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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner James Illig
Commissioner Margine Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez
Commissioner Catherine Waters

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2012.

Action Taken: The minutes of the February 212012 Health Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara A. Garcia, Director of Health, presented the report which is a current overview of the state of public health in San Francisco. The full report can be viewed at:

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Tenderloin Health Transition

In January, the Commissioners will recall that Tenderloin Health (TLH) announced they were discontinuing operations due to continued funding challenges of the agency. On Friday, March 2, 2012, after three months of negotiations, we were able to formally and publically announce the names of the agencies who will assume the services previously offered by TLH. I am confident that we have entered into agreements with excellent providers who will provide a continuity of care for the patients and continue the important work begun by TLH. A copy of the press release is attached to this report.

Sebelius Announces Next Stage for Providers Adopting Electronic Health Records

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has announced the next steps for providers who are using electronic health record (EHR) technology and receiving incentive payments from Medicare and Medicaid. These proposed rules, from the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), will govern stage 2 of the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs.

The Department of Public Health is currently in the process of implementing Certified EMR systems from Siemens Corporation at San Francisco General Hospital and eClinicalWorks in Ambulatory Care clinics. It is anticipated that the contracted vendors will be fully compliant with the Meaningful Use Stage Two requirements as they are now defined, and anticipated Stage Three requirements in the future.

CDC Grant for HIV

I am pleased to report that Population Health and Prevention will receive a competitive, \$1.9 million annual CDC grant. *Augmenting High-Impact Prevention* (A-HIP) will strengthen the Department's current prevention, care, and treatment efforts with innovative strategies to more effectively reach populations disproportionately affected by HIV and other infectious diseases. The focus of the grant is on using technology to increase routine testing and engagement in care. A-HIP will expand fundamental core public health activities using a continuous quality improvement (CQI) approach. Funding will be renewed annually for up to 4 years.

March is Colorectal Cancer Screening Month

March is Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Awareness month many of the patients, age 50 and older, who get their care at the Department of Public Health's primary care clinics have been targeted for special attention via phone calls and mailed flyers, recommending that they come in for a colorectal cancer screening test.

The Department of Public Health Primary Care Quality Improvement Committee has developed a proactive approach to patient screening and preventive care. Rather than waiting for a patient to decide it's time to come in for screening or help with disease management, the medical and support staff contact patients to remind them to come in for services. This approach has been especially effective among the uninsured population, who are under-screened for many diseases, including colorectal cancer.

Chronic Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C Infection Surveillance Report

I'm pleased to announce the publication of the 2010 SFDPH Chronic Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Infection Surveillance Report, produced by the staff in the Communicable Disease Control & Prevention Section who maintain the Chronic Viral Hepatitis Registry (both HBV and HCV). You can find the full report at <http://www.sfcdcp.org/publications.html>.

Laguna Honda Discharge Fair Draws Large Number of Residents

Laguna Honda residents filled the hospital's Kanaley Community Center on February 23 for the second annual discharge fair. Over a dozen organizations participated in the event, setting up an excellent networking arena for residents, families and caregivers.

The hospital sponsored the first discharge fair in October, 2011. The fairs are organized by the Laguna Honda Social Services Department and are part of the hospital's Community Integration Campaign. Since 2005, over 1,200 residents have moved from the hospital to community placements, 70% to independent living.

International Delegation Visits LHH

A delegation of Finnish health care professionals visiting the United States to learn about innovations in service delivery spent an afternoon at Laguna Honda in February to get a first-hand look at an interdisciplinary model of long term care in the public sector.

Neighbors Join in SFGH Rebuild Community Meeting

SFGH Rebuild leadership welcomed neighbors, patients, staff and local business owners to the February 28th community meeting. Project leaders updated those attending about the hospital's construction status, answered questions and received feedback. Of special interest at the meeting was a presentation of the healing environment which will feature private patient rooms designed to reduce patient falls and encourage family visits, more comfortable waiting rooms and a roof-top therapy garden for patients, staff and visitors. The project recently began going vertical with steel construction. SFGH plans to hold a public celebration to mark the completion of this important milestone with a steel beam signing in coming months.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow asked if the new regulations regarding stage two of the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs will cause any delays in reimbursement. Ms. Chawla stated that the 3/20 IT update presentation will cover this issue.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

David Maddoff, resident of the hotel at 149 Mason Street, stated that desk clerks are taking bribes from people who come into the hotel and prey on residents. He stated that tenant recently hung himself due these issues and asked for assistance.

Mark, resident of the hotel at 149 Mason Street, stated that management refuses to deal appropriately with safety issues. He also stated the management took advantage of him regarding a deal to store his belongings. He asked the Commissioner for assistance.

