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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300 or Room 302
San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner David J. Sanchez
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee
Commissioner Catherine Waters

The meeting was called to order at 4:06pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2012.

Action Taken: The minutes of the December 4, 2012 Health Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara Garcia, Director of Health, gave the report. The full report can be viewed at:
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Whistleblower Program

The Office of the Controller's Whistleblower Program allows City employees to anonymously report fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement within the City and County of San Francisco.

For more information, or to file a complaint, visit the Whistleblower Program website at www.sfgov.org/whistleblower.

Laguna Honda Rating Rises to Four of Five Stars

The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services raised the quality rating for Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center to four of five stars. It is the second quality rating increase for Laguna Honda in two years. The hospital's ultimate goal is to attain five stars by 2014. Congratulations to Mivic Hirose, Chief Executive Administrator, and her hard working staff, for this notable achievement.

Annual Crop Report

By law, each county in the state of California has to submit an annual Agricultural Crop Report to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Board of Supervisors. While most people do not associate agriculture with a major

urban city, it is interesting to note that San Francisco produces \$731,500 worth of nursery and farm products each year. A copy of the recently-released Agricultural Crop Report (2011) for the City & County of San Francisco is attached.

Nursing Care Management in Community Oriented Primary Care

Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) is launching a new COPC care management program that will target primary care patients with poorly-controlled chronic conditions who have difficulty navigating health system resources. The services offered under the new COPC care management program will include care coordination, nursing case management, and health coaching, with the goal of helping the patients self-manage their chronic conditions.

Child Abuse Intervention Program (CAIP)

The Department of Public Health has recently been certified by the San Francisco Adult Probation Department to provide a comprehensive year-long treatment program for eligible and suitable offenders convicted of specific sections of the CA Penal Code relating to child abuse. Beginning in September, the Adult Probation Department began referring probationers to the program.

San Francisco Family Violence Council Releases Annual Report

The San Francisco Family Violence Council has just released its 3rd annual comprehensive report which describes the prevalence of family violence from multiple vantage points. Preventing child abuse, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse in San Francisco requires a deep understanding of the prevalence and characteristics of these hidden epidemics. The Family Violence Council, mandated by the Board of Supervisors, addresses family violence across the lifespan. As a member, the Department of Public Health, with key leadership from Leigh Kimberg, MD and her staff, made key contributions to this report.

Study Results Released: Managing Methamphetamine Use

The Substance Use Research Unit of the HIV Prevention Section conducted a randomized, placebo-controlled trial of aripiprazole for methamphetamine dependence. Ninety adults were enrolled and followed for three months on treatment. There was no effect on methamphetamine use or HIV-related sexual risk behaviors. Aripiprazole was a leading contender for helping to manage methamphetamine, but these results, along with other recent studies, have confirmed that this medication does not help patients to manage methamphetamine use.

Transgender Health Fair

On Wednesday, November 28th, the Department of Public Health, Community Behavioral Health Services division, sponsored the City's first Transgender Health Fair at the City of Refuge Church involving a broad cross-section of DPH staff, contractors and other community based organizations.

A Medical Respite Thanksgiving

Thanks were everywhere this year, but particularly at the San Francisco Medical Respite and Sobering Center where, for the third year in a row, Rosie Branson and volunteers from 18Reasons.org arrived at the Medical Respite unit with enough provisions, cooks and servers for the clients who reside there as well as the staff. With support from Bi-rite market, 18Reasons.org and their volunteers provided a traditional turkey dinner with all of the trimmings for over 50 people. Many thanks to these hard working community organizations and their volunteers for their generous donation of time and for their ongoing support and compassion during this holiday season.

Flu Shots Given at Project Homeless Connect

With the assistance of nursing students from San Francisco State, the Communicable Disease Prevention Unit (CDPU) administered hundreds of doses of flu vaccine to participants and volunteers at Project Homeless

Connect on October 24th and December 12th. The events were a huge success and a great opportunity to protect many people from influenza, including those at high risk for complications from the flu.

AIC Travel and Immunization Clinic Enhances Service for International Travelers

AITC Travel and Immunization Clinic at 101 Grove has introduced an important service enhancement for patients traveling internationally. Prescription medications for malaria prevention, altitude illness, and travelers' diarrhea can now be purchased and dispensed at AITC as part of the clinic visit, making AITC a one-stop shop and saving busy travelers a trip to the pharmacy. In addition to its main efforts to provide travelers with risk counseling and all recommended vaccinations, AITC already offers insect repellent, water purification, and oral rehydration products. All prices are similar to retail pharmacies.

