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**MINUTES**  
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**5-YEAR BUDGET TASK FORCE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2011 4:00 p.m.**  
**101 Grove, Room 302, San Francisco, CA 94102**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Edward A. Chow, Chair  
Commissioner Margine Sako, Member  
Commissioner James M. Illig

Absent: Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D. Member

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

Commissioner Chow noted that the agenda does not contain an item to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2011. Therefore, the approval of the minutes will be delayed until the next meeting of the Subcommittee.

**3) DPH 5-YEAR BUDGET PRINCIPLES DEVELOPMENT: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT FOR THE DPH BUDGET**

*The following comments were made during a discussion of the "Department of Public Health FY2011-12 Budget Expenditures and Revenues by Division and Type:"*

Mr. Wagner stated that the DPH is effectively leveraging its General Fund as a match to earn other funds.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information on the sources of the approximate twenty million dollars in the Substance Abuse Revenue. Director Garcia stated that these funds

derive from block grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Services Administration (SAMSA).

Commissioner Chow suggested that the document be revised to include more inclusive footnotes related to the IRT payment.

Commissioner Illig asked the DPH to reconsider how the categories are broken out for budget purposes. Director Garcia said that the data can be shown in any combination that the Commissioners would find helpful.

Commissioner Illig requested a column showing the amount of unmatched General Funds for each category.

Commissioner Illig stated that, as part future budget decisions, the Commission may choose to close discreet services at SFGH or LHH and ask other local hospitals to take over these services as part of their Charity Care.

Commissioner Chow stated that it would be helpful to the DPH if the City decided to change the formula by which it asks for cuts in each budget cycle. Mr. Wagner stated that the City budget cut targets are used as a tool for discussions; the final budget cuts usually shift based on analysis of each Department's current budget issues. Director Garcia stated that the activities of this Subcommittee will hopefully be helpful in shifting future City budget reduction mandates for the DPH.

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification of where Housing and Urban Health is included in the budget. Mr. Wagner stated that they will clarify this for the next meeting.

Dr. Aragon stated that as the population of San Francisco ages, the need for services, including those offered at both SFGH and LHH, are sure to increase. Commissioner Illig stated that the other City Departments that serve seniors are not currently integrated with the DPH service structure.

Director Garcia stated that the DPH has information on SFGH Admit and Deny data that will be presented to the Subcommittee at future meetings.

*The following comments were made during the discussion of "City and County of San Francisco Summary of Service Mandates Related to Health:"*

Commissioner Chow requested that the document be revised to show whether any funds are associated for each mandate.

Commissioner Illig asked if any California counties only provide services that are mandated. Director Garcia stated that smaller counties and counties with a small population, such as Humboldt County, only provide mandated services.

*The following comments were made during the discussion of “The Public Health Accreditation Board Standards: An Overview,”*

Dr. Aragon highlighted activities that are most important in the process: Community Health Assessment; Community Health Improvement Process and Profile Profile; and Strategic Plan Development. Ms. Chawla stated that all the accreditation activities must be consistent with the 10 Essential Public Health Activities.

Commissioner Illig asked the number and kinds of staff that will be needed for the Public Health Accreditation process. Dr. Aragon stated that there will be one coordinator hired and the rest of the work will be done by existing DPH staff.

**4) EMERGING ISSUES**

This item was not discussed.

**5) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.