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Health Commission Elects New President

Steven Tierney, EdD, Professor and Community Advocate, to Serve in 2011

San Francisco, CA—The San Francisco Department of Public Health Commission has elected Steven Tierney, Ed.D, CAS, as its new president. Tierney is Professor of Counseling Psychology and Chair of the Community Mental Health program at the California Institute of Integral Studies. He received his doctorate from Northeastern University; and a post-graduate certificate in Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy from Boston University. He is a Certified Addiction Specialist (CAS).

Tierney was appointed to the San Francisco Health Commission in 2008 and in that role continues his efforts to increase access to comprehensive health care to all children, youth and families. Locally, he volunteers weekly as an HIV counselor at Magnet. For the past five years he has been involved in a CDC program working in Zambia to expand the system of care to more effectively deliver HIV services and conduct state-of-the art monitoring and evaluation.

Tierney serves as President of the California Mental Health Counselors Association, is the Co-Chair of the Bay Area MFT Educators Consortium. He can be contacted at stierney@ciis.edu.

The Health Commission also elected Sonia Melara, MSW, Vice President. Ms. Melara is the Executive Director of Rally Family Visitation Services of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. She serves on the part-time faculty of San Francisco State University's School of Social Work and is the founder of CommuniQue: *Management and Communications Consultants*.

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The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans.

We shall ~ Assess and research the health of the community ~ Develop and enforce health policy ~ Prevent disease and injury ~
~ Educate the public and train health care providers ~ Provide quality, comprehensive, culturally-proficient health services ~ Ensure equal access to all ~

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