Summary/Action Minutes

I. Sharing Data for Whole Person Care

Kathleen Clanon, M.D., Medical Director, Health Care Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Sharing Data for Whole Person Care.

Physicians serving low-income communities believe social needs are as important to address as medical conditions. Information about shared clients between providers is now transmitted by hand-carried documents, by fax, by two-way sharing, or (often) not at all.

The Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE)/Community Health Record (CHR) is a state endorsed and funded program. November 2015 Whole Person Care Proposal* funded. State endorses Data Sharing system as part of funded program.

In August 2017 the Data Sharing Workgroup formed to develop a Data Sharing Agreement and Policies and Procedures. In December 2017, a Technical Work Group was formed to develop system specs. In March 2018 an RFP was released and bidders’ conferences were held to include thirty-eight (38) vendors. In May 2018 there were nine (9) bid responses received. The Review Committee comprised of HCSA, ITD, Alliance, and AHS Info Systems leaders assembled.

The County’s vision is that the Social Health Information Exchange /Community Health Record will stitch together multiple, incomplete, disconnected, siloed electronic health and service records to display a more complete, whole person view with one central access point.

State and Federal laws already allow health care organizations to share health information to treat patients, obtain payment, and run their operations. Universal authorization may generically cover sharing of health and social service information (e.g., housing status, food/work assistance, legal services). Client information is protected through user authentications that govern who can see what. All access is monitored to further ensure client privacy protection. However, it’s important to recognize that the consumer must authorize (opt-in) to share sensitive information such as substance use disorder, HIV status results, and mental health information. All exchange participants are governed under a universal data sharing agreement.

Purpose:

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

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

Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency and Ron Browder, Director, Environmental Health Department, Health Care Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Status of Pop Up Restaurants.

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health is charged with enforcing state food safety law. The California Retail Food Code governs retail food safety. The Legislature finds and declares that the public health interest requires that there be uniform statewide health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities.

Unpermitted temporary food operations have emerged as a result of the recent food movement. The concept of the “Pop-Up” is not provided for in Cal Code, as each food operation proposed must first be reviewed, approved and permitted by the local Environmental Health jurisdiction. New food service concepts and ideas require a regulatory response to ensure food safety and the public’s health.

In Alameda County, Pop-ups will be allowed to operate within permitted food facilities. Permitted food facilities may serve as “host facilities” for pop-up operations. The local pop-up program will be operative by December 2018.

Pop Up Program Operational Requirements

Evaluation of permitted restaurant (Host Facility) by ACDEH to confirm its capacity to produce the temporary food service menu in a safe and sanitary manner.
Food safety certification (must have at least one certified staff).
Identification of the Person in Charge.
Access to facility fixtures for handwashing, food prep, ware washing, and janitorial sinks.
Clean and sanitary food prep areas.
Restrooms, storage room, refuse facilities.
If alcohol is to be served, must be conducted by ABC license holder.
A “Notification to Proceed” for a “Temporary Food Service Operation” will be issued once all requirements are complete and verified.

Legislative Changes

New Cal Code changes in AB 2524, AB 2178, and AB 626 will:
- Provide more clarity and flexibility
- Allow local jurisdictions to permit new food service concepts that are safe and sanitary
- Become effective January 2019
The Environmental Health Department will be reviewing these Cal Code changes and will meet with stakeholders – including food service operators, cities, county agencies, and others – to develop procedures responsive to the new laws.

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☐ Other:

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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