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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday January 19, 2021 4:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal President
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

Excused: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2021.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the December 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grant Colfax, Director of Health, gave the report, which can be viewed at:
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

San Francisco announces plan to create network of COVID-19 vaccination sites

Today, there are over 29,000 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 262 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

On January 15, Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax outlined the City's plan to create a network of vaccination sites to get as many people vaccinated as soon as possible when doses become more readily available. In partnership with the health care providers in San Francisco, which are receiving the majority of the vaccine doses from the state, the City will facilitate the quick and efficient delivery of vaccines through high-volume vaccine sites as well as community-based sites.

The providers partnering with the City include Kaiser Permanente, UCSF Health, Dignity Health, Sutter Health/California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) and the Department of Public Health, which provides healthcare to the uninsured and underinsured. The City has also created a vaccination notification website where, starting Tuesday, January 19, people who live and work in San Francisco can sign up to be notified when they become eligible under state guidance to receive the vaccine: sf.gov/vaccinenotify.

The goal of this initiative is to ensure all health care providers in San Francisco are fully prepared to facilitate wide-scale vaccinations for those who live and work in San Francisco as soon as health care providers receive sufficient vaccine allocations from the state and federal government. The sites will be created to scale-up capacity as vaccine supply increases. Once the vaccine locations are fully operational, pending vaccine supply, the city has a goal of facilitating 10,000 vaccine doses per day.

COVID-19 Vaccination Sites

In partnership with health care providers, DPH, and COVID-19 Command Center, the City will establish high-volume vaccination sites at several locations. These sites will provide a unified place for health care providers to set-up vaccination stations and vaccinate people who are eligible. Each site will have space for all of the City's health care providers to have vaccination strategies and create coordinated, centralized vaccine locations that people can go to regardless of their insurer.

The selection of these high-volume vaccine sites is informed by the rates of COVID-19 infection, hospitalizations, and deaths in San Francisco. The highest rates of infection are in the Southeast sector of the city, and the City has selected the locations of vaccine sites so they are easily accessible to the residents of these neighborhoods.

The City is working with the providers to ensure these facilities have everything in place to activate and begin offering vaccinations as soon as they receive sufficient vaccine supply. The sites will open and scale based on the amount of vaccine doses health care providers receive.

- SoMa: Moscone Center
- OMI: City College of San Francisco (Main Campus)
- Bayview: The SF Market (San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market).
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In addition to the high-volume vaccination sites that will serve everyone, the City and health care providers will augment COVID-19 vaccination in high impacted communities with pop-up vaccine sites, DPH's community clinics, and other safety-net clinics for the uninsured and underserved in neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Mission, Western Addition, and Bayview.

The City is also working with One Medical, Safeway, and Walgreens to deliver vaccines as doses become available. Additionally, the City has been working with partners to develop mobile vaccination teams to deploy to hard-to-reach and vulnerable populations. The City is working with community partners to best understand where and how to embed these teams within communities to reach the populations most at risk of disease. Additionally, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFGH) began scaling up vaccination of its patients the same weekend. ZSFGH serves approximately 110,000 inpatient and outpatient clients annually at their hospitals and clinics.

Mayor Breed announces new initiatives to combat human trafficking in San Francisco

On January 8, Mayor London N. Breed announced two new initiatives to combat and prevent human trafficking in San Francisco. The San Francisco International Airport, the Department of Public Health, and the Department on the Status of Women have joined together to advance two efforts that will help identify potential victims of human trafficking and provide victims with the support and services they need.

The COVID-19 health and economic crisis has potentially deepened vulnerabilities for people at risk of being trafficked or currently trafficked. Fifty-one human trafficking cases were reported directly to the San Francisco

Police Department in 2020. These two initiatives are launching to promote vigilance against human trafficking at a time when cases may be driven further underground.

Starting January 2020, the Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Inspectors will begin incorporating new anti-human trafficking training into their inspection process. The Environmental Health Branch employs approximately 100 inspectors who conduct regular on-site inspections of over 9,000 businesses, such as restaurants and bars, gas stations, massage establishments, and residential hotels. All staff will be trained to recognize the Red Flags, or most common [signs of human trafficking](#), and make referrals to the San Francisco Police Department for investigation within 24 hours whenever signs of potential human trafficking are observed in health-permitted businesses.