Terry Thompson stated that the noise at Laguna Honda Hospital continues to be a significant problem for the residents living in the area. He read the following passage from the LHH environmental impact report from 2/2011, "The proposed project would include mechanical equipment, such as air conditioning units and chillers which could produce operational noise. These operations would be subject to the San Francisco Noise Ordinance...would limit noise from building operations and substantial increases in ambient noise levels due to building equipment noise would not be expected. "

5) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner James Illig, Chair, stated that the Committee recommended that the full Commission approve the Contracts Report and new contract with the Public Health Foundation. He also stated that the DPH budget office will schedule presentations for upcoming Committee meetings on how the DPH develops the non-General Fund budget. Additionally, Commissioner Illig reported that the Committee heard an excellent presentation by Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director and Director of Policy and Planning, on the proposed Community Health Improvement Process. Her report summarized and gave timelines for the major DPH planning processes for the next few years.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

Action Taken: The March 2012 Contracts Report was unanimously approved.

Action Taken: The Request for approval of a new contract in the amount of \$126,941 with the San Francisco Public Health Foundation was unanimously approved.

7) LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Louise Renne, Board Chair, spoke to the Commission about the history and activities of the Foundation; Derek Parker, a board member, was also present. Ms. Renne stated that the Foundation was created after Prop. A was passed in expectation that fundraising would be needed to fund the furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the

new building. When the City took care of these expenses, the Foundation Board decided to continue efforts to raise funds to benefit other LHH projects. The Foundation is currently exploring the following projects: raising funds to renovate the theater and assist with finding an entity to manage it; work-out details on management of the gift shop; be ready to assist with efforts to raise funds for an ADHC or assisted living if it is determined that the older LHH buildings may be used for these types of programs.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig thanked Ms. Renne and Mr. Parker for coming to the Commission. He stated that because the Foundation is a project of Community Initiatives, a fiscal sponsor for non-profits, it is not possible to find basic financial information about the Foundation or its activities. He stated that all other gifts to the DPH are reported in an annual report. Commissioner Illig requested that the LHH Foundation submit an annual report to the Commission stating the amount of money raised and listing the projects for which funds were raised; he also asked whether Ms. Renne would consider having a Health Commissioner on the LHH Board.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that LHH is a flagship of excellence and encouraged Ms. Renne to consider how best the LHH Foundation could work with the Health Commission and DPH towards the best interest of LHH.

Commissioner Chow thanked Ms. Renne for her many contributions to LHH. He requested that an annual update be given to the Health Commission that include amounts of money raised and the projects to which the funds were spent; donor disclosure would not be necessary.

Commissioner Sako stated that she is Executive Director of a hospital foundation and understands the issues of running such an organization. She stated that she looks forward to working with Ms. Renne and the LHH Foundation Board members in the future.

Ms. Renne stated that she has intentionally refrained from having a Health Commissioner on the LHH Foundation Board in an effort to stay out of politics. However, she agreed that an annual report to the Health Commission is a practical suggestion and agreed to speak to the LHH Foundation board of directors about the request.

Public Comment:

Patrick Monette-Shaw submitted the following written public comment:

I submit a handout to you that shows Ms. Renne's Laguna Honda Foundation has probably received, at minimum, \$766,531 in public contributions (whether from individuals, or other public entities), since she formed her tax-exempt non-profit, without a binding Memorandum of Understanding with either LHH, DPH, or the City. Renne asserts today not one penny of public money was misspent, but stubbornly refuses to disclose details of her Foundation's income and expenses (as IRS rules require), itemizing spending on actual program services, versus expenses for "management and general" and "fundraising," the IRS' three major categories of indicators of non-profit organization's efficacy. Renne claims "she is very resilient to" and "doesn't think it necessary to" provide detailed annual financial reports she mischaracterizes as "lengthy." She won't even release audited financial reports. Notably, other non-profits complete and transparently release their Form 990's routinely. The Health Commission should dig deeper into Renne's Foundation finances.

8) FY 11-12 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Greg Wagner, CFO, gave the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the second quarter of FY 2011-12.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow asked if the DPH will be asking for \$49M in the supplemental budget. Mr. Wagner stated that the supplemental will contain a request for approximately \$46M; the difference is due to reductions in revenues due to closure of the Redevelopment Agency.

Commissioner Chow asked about the reduction in the Governor's budget in regard to LHH. Mr. Wagner stated that depending on the outcome of the current lawsuit on this issue, the DPH may receive \$50M back; because of the uncertainty of the issue, the DPH budget was developed without anticipating the return of these funds.

Commissioner Sako asked for clarification regarding the term, "centrally" in regard to how \$3.8M will be paid to employees impacted by job classification changes during the past years. Mr. Wagner stated that the due to provisions in labor agreements, the Controller's Office will be paying these funds. He added that the changes in these salary amounts will be added to the DPH base budget next year.

9) 2010 CENSUS DATA

Lori Cook, Senior Health Planner, gave the presentation which highlighted relevant data from the 2010 Census.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow asked how many of the 64,000 people not insured are covered under Healthy San Francisco. Tangerine Brigham, Deputy Director and Director of Healthy San Francisco, stated that approximately 45,000 are covered under Healthy San Francisco and 11,000 under the SF PATH program.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

No updates were given.

COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

This topic was not discussed.

11) CLOSED SESSION

- A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session
- B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)
- C) Closed session pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1157(a) and (b); 1157.7; Health and Safety Code Section 1461; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1

PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, BARBARA GARCIA AND HEALTH COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MARK MOREWITZ

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose issues discussed in closed session.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.