MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday January 15, 2019 4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER
Present: Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D., President
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Dan Bernal
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo
Commissioner James Loyce, Jr., M.S., Vice President
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING of JANUARY 8, 2019

   Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the January 8, 2019 minutes.

3) Greg Wagner, Acting Director of Health, gave the report. The full report can be viewed at:
   http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp

   Governor Newsom Proposes New Health Care Plan
   On January 7th, after being sworn in as Governor of California, Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled several executive actions and budget proposals aimed at increasing access to health care, controlling prescription drug pricing, and reducing health-related inequality. The plan includes reinstating the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate, expanding health care for undocumented immigrants up to age 26, consolidating the state’s prescription drug purchases into a state-run program to create greater leverage and negotiate lower prescription drug costs, requesting permission from the Federal Administration for California to pursue a single payer government-funded health care system, and establishing a California surgeon general charged with reducing health-related inequality in the state. Some proposals will be included in Newsom’s state budget and reviewed in the coming months by the Legislature, with details and costs to be filled in.
SF sees first flu death of the season
On January 9th, health officials announced that an adult San Francisco resident died from influenza-related causes. This is the first flu-associated death of the season in San Francisco, and serves as a reminder to get vaccinated and practice prevention.
San Francisco residents are encouraged to get their flu shot, if they have not already received it. The flu season can continue into the spring so it’s not too late for a flu vaccine. The strains of influenza change over time, so it’s important to get vaccinated every year. Everyone can take steps to prevent the spread of the flu

Food Security in San Francisco
On December 20th, 2018, the San Francisco Food Security Task Force released the 2018 Assessment of Food Security in San Francisco. The report examined data from federal, state and locally funded food programs in order to develop recommendations for policies and systems to support gaps in San Francisco’s food needs. The 2018 Assessment serves as a five-year update to the landmark 2013 Food Security Assessment Report. Important gains since 2013 include continued budget investments and critical new policies; expanded funding for food programs for seniors and people with disabilities; vouchers and incentives offering additional financial resources to purchase fruits and vegetables; partnerships delivering free groceries to the homes of seniors and adults with disabilities; the launch of a new collaborative to support the health and nutrition of people living in SROs; and sponsors of nutrition programs for children and youth expanding the number of “out of school” meal and pantry programs.

While important progress has been made in the food security network, the 2018 Assessment cites concerning declines for our most vulnerable residents. As the population of San Francisco has grown, the number of San Franciscans at high risk for food insecurity due to low income has also increased. The report explores some of the economic conditions that contributed to food insecurity intensifying and offer recommendations that ensure adequate food resources for all food insecure San Franciscans. The Health Commission will vote on a food security resolution on January 15th, 2019.

SF LEAD Program Marks One Year Anniversary
On December 12th, 2018, the San Francisco Police Department announced 236 successful referrals to the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program in just over a year. LEAD SF is designed to reduce recidivism by low-level drug and alcohol offenders and improve their health and housing status through greater collaboration between city agencies and community-based organizations.

Modeled after a similar program in Seattle, Washington, LEAD SF is a multi-agency collaborative project that includes the Police Department, the Department of Public Health, the Adult Probation Department, the District Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, the Sheriff’s Department and Bay Area Rapid Transit Police. The program enables law enforcement officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug or alcohol-related activity to community-based services instead of jail and prosecution.

LEAD SF is funded by a 26-month grant by the Board of State and Community Corrections. The program is focused on San Francisco’s Tenderloin and Mission districts, with referrals made by SFPD and BART police officers and SFSD deputies. Community partners include the Drug Policy Alliance, the Felton Institute, Glide harm Reduction and the San Francisco Public Health Foundation.

