Summary/Action Minutes

I. Alameda Health System Board of Trustee Candidate Interviews

Dr. Noha Aboelata, Chief Executive Officer, Roots Community Health Center, expressed her interest in the Alameda Health System Board of Trustee position.

Dr. Aboelata founded the Roots Community Health Center 10 years ago, and has grown it into a safety net clinic for the community. Alameda Health System’s vision to eliminate health disparities and to ensure overall community health and wellness is something that she is very committed to. Somethings to look at include black infant mortality rate and disparities in care for mentally ill persons, and these are issues she would like to advocate for. Roots has been successful in improving health outcomes for marginalized persons. Dr. Aboelata feels that she can meet the time commitment that will be required as a Trustee.

Conflict of interest
Roots is a community provider that has partnerships with Alameda Health System and Dr. Aboelata also serves on the Alameda Alliance Board of Governors. She has spoken with the Selection Committee regarding proposed conflicts of interests and was informed that these issues have been vetted through counsel. If selected, Dr. Aboelata would like to have a more robust conflict of interest policy.

Dr. Mark J. Finch and Mr. Ross Peterson were unable to attend the meeting.

Speaker

Joe DeVries, Board of Trustee member, Alameda Health System, stated that the Board of Trustee ad hoc committee has had an opportunity to meet with Dr. Aboelata and Dr. Mark Finch, for the Board of Trustee positions. The ad hoc committee has not had an opportunity to meet with candidate Ross Peterson. Mr. DeVries suggested that the Committee make a decision after the Board recess to allow an opportunity to meet the additional candidates.

Purpose:

- [ ] Report progress
- [ ] Advocacy or Education
- [x] Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
- [ ] Other:

Recommendation from Health Committee: The Health Committee will schedule another meeting to meet with Dr. Mark Finch and Mr. Ross Peterson.
II. Update on Status of Lead-based Paint Negotiations in California State Legislature

Attachment

Larry Brooks, Healthy Homes Director, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on an Update on the Status of Lead-based Paint Negotiations in the California State Legislature.

The Health Homes Department was established in 1991 to provide services to prevent lead poisoning and to promote health and safety in the home. It is funded by a $10 assessment fee on pre-1978 built homes and governed by a Joint Powers Authority. The Healthy Homes Department also helps to remediate lead hazards in income eligible homes.

In 2000, the Board of Supervisors authorized Alameda County to join Santa Clara County in a nuisance abatement action to compel multiple paint defendants to abate or pay the cost of abatement to remove lead from paint structures. In 2013 a $1.15 billion judgment in favor of the counties and cities was issued but appealed. In 2017 the Appeals Court with some modifications, upheld the court’s decision ordering the paint manufacturers to clean up the paint inside older homes. The paint companies tried to skirt this decision through a ballot measure which was withdrawn pending negotiations between the paint companies and state legislature.

Priority Recommendations from Health Homes Department

The Healthy Homes Department currently only has one nurse providing the case management for children with high blood lead levels. Additional nursing staff is needed. Also the Department would like to have more trainings for the EPA Lead Safety Training also known as the Renovation, Repair, Painting Rule training.
This will prevent children from being exposed to lead when renovations occur. In addition, the department would like more flexibility to work with property owners to completely abate lead in their home. Current funding limits who the department can work with and what can be abated.

In addition the Health Homes Department recommends that the State require contractors to be Lead Safe (RRP) certified when obtaining their contractors’ license, require Building Inspectors to require RRP certification when applying for permits and make it mandatory to test all residential rental properties in target neighborhoods.

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Recommendation from the Health Committee: The Board of Supervisors will write a letter to the State Legislature to request 11% of the funds (approximately $2billion) from the Lead-Based Paint judgement.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

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