For the last ten years, the Environmental Health Branch of the Department of Public Health has been collaborating with state and local labor law enforcement agencies to fight against labor exploitation and its negative impact on health. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, San Francisco trafficking service providers are continuing to provide high quality, wraparound services to survivors. One legal service provider is working with nine clients who have been labor trafficked this year, seven of whom were trafficked by the same individual. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Francisco is one of the nation's high intensity areas for commercial sexual exploitation of children as related to human trafficking. In 2019, the Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking found that there were an estimated 673 cases of human trafficking within the last two years reported to local service providers. The largest number of cases were young women of color between the ages of 18-24 years old. The report found that establishments such as restaurants, massage establishments, and single room occupancy hotel rooms are vulnerable to human trafficking.

If you or someone you know may be a victim of human trafficking, you can call 9-1-1, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888, or contact one of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking service providers: <https://www.sfcaht.org/by-category-of-service.html>.

Retail Tobacco Program receives Department of Justice grant

The Environmental Health Branch's Retail Tobacco Program was awarded a Department of Justice grant for the total amount of \$1,780,842. Jennifer Callewaert, Program Manager, and Janine Young, Senior Inspector, submitted the grant application which supports local agencies in their efforts to educate minors about the harms of tobacco products, enforcing state and local tobacco laws and conducting retailer enforcement. The funding covers the next three years and will be instrumental to discouraging smoking, protecting individuals from second-hand smoke and eliminating youth access to tobacco products. Congratulations to Jennifer, Janine and the whole Retail Tobacco Permitting Team.

DPH in the News

ABC7, Jan 18 2021, 5 Bay Area counties say providers received paused Moderna COVID-19 vaccine lot
<https://abc7news.com/moderna-vaccine-allergic-reactions-california-modern-covid/9785698/>

SF Chronicle, Jan 18 2021, Allergic reactions at one San Diego site led state to shelf 330,000 vaccine doses
<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Allergic-reactions-that-caused-state-to-halt-15879657.php>

SF Examiner, Jan 18 2021, COVID variant linked to major outbreaks in Bay Area
<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/covid-variant-linked-to-major-outbreaks-in-bay-area/>

SFGate, Jan 18 2021, Here's who actually determines who gets vaccinated in California
<https://www.sfgate.com/coronavirus/article/California-vaccine-COVID-who-decides-when-get-dose-15875101.php>

El Tecolote, Jan 14 2021, Pandemic highlights need for San Francisco's health 'program of last resort'
<http://eltecolote.org/content/en/pandemic-highlights-need-for-san-franciscos-health-program-of-last-resort/>

KCBS, Jan 14 2021, SF mental health emergency response team off to slow start
<https://www.radio.com/kcbsradio/news/local/sf-mental-health-emergency-response-team-off-to-slow-start>

Mercury News, Jan 14 2021, Bay Area stadiums are prepared to become mass COVID-19 vaccination sites. No one knows when they'll open.
<https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/01/14/bay-area-stadiums-are-prepared-to-become-mass-covid-19-vaccination-sites-no-one-knows-when-theyll-open/>

SF Chronicle, Jan 14 2021, Bay Area counties say vaccine supply from state is insufficient and unpredictable
<https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Bay-Area-counties-say-vaccine-supply-from-state-15872179.php>

SF Gate, Jan 14 2021, Why hasn't San Francisco opened a mass vaccine site?
<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/San-Francisco-mass-vaccination-site-Haney-Colfax-15871322.php>

SF Business Times, Jan 13 2021, California expands vaccinations to anyone 65 and over
<https://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/news/2021/01/13/california-expands-vaccine-to-everyone-65-and-over.html>

SFGate, Jan 13 2021, California starts vaccinating those 65 and older: Where to get a shot
<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/seniors-COVID-vaccine-San-Francisco-Bay-Area-where-15866110.php>

ABC7, Jan 12 2021, Sites for mass vaccinations start opening in CA, Bay Area
<https://abc7news.com/covid-19-vaccinations-california-bay-area-covid-vaccine/9578842/>