Immunization Coalition Produces PSA with Sergio Romo

The San Francisco Immunization Coalition has produced a public service announcement featuring San Francisco Giants pitcher Sergio Romo talking preventing pertussis. You can watch the video on YouTube and we are also asking the Commissioners to please share the link with colleagues and friends to help us prevent pertussis throughout the City. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-EE56lricc>

City College Drug & Alcohol Community Advisory Board

The City College of San Francisco's Drug and Alcohol Studies Community Advisory Board hosted their first Appreciation Luncheon for community partners, students, and alumni. The program, which trains CBHS program staff in preparation for state certification through the California Association of Drug & Alcohol Educators (CAADE), honored Jo Robinson, Director of CBHS, for her many years of service on the board until her appointment as Director of CBHS. The Board also honored board member Lucy Arellano, Grievance Officer, and Drug & Alcohol Studies graduate, Walter Rich, Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor. More than 165 people attended the event.

National Recognition for Breast Cancer Work

Every year since 2001, the Avon Foundation for Women has recognized individuals, organizations and companies for leadership in women's causes. Among The Avon Foundation's 2012 honorees is Judith Luce, MD, Director of the Avon Comprehensive Breast Care Program at San Francisco General Hospital. Dr. Luce has received one of two 2012 *Global Breast Cancer Medical Advancement Champion* awards for her outstanding commitment to ensuring access to and delivery of quality breast health care for some of San Francisco's most vulnerable residents through the Avon Center's innovative program.

COPC Colorectal Cancer Screening Outreach

In October, 39 medical assistants, health workers, RNs and volunteers in Community Oriented Primary Care, lead by the Primary Care Quality Improvement Committee, conducted colorectal cancer screening at Ocean Park Health Center. This was the second of two outreach efforts held in 2012. Colorectal cancer screening rates for our primary care patients increased from 49% to 56.2%, a 14% improvement over baseline, after successful training and outreach events in March.

Board of Supervisors Recognizes Staff During Mental Health Awareness Month

Congratulations to Wanda Materre, *Client & Family Liaison*, and LaVaugh King, *Program Director of the Reducing Stigma in the South East*, who were recognized during a Board of Supervisor's hearing by Supervisor Malia Cohen on October 30th as part of Mental Health Awareness Month for the outstanding mental health work they are doing in the Southeast District 10. Both Ms. Materre and Ms. King are Certified State Trainers for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and teach a series of classes for family members who are dealing with loved ones with mental illness.

Integration Brings Staff Changes

Please join me in welcoming Lorraine Killpack, PhD, who has been appointed as the *Director of the Private Provider Network* for the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Community Behavioral Health Services, and *Deputy Privacy Officer* for DPH's Community Programs. She has been instrumental in developing and sustaining a world class neuropsychology training program at Laguna Honda. In her new role, she will have greater opportunity to create innovative programs and services at a broader level. We look forward to collaborating with her as DPH continues to integrate our delivery system.

New Chief of Psychiatry at LHH

I also invite you to join me in welcoming Yifang Qian, MD, PhD, as the incoming *Chief of Psychiatry* at Laguna Honda Hospital. Dr. Qian is a skilled clinician and administrator who will continue in her current position as Medical Director of the Behavioral Health Center in addition to assuming the Chief of Psychiatry role at Laguna Honda.

Champions and Unsung Heroes

Congratulations to Irene Hilton, DDS DPH Dental Services, who was honored by Blue Cross as an Unsung Hero at a Community Appreciation Lunch on December 7th for her service to

Finding the Good Apples in the Tenderloin

On December 3rd, the Vietnamese Youth Development Center (a project funded by DPH's Tobacco Free Project) and the Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition (TLHCSC) sponsored a successful press event titled, "Finding the Good Apples in the TL." Over 50 residents were on hand to launch efforts to increase access to healthy and fresh foods and decrease unhealthy influences like tobacco, alcohol and foods high in salt, fat and sugar in corner stores. The event showcased VYDC youth advocates' research of corner stores in the TL, their "apple ratings" map and their role in creating the coalition. Results from a coalition survey of over 650 residents showed that affordable access to fresh and healthy foods is limited and pointed to the need for healthy retail work.

Vision Y Compromiso Corazon Award

In early December, Susana Hennessey-Lavery, Tobacco Free Project staff member of Community Health Promotion and Prevention, was honored with the "Vision Y Compromiso Corazon Award" by the statewide community health worker network, Vision y Compromiso at their statewide conference attended by over 900 community health workers.

Local Partner of the Year

Derek Smith, Health Program Coordinator at the Tobacco-Free Project, was awarded the Breathe California "Local Partner of the Year" award at a special event on December 6. Derek is relatively new to the San Francisco Department of Public Health and more recently served as the Tobacco Prevention Director for San Mateo County Health System where he supported a variety of community-based projects focused on health promotion, capacity-building, and systems change to improve community wellness.