Health Department Receives State Traffic Safety Grant to support Vision Zero initiative
A $75,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to the Department of Public Health (DPH) will fund the year-long program that will focus on community outreach and education on pedestrian and bicycle safety to multi-lingual communities and communities of color, as well as homeless and marginally housed residents and service providers. The project will target community engagement, outreach and education activities for communities on the city’s high injury network – where 75 percent of traffic deaths and severe injuries including those walking and biking occur on just 13 percent of city streets.
Educational efforts funded by the OTS grant will leverage the ongoing Vision Zero SF partnerships and activities to promote safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, including translation of outreach materials into Chinese, Spanish and other languages - with more targeted outreach to vulnerable communities. Funding for this bicycle and pedestrian safety education program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Behavioral Health Services Staff Receives Statewide Award**

Behavioral Health Services staff, Jose Orbeta, has been selected by the County Behavioral Health Director’s Association (CBHDA) of California to receive the 2018 Storyteller Award, as part of CBHDA 2nd Annual Community Awards. Each year, the CBHDA recognizes impactful individuals in the field of behavioral health in California.

Jose Orbeta began working as a peer counselor within the San Francisco public behavioral health system six years ago. Jose started his employment with San Francisco Study Center then later hired by RAMS, Inc. As a bilingual/bicultural person with lived experience, Jose quickly became a client favorite. In August 2018, Jose began a new position with the City and County of San Francisco as a Health Worker II, working with the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program.

**DPH in the News (Dec 19 – Jan 10)**

ABC, Jan 10 2019, Flu deaths in California
https://abc7news.com/health/first-recorded-flu-related-death-this-season-reported-in-santa-clara-county/5038116/

BCN, Jan 10 2019, Flu death in SF

Huffington Post, Jan 10 2019, Man brings raccoon carcass into McDonald’s
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/dead-raccoon-san-francisco-mcdonalds_us_5c37927de4b05cb31c40a5f0

SD Union-Tribune, Jan 10 2019, Man drags dead raccoon

NY Post, Jan 10 2019, Man walks into McDonald’s with dead raccoon

NBC, Jan 9 2019, Video of man with dead raccoon in SF McDonald’s

SF Gate, Jan 9 2019, Man brings dead raccoon into a SF McDonald’s

Daily Mail, Jan 9 2019, Mark Zuckerberg’s SF hospital refuses private health plans
https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6572569/Mark-Zuckerbergs-hospital-penalises-patients-private-health-coverage.html

SF Chronicle, Jan 8 2019, Nurse accuses ZSFG of retaliation after push for name removal
SF Examiner, Jan 8 2019, Nurse who opposed naming hospital after Facebook founder says he faces retaliation

Becker’s Hospital Review, Jan 8 2019, Nurse files complaint with OSHA over renaming of ZSFG

TNS, Jan 8 2019, Some drug users in Western US seek out deadly fentanyl

Becker’s Hospital Review, Jan 3 2019, 2018, the year that was:8 things for healthcare executives to note in 2019

SF Chronicle, Jan 2 2019, It’s now legal to sell home-cooked food – but there’s a catch

SF Chronicle, Jan 1 2019, SF tobacco law’s impact on hookah bars is cloudy

SF Weekly, Dec 27 2018, Truth or Nah placards hit Muni

CNN, Dec 27 2018, The impact homelessness and the opioid crisis are having on SF streets

KPIX, Dec 23 2018, Report: SF has high rate of food insecurity

SF Chronicle, Dec 21 2018, SF officials want health officer’s role in shipyard home sales investigated

SF Chronicle, Dec 20 2018, Hunger has gotten worse in San Francisco in the past 5 years, despite $48 million in increased spending

SF Chronicle, Dec 20 2018, New questions about SF safety tests at Hunters Point shipyard building

Cannabis Now, Dec 19 2018, San Francisco’s ‘Marijuana Awareness’ Campaign Has a Truthiness Problem
## New Appointments

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## Reappointed Denials:

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## Disciplinary Actions

- Administrative Suspension
- Restriction/Limitation - Privileges
- Deceased

## Changes in Privileges

- Voluntary Relinquishments | 7       | 76                |
- Additions | 4        | 75                |
- Proctorship Completed | 14      | 122                |

## Current Statistics – as of 8/1/18

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## Applications in Process

- Applications in Process: 17
- Applications Withdrawn Month of November 2018: 0
- SFGH Reappointments in Process 01/01/2018 to 03/31/2019: 130
Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding Governor Newsom’s proposal to bring back individual mandate in California. Mr. Wagner stated that the proposal includes a tax penalty and noted that details are still being developed at the state level for this plan in time for the Governor’s May budget revision.

