ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
HEALTH COMMITTEE

Monday, September 10, 2018
9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Wilma Chan, Chair
Supervisor Keith Carson, excused

Location: County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Room 255, 2nd floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Alameda Health System Board of Trustee Candidate Interviews

Attachment

Dr. Mark J. Finch, Infectious Disease (ID) Physician Specialist & Healthcare Consultant, expressed his interest in the Alameda Health System Board of Trustee position.

Dr. Finch has lived Alameda County since 1971 and has 21 years of experience in executive leadership. Dr. Finch has practiced in the last 8 years in a primary and infectious disease practice and 5 years in epidemiology. Dr. Finch returned to the practice of health care to serve underserved populations at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward. Dr. Finch explained that health care is a very fragmented system, causing it to be counterproductive and expensive. He proposed to defragment health care systems through member education, benefit design, and restructuring of provider/payer relationships. In addition, there needs to be data systems to support policies and processes.

Ross Peterson, former Senior Vice President Development, Telecare Corporation (Retired), expressed his interest in the Alameda Health System Board of Trustee position. Mr. Peterson is a 45 year resident of Alameda County with a strong passion to give back to the community and work in areas with vulnerable populations. Mr. Peterson previously worked in Alameda County with the Auditor’s Office, Health Care Services Agency, Behavioral Health Care Services in mainly senior management positions, with provider contracting, Medicare and Medi-Cal systems and government relations. Mr. Peterson retired from TeleCare in 2016, after 35 years, in which he oversaw new and expanded program development, marketing and customer relations efforts. He is actively involved in local and statewide organizations in the mental health field and is also a member of the Alameda County Civil Service Commission. AHS is something he has a passion for with the challenging time for health care and the Affordable Care Act. He expressed that he could bring some clarity and add expertise in the challenging areas.

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

Supervisor Chan thanked the candidates and informed them that the Board would be making selections soon for the Alameda Health System Board of Trustee positions.

II. One-Time Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Funding Proposal

Attachment

Carol F. Burton, MSW, Interim Director, Behavioral Health Care Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the One-Time Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Funding Proposal.
The State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has released application and funding allocations for one-time Homeless and Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment monies authorized as part of the State’s 2018-19 Budget Act through SB 840. The funding is designed to provide flexible one-time funding for county activities involving individuals with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Funds are allocated among smaller and larger counties proportionately, with Alameda County having an allocation of $2.1 million of the total $50 million available.

Funds to be used for two programs:

**Wellness Wednesdays**

Mobile Teams will visit homeless encampments throughout the county on Wednesday afternoons to do on-site assessments and connect people into care. Funds shall be used to purchase four utility-sized vans to facilitate movement of Mobile Team staff to homeless encampments throughout the county. In addition, funds will be used to purchase pop-up canopies, tables, chairs, other equipment and supplies, and a shed for their storage. Vans shall be equipped with refrigeration units for vaccine storage and Wi-fi hotspots will be set up for access to health and housing computer systems.

**Assessment, Referral and Drop-In Center**

A physical space will be provided on the grounds of Santa Rita Jail for an Assessment, Referral and Drop-In Center for people with mental illness, co-occurring conditions, and substance use disorders, assisting them with immediate needs as they are released from jail. Funds will be used to purchase a Class A motor home to be parked on the property of Santa Rita Jail for an Assessment, Referral and Drop-In Center. The Center will operate between 11pm and 7am, with expansion to daytime hours after a pilot period, in order to mitigate risk for individuals being released during those hours. The motor home will undergo conversion to include: exam and counseling room(s), comfortable, safe sitting area with television, kitchenette, ADA-compliant bathroom facilities and telephone and terminal for internet services, with charging stations.

The Drop-in Center will provide a safe, comfortable, non-threatening, temporary stopover as next options are considered, and will provide assistance/connection with locating both immediate and long-term housing, medication, brief counseling and crisis counseling and referrals to further mental health and/or substance use services.

**Partnerships**

Partnerships will be formed to provide comprehensive services such as medical and preventive care, enrollment in Social Security and Medi-Cal, and to facilitate obtaining government-issued ID cards required for access to housing and other services. Potential partners with BHCS include Health Care Services Agency, Sheriff’s Office, Probation Department, Social Services Agency, General Services Agency, and Whole Person Care (AC3).

**Next Steps**

Board of Supervisors has approved an authorization for BHCS to submit a Letter of Interest to participate in Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Allocation in FY 18-19. BHCS is in the process of initiating conversations with potential partners. Once the funds are awarded, BHCS will submit a Board letter to accept the funds and work with County partners to establish logistics. All funds must be encumbered or expended no later than June 30, 2020.

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- [x] Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
- [ ] Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.
III. Status Report on Pop-Up Restaurants

Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency reported on the status of Pop-Up Restaurants in Alameda County.

There is no single definition or model for a pop-up restaurant. The common feature is that they are a temporary food operation. The term pop-up is used loosely for a variety of food service activities, such as food prepared on site or prepared food brought in from other places to be sold. There are avenues to obtain temporary food permits in many of these situations, such as food booths at farmers markets, community events and food trucks. The food movement continues to evolve and more quickly than state food and safety law. The recent enforcement action was an example of a model that is not specifically identified within the law: a temporary unpermitted business operating within an already permitted and established business.

Food Safety Law is state law enforced by local jurisdictions. The Statewide California Retail Food Code, commonly referred to as CalCode governs food safety and is enforced by the County’s Environmental Health Department. CalCode protects the public’s health by establishing a uniform statewide health and sanitation standard for retail food facilities to ensure that the food and the people who purchase it are safe in their consumption. CalCode does not specifically identify or define pop-up restaurants, and local jurisdictions have handled pop-ups differently. The County’s purpose is to protect the public’s health and to do so in a way that is responsive to the changing food environment.

The Environmental Health Department is in the process of reviewing enforcement policies specific to pop-up restaurants, the law and other jurisdictions response to pop-up restaurants. The Department will draft guidelines and or procedures that will address a temporary food business that is operating within an already permitted food facility. The Departments efforts will be focused on compliance with health and safety standards that already apply to permitted food facilities.

The Environmental Health Department does not anticipate shutting down pop-up restaurants that are otherwise in compliance with the food facility permit at their host location. The Health Care Services Agency will report back to the Health Committee with a proposal for a Pop-Up Restaurant Program and timeline for implementation.

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None.

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