Summary/Action Minutes

I. Electronic Consults Link Primary Care Providers and Specialists

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Ghassan Jamaleddine, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Alameda Health System and Laura Miller, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Community Health Center Network presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Electronic Consults Link to Primary Care Providers and Specialists.

Electronic Consult is an informal peer-to-peer discussion with specialists in order to improve patient care and outcomes. Primary care providers submit consultation requests to a specialist, getting advice to improve care.

Electronic Consult will reduce appointment wait times and provide quicker access to care in addition to improve provider capacity and specialty expertise. It is believed that it will eliminate unnecessary referrals from the queue and send better worked-up patients to specialists. It will also reinforce relationships between Alameda Health System (AHS) and Community Health Center Network (CHCN) health centers.

Next Steps
- Bring on additional specialists from AHS
- Develop a faster and better specialty referral system for in-person referrals and e-consult
- Continue to build stronger ties between AHS and community health centers to improve access to and continuity of care

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

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Public Health Laboratory

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Erica Pan, MD, MPH, FAAP, Deputy Health Officer and Director, Public Health Department, Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention (DCDCP) and Mark W. Pandori, PhD, Director of Public Health Laboratory Services, Public Health Department, Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention presented a PowerPoint presentation on the services of the Public Health Laboratory.
The Alameda County Public Health Laboratory is a human diagnostic and environmental testing laboratory with 11 staff members, including 7 licensed Public Health Microbiologists. The Public Health Laboratory is part of a statewide network of thirty-three (33) public health laboratories across California.

As of December 2014, the laboratory has been located at Peralta Oaks, next to the Oakland Zoo, which is a 13,000 square foot building that includes the Coroner and the Criminalistics Laboratory.

The Public Health Laboratory is certified by the Federal Government as a human diagnostic laboratory, certified by the State of California as a Public Health Laboratory and certified by the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program, State of California.

The Public Health Laboratory provides services to hospitals and community organizations for TB and fungi diagnostic testing and also STD and HIV testing.

The total appropriations for the Public Health Laboratory for fiscal year 2016/17 totaled $2,450,384. Income from billing for lab services totaled $449,003, income from projects totaled $285,184 with the net count cost of $1,291,462.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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