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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

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A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp

Addendum

New Health Commissioner, Dr. David Pating

I would like to welcome David Pating, MD, Chief of Addiction Medicine at Kaiser Medical Center, San Francisco to the San Francisco Health Commission. Dr. Pating is a psychiatrist specializing in addiction psychiatry. He is regional chair of Addiction Medicine; chair of the Chemical Dependency Quality Improvement Committee and past chair of the Best Practices Committee on Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders.

Dr. Pating is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine and site-director of the joint UCSF Veteran's Administration Medical Center (VAMC)-Kaiser fellowship in Addiction Medicine. He has consulted to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), San Francisco City & County Dept of Public Health, the Medical Board of California, California's Administrative Offices of the Courts and 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Dr. Pating is a past-president of the California Society of Addiction Medicine, a member of the California Medical Association and California Psychiatric Association and an active board member of the California Public Protection and Physician Health, Inc., the California Institute of Mental Health, American Society of Addiction Medicine, and National Quality Forum Behavioral Health Steering Committee.

Currently, Dr. Pating is a Vice-chair of California's Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (Proposition 63) and chairs Evaluation Committees. Dr. Pating is also co-chair of the California Coalition for Whole Health. He was sworn in as a Health Commissioner on August 29, 2014.

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