, American Heart Association, supports the e-cigarette ordinance.

Linda Pratt supports the e-cigarette ordinance.

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Recommendation from the Health Committee: Move the proposed E-Cigarette Ordinance to the full Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.