Commissioner Chung asked if the state will need permission from the federal government to implement this plan. Mr. Wagner stated that he and Sneha Patil will update the Commission as more information is known.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no general public comment.

5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Commissioner Loyce, Chair, stated that the Committee discussed a DPH violence prevention and crisis intervention update and a jail update. He noted that the DPH has evolved tremendously and now has staff embedded in the community to address issues as they emerge. He added that when an act of violence occurs, the DPH teams reach out to victims and their families; within 48 hours they outreach to the community in an
effort to prevent retaliatory violence. In regard to the jail update, Commissioner Loyce stated that Jail Health presented information on its medical and mental health services. He also stated that the committee requested revisions to a draft resolution naming incarceration as a public health issue.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Chow stated that he attended the meeting and noted that the Street Violence Prevention team can connect people at risk for gang activity to employment opportunities as part of their services.

6) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND RETROACTIVELY A GIFT OF $141,000.00 TO THE LAGUNA HONDA GIFT FUND FROM MOLLY FLEISCHNER
Mivic Hirose, LHH Executive Administrator, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Chow thanked the Friends of Laguna Honda for the gift.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution (see Attachment A)

7) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY IN SAN FRANCISCO AND ENDORSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE 2018 ASSESSMENT OF FOOD SECURITY IN SAN FRANCISCO
Paula Jones, Director of Food Security, presented the item.

Public Comment:
Deena Lahn, San Francisco Clinic Consortium and member of SF HIP, stated that she supports the report and the resolution.

Anne Quaintonce, Food Security Task Force Chair, thanked the Commissioners for their consideration of the resolution. She noted that the Task Force would like to use the Health Commission resolution as a model for other Commissions.

Veronica Shepard, DPH employee, thanked the Commission for considering the resolution and noted the report is excellent.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Loyce asked how the federal government shutdown has impacted San Francisco’s food resources. Dr. Jones stated that there is great concern and fear regarding SNAP, a federal food benefit. She added that benefits for February were preloaded in case the shutdown impacted that function.

Commissioner Chow stated that when the Commission first reviewed a draft of the resolution, the report was not completed. He commended Dr. Jones and the Taskforce for a thorough report and added that the neighborhood demographics will be helpful in other DPH planning efforts.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution (see Attachment B)
8) **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH’S 2019 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLANS**

Sneha Patil, Director of Office of Policy and Planning, presented the item and noted that the Commission will vote on the resolution at its February 5, 2019 meeting.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Guillermo asked for future updates on the public charge issue, which the Trump Administration has put forth as part of their immigration policy. Ms. Patel stated that the proposed rule was released in October 2018; the Trump administration is currently reviewing all public comments.

Commissioner Guillermo asked if the SFDPH can work with the Office of Immigration Affairs to most effectively prepare in case this rule goes into effect. Ms. Patil stated that the Office of Immigration Affairs was instrumental in getting public comment on this rule.

Commissioner Chung thanked Ms. Patil for the thorough presentation. She noted that the “Violence Against Women Act” expired this year. She requested that the SFDPH consider adding this topic.

Commissioner Green asked if there is a timetable on how California can block federal changes at the state level; she also asked how Healthy San Francisco could be helpful if there is a public charge policy. Ms. Patil stated that the state has stepped in when federal policy has negatively impacted Californians. She added that the SFPDH continues to discuss how Healthy San Francisco can be helpful in the shifting federal policy environment. Mr. Wagner stated that the SFDPH will continue to be a resource for everyone. The Department will work with the City Attorney and City government to develop strategies to ensure services remain accessible.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked Ms. Patil for the comprehensive presentation. He requested that Veterans’ health issues be added to the legislative plan and added that the Trump administration may be considering contracting out medical services for veterans which could impact service availability for San Franciscans.

