

SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH COMMISSION



Seated from Left: James M. Illig, President; Sonia Melara, MSW, Vice President
Edward Chow, MD; Margine Sako; Steven Tierney, EdD; Catherine Waters, RN, PhD; David Sanchez Jr, PhD

As the governing and policy-making body of the Department of Public Health, the San Francisco Health Commission is mandated by City & County Charter to manage and control the City and County hospitals, to monitor and regulate emergency medical services, and all matters pertaining to the preservation, promotion, and protection of the lives, health and mental health of San Francisco residents. The Health Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, 4:00 p.m. in Room 300 of 101 Grove Street.

James M. Illig, President

Commissioner Illig is the Director of Government Relations for Project Open Hand and has extensive experience in San Francisco's non-profit, social service community as an executive director and program manager. He was appointed to the Health Commission in 2004. Commissioner Illig is a member of the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee, Finance Committee, and Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee (ex officio), and Vice President of the Governing Board of the In Home Supportive Services Public Authority.

Sonia Melara, MSW, Vice President

Sonia 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. Commissioner Melara is chair of the Health Commission's Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee and a member of the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee. She was appointed to the Health Commission in 2008.

Edward A. Chow, M.D.

Commissioner Chow is a practicing internist and is the Medical Director for the Chinese Community Health Plan and Executive Director of the Chinese Community Health Care Association. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Medical Quality (IMQ), a subsidiary of the California Medical Association. He is serving his fifth term on the Health Commission and is currently chair of the San Francisco General Hospital Joint Conference Committee and a member of the Health Commission Finance Committee.

Margine A. Sako

Margine Sako is the Executive Director of the St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation. She served as Mayor Willie Brown's liaison to the Department of Public Health with a focus on universal healthcare and hospital acquisition. She was appointed to the Health Commission in 2008. Commissioner Sako is the chair of the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee and a member of the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee.

David J. Sánchez, Jr., Ph.D.

Commissioner Sánchez is Professor Emeritus at University of California, San Francisco. Commissioner Sánchez is a member of the San Francisco General Hospital Joint Conference Committee and a member of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation Board. He has also served on the San Francisco Board of Education and the Community College Board, the San Francisco Police Commission, and is Trustee Emeritus of the San Francisco Foundation. He has served on the Health Commission since 1997.

Steven Tierney, Ed.D.

Steven Tierney is Professor and Program Director for the Community Mental Health Program of the California Institute of Integral Studies. He was a member of the Board of Health and Hospitals for the City of Boston for 15 years. Commissioner Tierney is chair of the Health Commission Finance Committee and a member of the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee. He was appointed to the Health Commission in 2008.

Catherine M. Waters, RN, Ph.D.

Catherine Waters is a Professor in the Department of Community Health Systems at the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing. Her community-based research focuses on preventative healthcare and advancing public/private community partnerships. Commissioner Waters is a member of the San Francisco General Hospital Joint Conference Committee and is the Health Commission representative to the San Francisco Health Plan. She was appointed to the Health Commission in 2008.

Jim Soos, Acting Commission Executive Secretary

Fiscal Year 2008- 09 Health Commission Resolutions

- Resolution - 13-08 Memorializing Clarendon Hall’s 100 Years of Service and Commending the Final Laguna Honda Staff Members to Serve There

- Resolution -14-08 Endorsing the Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Pharmacies from Selling Tobacco Products

- Resolution - 15-08 Supporting Rebuilding San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Placing a Bond Measure on the November 2008 Ballot

- Resolution - 16-08 Supporting the Goals of the San Francisco Community Benefits Partnership and Incorporating them into the Department’s Strategic Planning Principles and Framework

- Resolution -17 -08 Endorsing the Findings of the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rebuilding of St. Luke’s Hospital

- Resolution - 18-08 Approving Principles to Guide Development of Public Health’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

- Resolution - 19-08 Amending the Minimum Standards and Supporting other Modifications to the Healthcare Accountability Ordinance

- Resolution - 20-08 Determining that the Closure of the Geriatric Psychiatry Unit at California Medical Center Davies Campus will not have a Detrimental Impact on the Health Care Service of the Community

- Resolution - 21-08 Urging the Mayor to Protect Funding for Critical Programs and Services of the Department of Public Health

- Resolution - 22-08 Renaming the SFGH Child Protection Center as the Ellen L. Wolfe Child Protection Center

- Resolution - 01-09 Honoring and Acknowledging Norma Hotaling and the Ongoing Work of Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE)

- Resolution - 02-09 Resolution Acknowledging Gene Marie O’Connell’s 32 Years of Dedicated Service and Honoring Ms. O’Connell for the Contributions she Made to the City and County of San Francisco

- Resolution - 03-09 Approving the Submission of the Department of Public Health’s FY 2009-2010 Base Budget

- Resolution - 04-09 Honoring Public Health Week, April 6-10, 2009

- Resolution - 05-09 Approving Revisions to the Department of Public Health’s FY 2009-2010 Base Budget

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- Resolution - 06-09 Recognizing 80 Years of Outstanding and Continuous Public Health Services and 40 Years since Ground-Breaking at its Current Site, Caring for Residents and Chinese Immigrant Populations in the North East Neighborhoods of San Francisco
- Resolution - 07-09 Recognizing June as Refugee Awareness Month in San Francisco
- Resolution - 08-09 Approving the Submission of the Department of Public Health's FY 2009-2010 Contingency Budget
- Resolution - 09-09 Declaring 2009 Rethink Your Drink / Soda-Free Summer

