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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday January 5, 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 Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2020

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

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

4) RESOLUTION HONORING ALL LHH STAFF AND RESIDENTS

Commissioner Guillermo, LHH Joint Conference Committee (JCC) Chair, read the resolution.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal noted that usually the Health Commission would be physically present at LHH for this meeting. He acknowledged the incredible stress during the pandemic and thanked all the LHH staff and leadership for their very important work. He also expressed gratitude to Michael Phillips, LHH CEO who joined the hospital during the year, and to Maggie Rykowski, who did a stellar job as Acting LHH CEO during the first part of the fiscal year.

Dr. Colfax expressed gratitude and thanks to the LHH team for their impactful work and care of the LHH residents. He also acknowledged the strain and stress of the pandemic on LHH residents and their families, in

addition to noting sadness for the lives lost due to COVID-19. He also stated that 1,000 LHH staff have been vaccinated and LHH residents would begin receiving vaccines on January 6th.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution.

5) LHH EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Health Commissioners presented the following individuals and groups with awards:

- South 5 COVID-19 Unit
- Respiratory Therapy Department
- Activity Therapy Department
- Environmental Service Department
- Contact Investigations Team
- Infection Control Team
- HICS Leadership
- IT Procurement Team
- Plans Analyst
- Risk Management
- Brigitta Van Ewijk
- Food & Nutrition Services Dept
- Health Checkers and Screeners
- Rehabilitation Department
- Facility Services
- Clinic Staff
- Admissions and Observation Unit
- Social Services Team
- Tony Huang
- Volunteer Services
- Lisa Hoo, MD

6) LHH FY 19-20 ANNUAL REPORT

Michael Phillips, LHH Chief Executive Officer, Nawzaneen Talai, LHH Chief Quality Officer, and Wilmie Hathaway, D.O., LHH Acting Chief Medical Officer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Michelle, a PSY.D trainee, suggested that the LHH model for handling COVID-19 be documented and shared as a model for other facilities.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal thanked Mayor Breed, Dr. Colfax, Mr. Phillips, LHH Leadership, and all LHH staff for their dedication and effective work.

Commissioner Chow thanked LHH staff for their impactful work. He noted as a LHH JCC member, he has been able to get more detail on the incredible work during the year. He also stated hope that rapid testing and vaccines would help prevent more COVID-19 cases at LHH.

Commissioner Guillermo noted that the year was one of great transition for LHH with the change in several key leadership positions, in addition to the pandemic. She noted that LHH staff continued their incredible work to keep the health and safety of LHH residents as the ultimate goals. She thanked Maggie Rykowski, Adrian Smith, and other San Francisco Health Network staff who contributed their leadership during the year.

Commissioner Green expressed gratitude and respect to all LHH staff, the Mayor, and DPH leadership. She understands that there were many transitions in leadership, EPIC implementation, and COVID-19. Through all these stressors, LHH staff remained dedicated to providing excellent care to the LHH residents.

Commissioner Christian thanked Mr. Phillips and all the LHH staff for their effective work and ongoing dedication to providing excellent care throughout the pandemic.

7) 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>

STATE UPDATE:

Governor Newsom unveils California's Safe Schools for All plan

On December 30, Governor Gavin Newsom released the State Safe Schools for All plan, California's framework to support schools to continue operating safely in-person and to expand the number of schools safely resuming in-person instruction. Informed by [growing evidence](#) of the decreased risks and increased benefits of in-person instruction – especially for our youngest students – Governor Newsom is advancing a strategy that will help create safe learning environments for students and safe workplaces for educators and other school staff. The plan was developed in partnership with the Legislature, and the Governor will propose an early action package to ensure schools have the resources necessary to successfully implement key safety precautions and mitigation measures. Components of the plan will be launched in the coming weeks.

The Administration's strategy focuses on ensuring implementation and building confidence by bringing back the youngest children (TK-2) and those who are most vulnerable first, then phasing in other grade levels through the spring. This phased-in return recognizes that younger children are at a lower risk of contracting and transmitting COVID-19. At the same time, distance learning will remain an option for parents and students who choose it and for those whose health status does not allow them to return to school in the near term. Please find additional details about the rationale behind the plan [here](#).

California's Safe Schools for All framework to safe reopening of in-person instruction is built on four pillars:

1. Funding to Support Safe Reopening
2. Safety & Mitigation Measures for Classrooms
3. Hands-on Oversight & Assistance for Schools
4. Transparency & Accountability for Families and Staff

Additional details about the components of the plan can be found [here](#).

LOCAL UPDATE:

Death of David Sanchez Jr., Ph.D, Former Health Commissioner

David Sanchez Jr, Ph.D, a former Health Commissioner, passed away on December 12, 2020. Dr. Sanchez was appointed to the Health Commission by Mayor Willie Brown in 1997 and resigned from the Commission in 2019. During his long tenure on the Health Commission, he served as Health Commission Vice President, Chair of the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee, and Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee. He was also a member of the ZSFG Joint Conference Committee and represented the Health Commission on the SFGH Foundation. Dr. Sanchez provided enthusiastic support for the DPH with particular interest around issues related to diversity, seniors, and veterans. The Health Commission passed resolution 19-6 on April 2 2019 to honor him.

Dr. Sanchez devoted much of his professional career as a UCSF professor and was a valued member of the administration, helping to connect the ZSFG campus to the community. He was a dedicated advocate and leader within San Francisco for decades before joining the Health Commission. He served as President of the Police Commission and President of the Board of Education. He was also a member of the Community College Board, the San Francisco Foundation Board of Directors, and the California Commission on Aging. Dr. Sanchez was also a proud lifelong resident of San Francisco and a Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife, 3 children, and 4 grandchildren.