9) **IT AND EPIC PROJECT UPDATE**

Winona Mindolovich, Acting CIO, presented the item.

Mr. Wagner stated that a huge amount of building capacity, building infrastructure, and staff training have been completed by the SFDPH IT leadership and staff. He congratulated Ms. Mindolovich for leading the team a remarkable distance in a relatively short time.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Chow noted that Mr. Wagner successfully worked with the City system to fully fund the electronic health record and added that he looks forward to the next quarterly IT report.

Commissioner Guillermo congratulated Ms. Mindolovich and the entire IT team for the efficiency in which this project has been guided in a relatively short period of time.

Commissioner Green stated that she is very impressed by both Mr. Wagner and Ms. Mindovich’s leadership on this project.

10) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Morewitz noted that with all the holidays over, the Health Commission reverts back to its regular schedule.
11) **JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
No joint conference committee has met since the last health commission meeting, therefore, this item was not discussed.

12) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session pursuant to Cal. Government Code Sections 1156, 1156.1, 1157, 1157.5 and 1157.6; Health and Safety Code Section 1461; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1:

D) Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code §54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code §67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING
DPH Director of Health

E) Reconvene in Open Session: Motions and vote on whether to disclose any or all of the closed session discussions, San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)

**Action taken:** The Health Commission voted not to disclose the discussion held in closed session.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND RETROACTIVELY A GIFT OF $141,000.00 TO THE LAGUNA HONDA GIFT FUND FROM THE FRIENDS OF LAGUNA HONDA.

WHEREAS, Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (Laguna Honda) is part of the San Francisco Health Network operated by the Department of Public Health and is a safety net and community hospital, with a mission to provide a welcoming, therapeutic, and a healing environment that promotes the individual’s health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Laguna Honda is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1956, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the residents at Laguna Honda by funding non-medical programs and services that would otherwise be unavailable.

WHEREAS, the Friends of Laguna Honda have made four donations totally one hundred forty-one thousand dollars ($141,000.00) to the Laguna Honda Gift Fund, fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) to support the Centers of Excellence Wish List, forty-one thousand dollars ($41,000.00) to support the Art With Elders program, thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00) to support Technology Programs, and twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) to support Music Programs at Laguna Honda.

WHEREAS, The Centers of Excellence Wish List allows staff to purchase equipment, supplies, and materials to directly benefit Laguna Honda residents within the hospital’s program concentrations including Behavioral Health, End-of-Life, General Skilled Nursing, Geriatrics, Memory Care, Positive Care, Rehabilitation, and Respite Care.

WHEREAS, the ART With Elders Program engages Laguna Honda residents in art classes to acquire art skills and foster positive artistic experiences.

WHEREAS, Technology Programs enhance Laguna Honda resident entertainment, independence, and social contact through emerging technology applications.

WHEREAS, Music Programs utilize music to stimulate memory and cognitive function in Laguna Honda residents with Alzheimer’s Disease and other dementias.

WHEREAS, the Laguna Honda Hospital Gift Fund is used to benefit the residents at Laguna Honda, including providing comfort and support for all hospital residents; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisor accept and expend retroactively a gift of cash in accordance with the intent of the Friends of Laguna Honda – a gift in the value of up one hundred forty-one thousand dollars ($141,000.00) donated to the Laguna Honda Hospital Gift Fund to support resident care programs, art, technology, and music programs for residents at Laguna Honda who are otherwise unable to enjoy such programs; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the donation will be accepted and expended consistent with San Francisco Administrative Code Sections governing the acceptance of gifts to the City and County of San Francisco, including San Francisco Administrative Code Section 10.100-201.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on January 15, 2019, adopted the foregoing resolution