SFGH Annual Children's Winter Wonderland Holiday Party

San Francisco General Hospital threw another successful Annual Children's Winter Wonderland Holiday Party on December 13th for our pediatric patients and their families. The afternoon festivities featured two concerts put on by the George Washington High School Orchestra, Band, and Choir, a performance by the GWHS Dance Troupe, visits from the San Francisco Mobile Zoo, pictures with Santa, face painting, and arts and crafts. Health and Wellness gift bags were also distributed to the families in attendance, which included items donated by community donors, City Departments, First 5, and the DPH Environmental Health Section.

Holiday Reminder from Department of Human Resources

Micki Callahan, Director, Department of Human Resources for the City and County of San Francisco, sent along this reminder:

“As we enter the winter holiday season, the Department of Human Resources reminds City departments and employees of our obligation to respect all employees and to encourage a safe and inclusive approach to the holiday celebrations. Please be mindful of the following:

1. Departmental policies, such as the Statement of Incompatible Activities, and state and local law, place significant restrictions on the acceptance of gifts from members of the public and subordinates.
2. Public areas of the workplace should not be decorated with religious symbols.
3. Donating to charitable causes is entirely voluntary.
4. Facilities at which events are held must be accessible so that all employees can fully participate.

Dudley Perkins Annual Toy Run at SFGH

Sunday, December 9th was the Dudley Perkins 29th Annual Toy Run. Nearly 300 Harleys rode into the San Francisco General Hospital parking lot to deliver hundreds of toys for our pediatric patients. Tom Perkins has been organizing this run for 29 years and everyone—from patients to staff to visitors—have come to enjoy the spectacle of so many motorcycle clubs arriving on their Harley's and classic cars, each one bringing at least one toy to be distributed at the annual Children's Winter Wonderland Holiday Party. We are always grateful to these riders who take the time to participate in this annual event.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

DECEMBER 2012

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(11/15/2012 BUSINESS-MEC)

	12/2012	07/2012 to 06/2013
New Appointments	16	119
Reinstatements	0	1
Reappointments	41	294
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	18	106
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Administrative Suspension	0	1
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	1	1
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	13	73
Additions	26	85
Proctorship Completed	43	142

Current Statistics – as of 10/29/2012	
Active Staff	519
Courtesy Staff	509
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	239
TOTAL MEMBERS	1267

Applications in Process	63
Applications Withdrawn Month of DECEMBER 2012	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 1/2013 to 3/2013	98

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

DECEMBER, 2012

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(December 13, 2012 Medical Exec Committee)

	December	(FY 2012-2013) Month-to-Date
New Appointments	0	3
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	5	20
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	1	10
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	13
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 12/3//2012	
Active Medical Staff	35
As-Needed Medical Staff	12
External Consultant Medical Staff	46
Affiliated Professionals	6
TOTAL MEMBERS	99

Applications in Process	3
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Director Garcia stated that she attended a press conference with the Superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School district to discuss the recent school shootings in Connecticut. In addition, DPH mental health

staff were asked to provide triage services and assistance over the weekend to families who had questions or were in distress over the incident.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information on the medication dispensing program at the AITC travel and immunization clinic. Director Garcia stated that she would follow-up with this information by providing it to Mr. Morewitz to pass along to the Commissioners.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Commissioner Waters, Committee Chair, stated that the Committee heard a presentation from Jail Health which the Committee members recommend be made to the full Commission in 2013. The Committee also heard a presentation from Black Coalition on AIDS Executive Director, Perry Lang regarding the agency's path of health services provided to the general San Francisco African American community.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

This item was not discussed.

7) HEALTH COMMISSIONER VICE PRESIDENT ELECTION

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to elect Catherine Waters as Vice President.

8) DPH QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Greg Wagner, Chief Financial Officer and Jen Louie, Budget Director, gave the report.

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification on the anticipated shortfall for SFGH due to the change from fee-for-service to capitation. Recognizing that there has always been a structural short-fall, Commissioner Chow asked how the change impacts the budget. Ms. Louie stated that part of the answer is that patient fee-for-service revenues have traditionally been high and the capitated rates were low. This year, the payer mix changed; the capitated revenue has not increased at the same rate as other patient revenue streams have decreased. Director Garcia added that the DPH has hired consultants to assist in analyzing the DPH payer mix to strategize how it may be competitive in maintaining patients. Mr. Wagner stated that over a period of three or four years, the DPH budget process will need to focus on decreasing the gap of expenses and revenues to deal with structural salary related issues.

Commissioner Chung requested that future quarterly updates include information on the previous year's quarterly report.

Commissioner Waters asked if the five percent decrease in the MediCal per diem rate is identical to what is reported through the San Francisco Health Plan. Mr. Wagner stated that the State of California has been sued to reverse this decision however, a court ruling last week gave the state the right to make this cut in MediCal rates. He added that both the DPH and the San Francisco Health Plan reserved funds to deal with this issue but the use of these funds will result in less surplus funds for future budget cycles. Director Garcia stated that she and Mr. Wagner have been working with the City to assist with the DPH budget structural issues.