Globe Newswire, Jan 12 2021, One Medical extends public COVID-19 vaccination efforts to additional communities in partnerships with departments of public health
<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2021/01/12/2157131/0/en/One-Medical-extends-public-COVID-19-vaccination-efforts-to-additional-communities-in-partnerships-with-departments-of-public-health.html>

KRON4, Jan 12 2021, San Francisco's stay-at-home order likely to stretch through January: Dr. Colfax
<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/san-francisco-plans-for-additional-small-business-relief/>

SF Chronicle, Jan 12 2021, San Francisco's infection rate shows signs of improvement, but stay-home order remains in place
<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/San-Francisco-s-infection-rate-shows-signs-of-15865287.php>

Mission Local, Jan 11 2021, 600 rapid Covid-19 tests given on first day, same day follow-up for positives
<https://missionlocal.org/2021/01/600-rapid-covid-19-tests-given-on-first-day-same-day-follow-up-for-positives/>

Mission Local, Jan 8 2021, UCSF/Latino Task Force will launch rapid testing Sunday at 24th Street BART Plaza
<https://missionlocal.org/2021/01/ucsf-latino-task-force-will-launch-rapid-testing-sunday-at-24th-street-bart-plaza/>

Patch, Jan 8 2021, Mayor London Breed announces city initiatives to combat human trafficking in San Francisco

<https://patch.com/california/san-francisco/mayor-london-breed-announces-new-initiatives-combat-human-trafficking-san>

San Mateo Daily Journal, Jan 7 2021, UCSF front-line workers at University of California at San Francisco begin second vaccine dose

https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/bay_area/ucsf-front-line-workers-at-university-of-california-at-san-francisco-begin-second-vaccine-dose/article_9806c37a-5153-11eb-a5ea-bf7aded6a0fd.html

KPIX, Jan 6 2021, COVID vaccines: UCSF Medical Center says 10,000 frontline staff received vaccine; begins distributing 2nd doses

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2021/01/06/covid-vaccines-ucsf-medical-center-10000-vaccinated-2nd-doses-begin/>

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal thanked Dr. Colfax for the report.

4) COVID-19 UPDATE

Grant Colfax, MD, DPH Director of Health, Roland Pickens, MPHA, Director of the San Francisco Health Network, and Andrea Tenner, MD, COVID-19 Command Center Operations Section Chief, and DPH Director of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Teresa Rutherford, Union 1021, stated that nurses working as DPH P103 temp workers do not have access to the 80 COVID-19 relief hours that other full time nurses have.

An individual who used to work as a P103 nurse stated that this classification of nurses should receive the 80 COVID-19 relief hours.

Lauren, a ZSFG P103 nurse stated that she feels undervalued because she does not have access to the 80 COVID-19 relief hours.

An individual working as a ZSFG P103 nurse stated that they want the 80 COVID-19 relief hours, noting that when this group gets sick, there is no sick pay.

Tenley, a nurse working under the Whole Person Care initiative stated that she used to work as a P103 nurse and feels that her colleagues working in this classification are directly responsible for preventing the spread of COVID-19 and should have access to the 80 extra hours.

Jennifer Esteen, DPH nurse and also representing Union 1021, stated that the extra 80 COVID-19 relief hours is a matter of equity and safety that P1013 nurse are not afforded. She added that all of the dedicated nursing staff deserves protection.

An individual working on the DPH nurse advise line stated that they used to work full time as a P103 nurse and advocates for that group to have access to the 80 COVID-19 relief hours.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal asked if there are any anticipated shortages of PPE. Dr. Colfax stated that there is no indication of shortages with PPE. However, there are shortages of vaccine doses.

Commissioner Bernal asked for clarification of the populations that will be prioritized by the new City vaccination sites. Mr. Pickens stated that currently these sites will be prioritizing frontline health providers and those 65 years of age and older.

Commissioner Bernal asked how the potentially problematic batch of Moderna vaccine impacted the overall San Francisco supply of the vaccine. Dr. Tenner stated that the DPH initially pulled the batch of Moderna vaccine until the state cleared its use. Had that batch been pulled permanently, it would have put the San Francisco vaccine supply in serious jeopardy for the following week.

