



MINUTES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND
ALAMEDA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 2, 2020

Attendees: Mayor Marilyn Ezzy-Ashcraft, City Council Member Jim Oddie, Fire Chief Edmond Rodriguez, AHS COO Luis Fonseca, District Board President Michael Williams, District Board Member Robert Deutsch, MD, City Manager Eric Levitt, Deborah E. Stebbins, District Executive Director, Human Resources Director Nancy Bronstein, Deputy Fire Chief Ricci Zombeck, ???? Patel, P.I.O. Sarah Henry

1. Call to Order/General Introduction

Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft convened the meeting at 4:02 p.m. She asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

2. Oral Communication Non-Agenda (Public Comment). There were no public comments.

3. City/District Issues

3-A Keeping Alameda Hospital Open/Alameda Hospital Seismic Upgrade Update

Jim Oddie – in midst of Coronavirus need for healthcare and facilities.

Luis Fonseca provided written update (attached) on SB90 Seismic and Kitchen Relocation Project Update and will provide a quarterly update to District Board. Phase 1 of construction is on target with schedule to be completed October 2021. The project is fully funded and moving forward. Construction does not impact the Emergency Room. Luis to coordinate tour of construction for committee members with the Mayor.

3-B How is Alameda Hospital Prepared for Coronavirus Outbreak

Luis Fonseca provided written memorandum (attached) regarding Coronavirus Update #2 Screening Patients dated January 27, 2020. Regular calls with Hospital Association and CDC. Continue to keep staff informed with regular updates currently on #7. Provide link to website with updates for staff and hospital leaders. Alameda County has 7 potential Coronavirus cases under investigation, 4 ruled out, 2 r/o but sick with flu like symptoms and 1 waiting on results. CDC is managing the test kits. Tests are sent out for processing to regional labs, turnaround is taking several days. Tests are validated by the CDC and patient is then quarantined.

General discussion on the Coronavirus continued amongst committee members to include:

Stebbins – Press conference indicated 1M test kits to be issued.

Sarah Henry – Contacting the County to see how it works? Is there a questionnaire on travel? Symptoms? Testing based on information provided and doctor to draw conclusion on who is to be tested then sent to regional lab.

Eric Levitt – Tested 7 but non presumptive. If positive/presumptive positive is there a 2nd test to confirm?

Luis Fonseca unsure if 2nd test to validate...to follow up, working with reference labs

Stebbins- Important to protect skilled nursing facilities, vulnerable populations.

Mayor – How many assisted living facilities do we have in the City?

Zombeck – We're in and out on a regular basis, working with SNIFFs to work with clients through the Community Paramedicine Program.

Sarah – City Website updated to include links and COVID-19 alerts, to update social media.

Zombeck – The Virtual EOC has been open since Friday (2/28). Essential managers have access and can communicate and share information.

Oddie – Who would declare State of Emergency? Primary factor to eligible for monies. We can call an emergency meeting to declare. Alameda County declared emergency today.

Stebbins – what is the City's perspective..ie Kirkland Firefighters, 25 quarantined. What if we lost a quarter of our staff? Rodriguez indicated that the Department is taking precautions and providing updates to staff. Staff is wearing face masks and gloves at skilled nursing facilities. Mayor asked if canceling time off, Rodriguez said handling on a case by case basis. If we lose 40% of staff we will need to request Mutual Aid.

Mayor – the homeless don't practice the best hygiene, what to do with them?

3-C Community Paramedicine Update

Zombeck - Community Paramedicine Program currently has 1 Comm. Paramedic on a Full Time basis. Quarterly Report had 89 interactions on behalf of 7 patients. This included calls on behalf of the clients, a heavy workload per patient consists of reviewing medications, assist with doctor's appointments and meeting with clients. Working on other opportunities when the Pilot Program funding ends this year, pending new legislation enactment.

Department has idea of potentially partnering with local skilled nursing facilities, prospect to do some training or work with those that are discharged to avoid slip and falls.

Alameda Hospital can be an extension to the program, develop a legal scope of practice and contract to provide services once the program is in place and can charge for services. Love the opportunity to serve more patients from the hospital.

Mayor – Last year's AB1544 failed, the scope of practice requires statute change. There is opposition from the California Nurses Association. Governor Newsom to sign if it makes it to his desk.

Debbie – the county does amazing work with screening, explore for future funding.

Mayor – It's hard to see just driving down the street but Oakland is chipping away at its homeless problem. The Nation as a whole has cut homeless veterans in half. The chronic homeless refuse services, met at the League of California Cities and discussed what to do with those that refuse and exercise their civil liberties. If the Governor wants to make a priority he will include in the budget. Told Skinner that we need sustainable revenue to assist with the homeless. People are homeless for many reasons ie. high rents and deposits.

3-D Discussion of 2020 Meetings and Agenda Items

Stebbins – To come up with Quarterly Calendar and then share to committee, next meeting in early June, will we still be dealing with the Coronavirus in June?

Mayor - Standing 3rd Thursday makes it easier to work with calendars.

Items for next Agenda to include Coronavirus update, 2030 Seismic Standards, CP Program and Alameda Hospital Seismic Project Update.

Deutsch - added that right now doctors on the island are Alameda Hospital Employees, no contracted doctors. People without insurance can't see physicians and will have to go off the island. Facility contracted with health plans but not specialties.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. City and District staff will confer to set a date for the next Subcommittee meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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City of Alameda Health Care District