Commissioner Melara asked for clarification on the City's logic of mandating furloughs to save money on salaries knowing there was a need to backfill necessary positions to keep hospitals and clinics open. Mr. Wagner stated that the Unions negotiated these deals with the City which negatively impacted the DPH budget but saved the City \$60M.

Ms. Louie gave an update on the Mayor's budget instructions. The City is projecting a \$129M shortfall this year and a \$269M shortfall the next year. Each City Department has been instructed to submit a budget with a 1.5% reduction this year and a 3% reduction the following year. For the DPH these reductions will be \$6.5M this year and \$13M next year.

9) DPH FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PLANS

Jim Soos, Assistant Director Office of Policy and Planning, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Melara asked for clarification of the strategy to help children who do not qualify for MediCal. Mr. Soos stated that the Healthy Kids program in San Francisco would continue to provide services to children who are not eligible for MediCal.

Commissioner Chung asked if the DPH has analyzed whether health care settings outside of San Francisco or other progressive cities can provide appropriate HIV counseling and support. Mr. Soos stated that the DPH focuses on health issues related to residents of San Francisco.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked for more information on the DPH strategy if the Ryan White CARE Act is not reauthorized. Mr. Soos stated that if the Act is not authorized, it will likely be extended until 2014 when health care reform is fully implemented.

Commissioner Chung stated that the DPH should have a plan in place if the Ryan White Act is not reauthorized and stated that it would be incorrect to assume that all Ryan White Care Act recipients would be transitioned to programs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Director Garcia stated that the DPH will be working with both the HIV Health Services and Prevention Councils to discuss appropriate strategies. She added that Healthy San Francisco can provide primary and behavioral health services but other service categories such as case management would need to be planned out for this population.

Commissioner Chow suggested the resolution be revised to add the following text:

WHEREAS DPH's federal and state legislative priorities emphasize the need to help prepare San Francisco for implementation of federal Health Reform and to address our city's needs for resources to control infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis B and C, which disproportionately affect our population, and

Action Taken: The revised resolution was unanimously approved. (See Attachment A)

10) DPH ANNUAL REPORT

Patrick Chang, Office of Policy and Planning, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Melara thanked Mr. Chang and other DPH staff who worked on the Report for a job well done.

Commissioner Chow asked if the Supervisors and the Mayor would be receiving a color copy. Mr. Morewitz stated that he sends each of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Library color copies of the final report.

11) **OTHER BUSINESS**

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Waters reported that the SFGH JCC heard a presentation on a new pharmacy residency program along with the regular reports.

COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

12) **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

LHH Credential Report

Settlement: CCSF and California Department of Public Health

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

Action Taken: The Health Commission approved the LHH Credentials Report and voted not to disclose discussion of other items in Closed Session.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 12-14**

**APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
2013 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PLANS**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health (DPH) prioritizes engagement in State and federal policymaking and legislative advocacy through the Mayor's Office of Legislative and Government Affairs in order to ensure that changes in health policy are consistent with DPH priorities; and

WHEREAS, DPH's advocacy activities are coordinated by the Office of Policy and Planning, which, through legislative analysis; participation in local, statewide, and national coalitions; and collaboration with community partners and colleagues from other counties and health departments, reviews and analyzes health-related legislation for DPH and for the City; and

WHEREAS, DPH participates in a number of health-related national organizations and coalitions, including the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (NAPH), the American Public Health Association (APHA), the Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition, and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), among others, to ensure that DPH and the City are represented in coalition positions on federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, DPH participates in a number of health-related state organizations and coalitions, including the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC), the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA), the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CAADPAC), and the California Association of Public Hospital and Health Systems (CAPH), among others, to ensure that DPH and the City are represented in coalition positions on State legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains lobbyists in Washington, DC and Sacramento, with whom DPH staff works to ensure that health policy consistent with DPH priorities are represented in federal and State advocacy; and

WHEREAS, DPH makes recommendations to the Mayor's Office of Legislative and Government Affairs and the City's State Legislation Committee for City positions on health-related federal and State legislation; and

WHEREAS, DPH's approved Federal and State Legislative Plans reflect DPH's health policy priorities and are an important tool for the City to take positions on and advocate for health policy and legislation; and

WHEREAS DPH's federal and state legislative priorities emphasize the need to help prepare San Francisco for implementation of federal Health Reform and to address our city's needs for resources to control infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis B and C, which disproportionately affect our population, and

WHEREAS, DPH has prepared draft Federal and State Legislative Plans for 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Health Commission approves DPH's 2013 Federal and State Legislative Plans.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of December 18, 2012 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Health Commission Executive Secretary