

MINUTES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALAMEDA  
HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 4:30 pm

ATTENDEES:

City: Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, Interim City Manager Rudat, Acting Assistant City Manager Woolridge, and Chief Rodriguez; Health Care District: Board President Michael Williams, District Executive Director Stebbins and Chief Operating Officer Fonseca.

1. Call to Order/General Introductions
2. Oral Communication Non-Agenda

None.

3. City/District Issues

- 3-A. Approval of the Minutes of the July 9, 2018 Meeting

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2018 as submitted.

- 3-B. District Updates

Mike Williams reported that the District has been conducting a strategic plan with a focus on studying projected health care needs and demand for services in Alameda especially after 2030. He noted that Alameda Health System is obligated by the Joint Powers Agreement signed in 2014 to bring Alameda Hospital into seismic compliance under the 2020 requirements. However, the requirements for 2030 and beyond are not the responsibility of AHS. The two parties are required to begin discussions of the plans for 2030 in 2020. The District Strategic planning effort has been to prepare for those discussions.

Mr. Fonseca provided several updates on operations at Alameda Hospital:

5150 Transports:

Mr. Fonseca reported that the County has approved both Alameda Hospital and San Leandro hospitals be receiving hospitals for 5150's. To support this, AHS has set up additional direct on-site staff in the Emergency Departments, established telepsychiatry back-up for both Departments and established rotating psychiatric coverage at the two hospitals. Some appropriate safety modifications of the physical plants has been put in place and staff have been trained on utilizing the Columbia suicide risk scales for patients.

There was some discussion of whether the County is indeed authorizing direct transports of potential 5150 patients to the two hospitals. Chief Rodriguez was under the impression that EMS could not make such direct transports.

Mr. Fonseca indicated he would clarify this topic with the County EMS system.

### 3-C. Alameda Health System Update on Seismic Retrofit Project

#### SB 90 Seismic Compliance:

Mr. Fonseca reported that work continues at Alameda Hospital to comply with SB 90 requirements, for which the deadline has now been extended by the State to 2022. Two make ready projects involving moving departments to make way for construction have been planned. Most all approvals have been received from OSHPD.

AHS has contracted with Webcor contractors to submit a maximum guaranteed price for the project by March at which time it is projected that the AHS Board should approve the project with construction estimated to start in June 2019. Construction is expected to last one year.

AHS is putting together a community relations team to collaborate with the City and neighbors on the impact of the project. Webcor will be required contractually to set a materials staging area and off-site parking for construction workers to mitigate impact on the neighbors. The Mayor emphasized the importance of keeping City staff informed so they could be responsive to neighbor inquiries. Several parking alternatives were suggested including South Shore, Lum School, the old Big-O tires site and Crown Beach parking.

### 3-D. New Medical Director for Alameda Fire Department

Chief Rodriguez reported that the Alameda Fire Department has selected Dr. Melody Glenn to serve the Medical Director for the Department. Dr. Glenn who also Director of the Alameda Hospital ED, will be responsible for assisting in quality improvement and approving departmental policies and procedures.

### 3-E. Community Paramedic Update

Chief Rodriguez noted that Governor Brown did not sign the legislation which would have allowed the community paramedic program to continue. Funding had previously been provided in three parts respectively from the City, the County EMS Agency and AHS. While there is bridge funding which will allow the program to continue until February 2020, new legislation will be required for the program to continue permanently. The Mayor appealed to AHS to increase its funding in the future. Mr. Fonseca indicated that he would need to raise this issue with the AHS CEO Delvecchio Finley. He indicated he would report back at the next meeting. Chief Rodriguez reported the focus

of the program has shifted from facilitation of discharges and readmission prevention to the homeless.

#### 4. New Business

Debi Stebbins indicated she would collaborate with Michelle from the City about a date for the next meeting, ideally in May.

#### 3-F. Calyx Health

The Mayor inquired about a new medical practice that had opened at South Shore called Marina Wellness which targeted serving Medicare patients. The clinic is not staffed full time and the physicians who have opened the program are not affiliated with Alameda Hospital. She raised concerns about the impact on continuity of care for the patients; however, the program has no association with the Hospital or AHS.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Stebbins  
District Executive Director