

San Francisco Health Commission



Seated from Left: Roma Guy, MSW; Lee Ann Monfredini, President; Catherine Dodd, PhD; Michele Seaton, Executive Secretary
Standing: Mitchell H. Katz, MD, Director; Edward A. Chow, MD; Marcus Watson, DDS; James M. Illig; David J. Sanchez, Jr., PhD

The San Francisco Health Commission is the governing and policy-making body of the Department of Public Health. The 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, appointed by the Mayor to four-year terms meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, 3:00 p.m. in Room 300 of 101 Grove. Agendas are posted and made available to the public the Thursday morning preceding the meeting.

Lee Ann Monfredini, President - Commissioner Monfredini, has served on the Commission for twelve years, the last three as President. She is a real estate agent at Pacific Union Real Estate.

- Chair, Joint Conference Committee for San Francisco General Hospital
- Member, San Francisco Public Health Foundation

David J. Sánchez, Jr., Ph.D., Vice President - Commissioner Sánchez is Professor Emeritus at University of California, San Francisco and has been on the Commission ten years. He is Trustee Emeritus of the San Francisco Foundation.

- Chair, Budget Committee
- Member, Joint Conference Committee for Laguna Honda Hospital
- Member, San Francisco General Hospital Foundation

Edward A. Chow, M.D. - Commissioner Chow has served five terms on the Commission, 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.

- Chair, Joint Conference Committee for Laguna Honda Hospital
- Member, Budget Committee.
- Member, Joint Conference Committee for San Francisco General Hospital

Catherine Dodd, Ph.D. - Commissioner Dodd is an alumna of the University of California School of Nursing, where she received her Baccalaureate degree, Master of Science degree and her PhD in Sociology. She has worked in the areas of health policy and politics for over 25 years and was appointed to the Health Commission in February of 2007.

- Member, Joint Conference Committee for the Community Health Network
- Member, San Francisco Health Authority

Roma Guy, M.S.W. - Commissioner Guy has served on the Commission for eleven years, and is Clinical Faculty Emeritus, Department of Health Education at San Francisco State University. She has been a lifelong community activist for women, lesbian and gay rights and is a founding member of several women's and girls' organizations.

- Chair, Joint Conference Committee for Population Health and Prevention

James M. Illig - Commissioner Illig is the Director of Government Relations for Project Open Hand with extensive experience in the social service community. He is Vice Chair of the Board at St. Mary's Hospital.

- Chair Joint Conference Committee for the Community Health Network
- President, Governing Board of the In Home Supportive Services Public Authority

Markus Watson, D.D.S. - Commissioner Watson has a private dental practice in South Beach and was appointed to the Health Commission in February 2007.

- Member, Budget Committee
- Member, Joint Conference Committee for Population Health and Prevention

Michele Seaton, Commission Executive Secretary

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health Commission Resolutions

Adopting the DPH Healthy and Sustainable Food Policy

Opposing Proposition 85 – Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor’s Pregnancy

Supporting Proposition 86, the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006

Endorsing the San Francisco Tobacco Free Coalition Proposed Policies to Expand Protections from Second Hand Smoke

Approving the Health Commission Attendance Policy

Endorsing the Goal of Universal Hepatitis B Screening and Vaccination for Asian and Pacific Islander residents of San Francisco

Supporting Recommendations Contained in the Fiscal Year 2005 Charity Care Report

Approving the Submission of the Department of Public Health’s Base Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08

Approving the Extension of the Terms of Fiscal Year 2006/07 Contracts through the First Six Months of Fiscal Year 2007/08 for the Department of Public Health

Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to Implement California Minor Consents Rights into the Health Education Curriculum of all San Francisco Public High Schools

Approving Submission of the Department of Public Health’s Proposed Healthy San Francisco: Our Health Access Program Augmentation Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08

Approving the Update of the Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center 2007-2008 Strategic Plan

Supporting the Adoption of Priority Funding Indicators to Identify Priority Populations and/or Geographic Areas to which Community Based Tobacco Control Funding will be Allocated

Reaffirming the Health Commission’s Commitment to Trauma Care at San Francisco General Hospital

Urging the Board of Supervisors to Fund Critical Department of Public Health Programs and Services