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Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY IN SAN FRANCISCO AND ENDORSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE 2018 ASSESSMENT OF FOOD SECURITY IN SAN FRANCISCO

WHEREAS, in 2013 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declared that access to safe, nutritious, and culturally acceptable food is a basic human right and is essential to human health, and that hunger, food insecurity, and poor nutrition were pressing health issues that required immediate action; and

WHEREAS, food security is access by all people at all times to enough nutritious, culturally acceptable foods for an active, healthy life; and food insecurity is a household level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food; and

WHEREAS, the Food Security Task Force was reauthorized by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in July 2018, and charged with tracking data on food insecurity and providing the city with recommendations for policy, programs and funding to improve food security; and

WHEREAS, the Food Security Task Force estimates that 1 in 4 San Franciscans are at high risk of food insecurity due to low income; and

WHEREAS data from the California Health Interview Survey indicate that the prevalence of food insecurity among low income San Franciscans is a growing problem; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Food Security Task Force 2018 Assessment of Food Security identifies the following groups as being at high risk for food insecurity: low income residents, pregnant women and families with children, transitional aged youth, immigrants, older adults, people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, and communities facing a disproportionate burden of diet-sensitive chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, the Food Security Task Force has identified the following key challenges to San Franciscans’ ability to afford nutritious food on a consistent basis: the high cost of living, rising food costs, low benefit levels, underenrollment in CalFresh, ineligibility of many food insecure San Franciscans to receive CalFresh, and insufficient affordable food retail outlets; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity results in poorer nutritional intake, coping strategies that are adaptive in the short-term for preventing hunger but that often result in increased risk of chronic disease, stress, and poor health outcomes including diabetes, heart disease and hypertension; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity contributes to health disparities in all populations across the life course (i.e. children from before birth through adolescence, pregnant women, and adults of all ages); and

WHEREAS, adults in food insecure households have more emergency room visits and hospital admissions and higher health care expenditures than adults in food secure households, resulting in an additional $77.5 billion health care expenditures annually; and

1 27% of San Franciscans have incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level ($40,840 for a family of 3)
WHEREAS, Medi-Cal enrollees are at very high risk of food insecurity, both nationally and locally; and

WHEREAS health care settings, particularly those that reach low-income populations, provide an opportunity to engage food insecure people who may not be reached by other food security support programs that could improve their health⁴; and

WHEREAS, the Food Security Task Force 2018 Assessment of Food Security revealed that while there have been important gains in the food safety net, the infrastructure for many food programs is at capacity and some programs have wait lists; there have been declines in food programs serving children and families; and there is a growing concern that some communities may not be accessing food programs due to immigration status; and

WHEREAS, it will take sustained collaboration and collective action among the public and private sectors to change policies, systems, and the environment to ensure that all San Franciscans are food secure and hunger free; and

WHEREAS, the Food Security Task Force 2018 Assessment of Food Security provides recommendations that include:

1. Attain Sustainable Funding and Infrastructure Investments to Eliminate Waitlists and Other Barriers to Services
2. Develop a Client-Centered Approach to Nutrition Services
3. Endorse Food Security Values and Accountability to Secure the Food Safety Net

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Health Commission endorses the recommendations in the 2018 Food Security Assessment issued by the Food Security Task Force; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission recognizes the need for the Department of Public Health to address food security as a priority public health issue; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission supports the Department of Public Health to work with the Food Security Task Force and other city departments, community groups, private organizations and residents to ensure there are adequate food resources for all food insecure San Franciscans, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission recognizes the critical role of the healthcare sector in ensuring that San Franciscans are food secure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission encourages all health systems, health insurance companies, and health plans, particularly Medi-Cal health plans, to collaborate with their networks and the Food Security Task Force to address food insecurity through prioritization of screening, connection to community food resources, and implementation of additional programs and policies to support food security.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on January 15, 2019, adopted the foregoing resolution

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary

⁴ http://www.foodinsight.org/FHS