As SFDPH’s governing and policy-making body, the San Francisco Health Commission is mandated by City and 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 full Health Commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in Room 300 at 101 Grove Street. The Health Commission’s committee structure consists of:

- The Zuckerberg SF General Joint Conference Committee
- The Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee
- The Community and Public Health Committee
- The Finance and Planning Committee

The Health Commission also participates in the following external bodies:

- San Francisco Health Plan Board of Directors
- Zuckerberg SF General Foundation Board of Directors
- San Francisco Public Health Foundation Board of Directors
- In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Governing Board

Dan Bernal, Health Commission President
Commissioner Bernal is Chief of Staff for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. He has dedicated his career to public service, having served in the White House under President Bill Clinton and as a presidential appointee at the U.S. Department of Education. As Congress debated the Affordable Care Act, he supported Speaker Pelosi’s efforts to build support for the legislation in California by convening diverse stakeholders and coordinating activities among Bay Area Members of Congress. He continues to serve as a valuable resource to the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, key policy makers, and advocates in the fight to protect and improve the Affordable Care Act. Commissioner Bernal served as board president of AIDS Emergency Fund and spearheaded the creation of Breast Cancer Emergency Fund. He previously served on the board of directors of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Bay Area Affiliate, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, and the National AIDS Memorial. He was appointed to the Health Commission in 2017.
Laurie Green, M.D., Health Commission Vice President

Commissioner Green has delivered two generations of babies and practiced medicine in San Francisco for 40 years. In 1989 she co-founded Pacific Women’s Obstetrics & Gynecology Medical Group, the second all-female OB/GYN practice in San Francisco, providing state-of-the-art, empathic obstetrics and gynecology care in a woman-run environment. Dr. Green is also the Founder, President, and Chair of the Board of The MAVEN Project, which engages physicians to volunteer their clinical expertise via telehealth technology to medically under-resourced communities in the Bay Area and across the country. Locally, she has served as President of the California Academy of Medicine and San Francisco Gynecology Society. During her 20-year tenure in leadership positions on the Brown and Toland Medical Group Board of Directors, she helped develop multiple initiatives to improve physician communication and quality of care. She also served 7 years on the Harvard Medical School Alumni Association, including Presidency of the organization in 2014. Her focus included diversity and equity, student mentorship, and alumni volunteerism. For many years, she served as a media consultant and on air reporter for medical issues at KTVU and other Bay Area television and radio stations. She is currently Vice-Chair of the OB/GYN Department at California Pacific Medical Center. Commissioner Green was appointed to the Health Commission in 2018 and is a member of the Joint Conference Committees of Laguna Honda Hospital and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, where she trained.
Commissioner Chow is an internal medicine specialist who has been in practice in San Francisco for over fifty years. He is President and CEO of Jade Health Care Medical Group, affiliated with the Chinese Hospital Health System. Previously he was Executive Director of the Chinese Community Health Care Association, and Chief Medical Officer of the Chinese Community Health Plan. He is a member-at-large of the Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies Board of Directors; and founding member of the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians, the Asian Pacific American Health Forum and is past Chair of the Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islander Diabetes Coalition. He has served as President of the San Francisco Medical Society and the California Society of Internal Medicine. He has received numerous awards for his work in health disparities and cultural competency, including the 2008 Alumni Merit Award from St. Louis University School of Medicine, Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians Northern California Chapter (2008), San Francisco Asian Pacific American Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award (2010), and the Silver SPUR award (2012) for enhancing the quality of life and vitality of the San Francisco Bay Area. Commissioner Chow currently chairs the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Joint Conference Committee; he is also a member of the Finance and Planning Committee and Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee. He was appointed to the Health Commission in 1989.
Commissioner Christian is an Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco. She has participated in initiatives focused on equity and was a principal organizer of District Attorney Kamala Harris’ national convention on combatting the “Gay Panic Defense.” She is currently a co-chair of District Attorney Boudin’s Community Health Advisory Committee. From 2012 through 2019, she was assigned to the Behavioral Health Court—a collaborative, multidisciplinary court providing treatment and rehabilitation for people whose criminal justice involvement is tied to behavioral health disorders. She also was one of several ADAs who staffed San Francisco’s Mental Health Diversion Court at its inception. She is a member of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area and has served on the Bar Association of San Francisco’s Criminal Justice Task Force. After receiving her B.A. and J.D. from Yale, she clerked for a Federal Judge and later worked as a Staff Attorney for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. A former Co-Chair of the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, she continues to serve on its Board. She also received an Alumni Achievement Award from Outlaws, Yale Law School’s LGBTQ+ Student Organization. She has also served on the boards of directors for Walden House / HR 360, the Transgender Law Center and the governing board of Service Members Legal Defense Network, the national organization which led the successful effort to fully repeal “Don't Ask, Don't Tell.”

