

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.

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 San Francisco General Hospital Joint Conference Committee 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 Finance 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 a member 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 chairs the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee and a member of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation. 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.

Michele Seaton, Commission Executive Secretary

Fiscal Year 2007- 08 Health Commission Resolutions

- 10-07 Commending St. Joseph's Health Support Alliance
- 11-07 Approving the Healthy San Francisco Participant Fee and Point-Of-Service Fee Structure
- 12-07 Approving Regulations Implementing Healthy San Francisco and Medical Reimbursement Account Provisions of the San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance
- 13-07 Supporting Proposed Changes to the Institutional Master Plan Review Process and Approving a Health Commission Policy Regarding Health Department Analyses of Institutional Master Plans
- 14-07 Determining That the Closure of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital's Skilled Nursing Unit Will Have a Detrimental Impact on the Health Care Service of the Community
- 15-07 Approving the Principles to Guide Development of Public Health's Budget for FY 2008-09
- 16-07 Accepting the Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center Assisted Living Feasibility Study
- 17-07 Determining that St. Luke's Hospital's Replacement of the Level 2 Neonatal Care Unit with a Special Care Nursery will have a Detrimental Impact on the Health of the Community
- 01-08 Supporting Recommendations Contained In the FY 2006 Charity Care Report
- 02-08 Approving the Closure of the Worker's Compensation Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital
- 03-08 Contract for Med-Impact – No Resolution
- 04-08 Authorizing Contract Between the City And County of San Francisco and State Department of Health Care Services for the Health Care Coverage Initiative in the Amount of \$73.1 Million to Support the Healthy San Francisco Program
- 05-08 Supporting the Dust Control Ordinance
- 06-08 Approving Selected FY 2007-08 Mid-Year Cuts and Reduction Initiatives for the Department of Public Health for FY 2008-09, and Urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to Develop Strategies for Avoiding Serious Cuts to the County's Health Safety Net Services
- 07-08 Approving the Closure of the Bridge to Wellness Program

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- 08-08 Approving Selected Reduction Initiatives for the Department of Public Health for FY 2008-09
- 09-08 Approving the Submission of the Department of Public Health's FY 2008-09 Budget
- 10-08 Urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to Restore Funding for Critical Department of Public Health Programs and Services
- 11-08 Proclaiming June, July and August of 2008 as "Soda Free Summer" in San Francisco City and County
- 12-08 Endorsing DPH-Wide Collaboration in a Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention Program
- 13-08 Memorializing Clarendon Hall's 100 Years of Service and Commending the Final Laguna Honda Staff Members to Serve There