Commissioner Giraudo thanked Mr. Pickens for the excellent presentation and getting the vaccination distribution process organized. She suggested more robust communication efforts to ensure that every San Francisco resident understands how to sign up for a vaccine appointment, noting that at present, there is much confusion about where to go to get vaccinated. Dr. Tenner stated that the city has requested that each hospital and health system have a centralized appointment process for its patients.

Commissioner Giraudo suggested that communication regarding the system should be developed at a 5th grade reading level to ensure accessibility for everyone. Mr. Pickens stated that the city's goal is to have its vaccination sites ready to go when there is enough vaccine doses available.

Commissioner Guillermo stated that since a majority of people living in San Francisco are covered by private insurance, she encouraged a huge effort into communicating to the public, health delivery systems, and providers everything needed to understand the vaccination distribution plan. She noted that currently there is a great deal of confusion.

Commissioner Guillermo stated that multistate health systems such as Dignity/Comm and Kaiser, are able to contract directly with the state and federal systems to directly receive vaccine allocations. She asked if the San Francisco vaccine distribution system design takes into account this multistate vaccine distribution system. Mr. Pickens stated that he is not familiar with the multistate health system allocation process.

Commissioner Chow thanked Mr. Pickens and Dr. Tenner for the Herculean task of developing the city's vaccine distribution system. He noted that other states are using private pharmacies such as Walgreens and CVS and encouraged greater use of this system in San Francisco. Mr. Pickens stated that the state is expected to authorize private pharmacies to give vaccine doses but noted that volume will be low due to staffing issues at the pharmacies.

Commissioner Chow requested greater transparency and more details given regarding the vaccination distribution system. He noted that he has heard from private primary care providers that they have not been provided adequate information from the DPH to enable them to inform their patients of the vaccine process.

Commissioner Chung thanks Dr. Colfax, Mr. Pickens, and Dr. Tenner for all the innovative work that they have contributed in developing the vaccine distribution system. She noted that with a new federal administration, there will be soon be a comprehensive national plan that will hopefully boost the local planning efforts. She has confidence that the issues of communication will be resolved quickly by the DPH and city team.

Commissioner Green thanked the DPH leadership for its planning efforts in regard to the vaccine distribution process. She asked if the Biden administration is expected to increase the vaccine supply. She also asked if there will be a centralized sign-up process for vaccine appointments in San Francisco. Mr. Pickens and Dr. Tenner stated that it will take a bit of time to untangle the federal and state supply chain issues; right now more vaccine is being sent to the southern part of the state.

Commissioner Bernal acknowledged the importance of the Hospital Council, which has been working closely with the DPH and city since the pandemic began. He noted this partnership has been critical at every step.

5) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

6) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Commissioner Giraudo, Chair, stated that the committee first discussed a Jail Health Services update. She noted that 53.9% of those incarcerated in the county jails access behavioral health services. She added that Jail Health Services has done a remarkable job of keeping COVID-19 transmission during the pandemic. Commissioner Giraudo also stated that the committee discussed an update from Behavioral Health Services regarding the closure of juvenile hall, which is expected to occur by the end of the calendar year. The plan is for individuals who would have been incarcerated to be placed in community programs, which are yet to be determined. There are currently only 20 individuals incarcerated in the facility.

7) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2021-2022 AND FY 2022-2023 (FY 2021-23)

Greg Wagner, DPH COO and Jen Louie, Acting CFO/Deputy Finance Officer, presented the item. The Health Commission will vote on the DPH budget item at its February 2 ,2021 meeting.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal stated that Commission's gratitude to Mr. Wagner and Ms. Louie for all the innovative work on the DPH budget during the pandemic. He is thankful that the Mayor's priorities are so aligned with the existing DPH priorities.

8) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

9) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

This item was not discussed because no joint conference committee meetings took place since the last Health Commission meeting.

10) CLOSED SESSION

- A) Closed Session Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1156, 1156.1, 1157, 1157.5, 1157.6, and 1157.7; Health and Safety Code Section 1461; San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 67.5, 67.8, 67.8-1, and 67.10; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1.

CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL STAFF CREDENTIALING MATTERS

11) RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A.) Possible report on actions taken in closed session (Cal. Government Code §54957.1(a)(2) and San Francisco Administrative Code §67.12(b)(2))
- B.) Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code §67.12(a).)

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to not disclosed discussions held in closed session.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.