She was selected to advise the transition team for then California Attorney General-elect Kamala D. Harris. In 2012, she was appointed to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, where she served four terms as Commission Chair and worked with the Mayor’s Office to create and implement a pilot program for Implicit Bias trainings for City employees. Following San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed’s election, Commissioner Christian served on the Equity and Equality Subcommittee of the Policy Transition Team. Commissioner Christian is a member of the ZSFG Joint Conference Committee and the Community & Public Health Committee. She was appointed to the Health Commission in 2020.
Commissioner Chung is nationally recognized as a civil rights leader, advocating for HIV/AIDS awareness and care, LGBT equality, and prisoner rights. She is the Senior Strategist of Transgender Law Center and has served on a number of planning bodies, which includes the San Francisco HIV Health Services Planning Council, Transgender Community Advisory Board for UCSF TRANS and the Visioning Change Initiative of the California HIV/AIDS Research Program. She is a past member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. Commissioner Chung chairs the Finance and Planning Committee and is a member of the Community and Public Health Committee. She was appointed to the Health Commission in 2012.
Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D.

Dr. Giraudo is a psychologist and is the Clinical Director of the California Pacific Medical Center Department of Pediatrics Child Development Center. In addition to her clinical expertise, Dr. Giraudo's professional background includes development, administration, and supervision of pediatric clinical programs, grant administration, and teaching. She is the founder and trustee of the DeMarillac Academy, a Catholic school located in the Tenderloin, serving underserved children and families. Her other professional affiliations include San Francisco Families First Five Commission Chair, Home Away from Homelessness, St Anthony’s Pediatric Clinic, Marin Community Pediatric Program, and the Northeast Medical Services Pediatric Clinics. Dr. Giraudo earned her Doctorate in Educational Psychology and Counseling from the University of San Francisco; a Master's degree in education from San Francisco State University, and her Bachelor Arts Degree from the University of San Francisco. Commissioner Giraudo is chair of the Community and Public Health Committee and represents the Health Commission on the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation. She was appointed to the Health Commission in 2019.
Tessie M. Guillermo
Commissioner Guillermo is the Chair of the Board of Directors of CommonSpirit, the third largest national non-profit health system in the United States. She is the former President and CEO of ZeroDivide, a philanthropy and consultancy that developed innovative digital equity strategies in support of low-income communities. Commissioner Guillermo was the founding CEO of the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, leading this national minority health policy/advocacy organization for 15 years. In recognition of her national leadership, Commissioner Guillermo was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as an inaugural member of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She also currently serves on the boards of the Marguerite Casey Foundation, the Nonprofit Finance Fund, the Center for Asian American Media and the Smithsonian Museum's Asian Pacific American Center. Commissioner Guillermo is an alumnus of the University of California, Berkeley; and California State University East Bay, where she has been awarded recognition as a Distinguished Alumni of the School of Business and Economics. Commissioner Guillermo was appointed to the Health Commission in 2018 and chairs the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee.

Mark Morewitz, MSW, Health Commission Executive Secretary
Mr. Morewitz has worked in public health research, program development and evaluation; and non-profit administration. First hired at the SFDPH in 1992, he has worked in HIV service contracting and monitoring; provided social work services; and served as the Director of the DPH Jail Health Services Forensic AIDS Project. He has served as the Health Commission Executive Secretary since 2009.