

**Board of Supervisors Asthma Task Force**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on July 28, 2003**  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA

Members In Attendance: MariaElena Alioto, Louise Kimbell, Barbara Conner-Andersen, Richard Castro , Diedre Epps-Miller, : Marie Hoemke, Veronica Lightfoot, Peg Strub, Deanna Rossi, Beth Saiki, \*Karen Cohn, Louise Hill, Absent Members: Carl Rose , Carolyn Noble Carla Furtado, Julie McKown, Salem Prouty, Ann Melamed, Ann Togia, Mary Higgins, Trish Bascom, Rose Toney, Jim Calonico \*Tony Anderson and Lisa Kroon.

Guests and Staff: Tirtza Rosenberg, Nancy Warren, Neil Gendel, Anne Kelsey, Jennifer Mann, Claudia Schimmer , Joel Ervice and Marie Luz Torre,  
(\* = pending appointment)

**1. Introductions, Agenda Revisions, Approval of Minutes**

There were no agenda revisions. Approval of the June minutes was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

**2. Review of Hearing**

Deanna Rossi distributed copies of the articles that appeared in the Chronicle the day of the hearing.

Deanna announced there have been many calls to receive copies of the plan.

Deanna and Nancy brought tapes of the news coverage of the hearing to be viewed.

Nancy Warren reported on a conversation she had with Sarah of Sophie Maxwell's office. She asked for more information from the Schools Committee as to how they would like to proceed. One suggestion she made was to have a resolution from the Board, then go before the Board of Education before the next meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

Sarah asked for more information regarding the portable monitors from the Environmental Committee. Supervisor Maxwell is planning to meet with the head of the Department of Environment to speak about the monitors. She went on to say this would be followed by a Task Force unless the Housing Authority is able to complete what is necessary.

Neil Gendel asked if the Housing Authority has already been given the proposal to respond to and how will the Task Force receive the response to the proposal. Nancy responded that Sarah stated the strongest response would be to have a resolution from the Board with a hearing date set for the response.

Karen Cohn suggested that she and Neil work on the details of the resolution. Also involved in the process will be Sarah, from Supervisor Maxwell's office, and several members of the Environmental Committee.

Supervisor Maxwell also wanted more information from the Clinical Committee. Specifically she would like more information regarding the continuing education and standard of care.

Barbara Conner-Anderson suggested the Clinical Committee meet directly with Sarah.

### **3. Next Steps**

Marie Hoemke asked if the committee structure still exists, or will that change now that the Strategic Plan is out.

Nancy responded that the committees still exist and that each committee will have an action plan to go forward with.

Marie Hoemke spoke about the organizations and funds which already exist and asked what the Task Force could work with and tap into.

Deanna suggested the next step should be to set up meetings of the various committees. The committees will work on very concrete action plans, taking into consideration what the current climate is, who is supporting which proposals and what needs to happen to get the next step going.

Beth Saiki stated a number of the Commissioners on the Board of Education are very interested in the Strategic Plan. She suggested that the School/Childcare Committee focus on the Board of Education. Marie Hoemke said the next step should be to meet with the individual members of the Board of Education and hand them a copy of the Plan.

Karen Cohn stated the joint meeting of the Boards of Supervisors and Education are designed to focus on issues in which they are both involved.

### **4. Committee Meetings**

The Environmental Committee will meet the second Tuesday of the month, from 2 – 4, at 1390 Market Street, Suite 210.

The School Committee will meet the first and third Tuesdays, from 4 – 6 at HERC.

The Clinical Committee will meet Monday, August 25 at 1:00.

At this time there is not an active Community Committee. Deanna asked for volunteers to chair the committee. Marie Hoemke offered to serve, but not chair. A discussion was held about who is leaving the Task Force and who with potential replacements will be. The discussion of the Community Committee is tabled until the next meeting.

## **5. New Business, Public Comment, Announcements**

Marie Hoemke announced she has been getting phone calls and requests from the Department of Public Health Nurses, as well as School District Departments, who want asthma education. Marie suggested a pool of qualified asthma educators to call on for the training. Deanna collected a list of people who would be interested. Karen Cohn commented that this would be a function of the Community Committee or a resolution from the Board of Supervisors needs to be passed to assign a department to do the training. Peg Strub commented that the training needs to be hands-on.

Marie Hoemke read a statement announcing the kickoff for the "Blow the Whistle on Asthma Walk". She is inviting the Task Force to a fund raiser luncheon, August 27, for the San Francisco/San Mateo American Lung Association. The Walk will be October 18, beginning at 8:30.

The next Asthma Task Force Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 25, 2003**, 2 to 4 p.m. at City Hall, located at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 278, San Francisco.

**Meeting Adjourned (3:00 p.m.)**