San Francisco extends Health Order discouraging unnecessary travel and implementing mandatory quarantine

Today, there are over 24,408 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 194 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

Across the nation we are facing a massive surge of infections that began in November. This December and New Year holiday we urge families to keep each other safe by not gathering outside of their households to lower the risk of infection and save lives. It is still important to stay connected and you can do that by reaching out to your friends and colleagues over the next few weeks with a video chat, a text or sharing old photos through phone apps or social media; a brief connection can mean the world.

On December 31, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced the extension beyond January 4th of the public health order implemented on December 17th that places a mandatory quarantine of 10 days on anyone traveling, moving, or returning to San Francisco from anywhere outside the Bay Area and discouraging any non-essential travel. The extension to the travel quarantine order responds to the significant prevalence of the coronavirus throughout the State and Country as well as the need to reduce the exposure and isolate people who may be contagious in order to protect our region's ability to provide intensive care for critically ill patients. The order also protects against the spread of a new variant of the virus detected recently in the United Kingdom, Colorado, and California.

Additionally, San Francisco extended its local Stay Safer at Home order implemented on December 3rd and subsequently required on December 17 by the State of California when the Bay Area's ICU bed availability fell below 15%. The earliest the State could lift its Regional Stay at Home order for the Bay Area is January 7th. But due to ongoing regional ICU capacity limitations and continuing increase of cases, San Francisco does not expect the Bay Area will meet the State's thresholds for lifting the order by that date.

The extension of both health orders will continue until the Bay Area Region is no longer subject to the State's Regional Stay at Home Order. Once the State lifts its Regional Stay at Home order, San Francisco will reassess the key health indicators to determine if they support relaxing the current restrictions on businesses and activities, and resuming the measured re-opening process, guided by the State's tier framework. Those key health indicators include ICU bed availability and other hospital capacity system-wide in San Francisco, as well as COVID-19 case rates. As of Wednesday, December 30th the Bay Area's ICU capacity hovered at approximately 7.5% and cases continued to climb regionally, indicating that it is unlikely demand for ICU care will decline in the coming weeks. It will also be at least two weeks before the City fully understands the impact of travel and gatherings associated with the December and 2021 New Year's holidays.

Preliminary data shows that the Stay Safer at Home order and the travel quarantine order seem to have slowed the infections. Though cases continue to climb, they are increasing at a slower rate than when the orders were implemented. As a result of our collective actions, more than 400 deaths may have prevented.

Public Health officials are watching the data carefully to see what impact the December holidays will have on case rates and hospital capacity. They expect to better understand this impact and project when the Bay Area may meet the State's threshold for lifting the order in the weeks following the holidays.

Travel outside the Bay Area increases an individual's chance of getting infected and spreading the virus to others upon their return. Moreover, in light of the first case of the new strain of COVID originating in the UK being detected in the United States and because the nature of travel often includes interactions and close contact with many people, reducing travel as much as possible and quarantining after any travel outside of the Bay Area is of critical importance to stopping the spread of the virus.

The travel quarantine order strongly discourages non-essential travel of any kind and within any distance, including from one location to another within the Bay Area. Additionally, it requires anyone who comes to San Francisco to quarantine for 10 days if they spent any time outside the following 9 Bay Area counties: San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Sonoma, Napa, Marin and Santa Cruz. This includes returning residents, people moving to San Francisco, those who work in San Francisco, and visitors, unless

specifically exempted by the order. The travel quarantine order allows exemptions for medical professionals, first responders, official government business, essential infrastructure work, and other activities, including any travel to receive medical care or travel required by a court order, like transferring custody of a child. People transiting through San Francisco International Airport on connecting flights and not staying overnight in San Francisco are not required to quarantine. For a full list of exemptions visit www.sfcddcp.org/travel.

Individuals required to quarantine must remain home without physical interaction with others who are not part of their household except in emergency or health care situations. They are not allowed to go to work, school, or any other venue outside their home for 10 days. For further assistance during quarantine, visit sf.gov/quarantining-covid-19.

The Stay Safer at Home order placed restrictions on activities as described below.

The following activities must remain temporarily closed until further notice:

- Personal services. Establishments offering personal care services including hair and nail salons, barbers, tattoo, piercing, estheticians and massage must cease operations, including both indoor and outdoor operations.
- Outdoor dining. Restaurants and any other establishments offering meal service, may only operate for delivery or take-out. Eating and drinking on the premises, including in shared spaces, is prohibited.
- Outdoor museums, aquariums, and zoos. Outdoor installations or exhibits associated with museums, aquariums, or zoos may not allow entrance to visitors. Outdoor botanical gardens and historic sites may remain open.
- Indoor gyms. Limited 1:1 personal training within gyms and fitness centers that was allowed under the previous health order must cease, but may take place outdoors (see below).
- Drive-in gatherings. Drive in theaters and other performances delivered in a drive-in context must cease.
- Outdoor family entertainment centers. Outdoor family entertainment centers including skate parks, roller and ice skating rinks, batting cages, go kart racing and miniature golf must close.
- Open-air bus and boat operators. Operators of open-air busses offering sightseeing and other tour services and open-air boat excursions, including leisure and fishing expeditions, must cease operations.

The following activities must continue to operate at reduced capacity:

- Retail. All retail establishments such as shopping centers, hardware stores, convenience stores, equipment rental, and specialty shops, must reduce capacity to 20% (and implement a metering system (see below). Standalone grocery stores can operate at 35% capacity.
- Low Contact Retail. Service oriented retail such as dog groomers, electronics repair services and shoe repair services can operate in a curbside drop off context only.

The following activities may continue with the stated modifications in place:

- Hotels and lodging. Hotels may only accept reservations from essential workers travelling for work purposes or to support critical infrastructure including accommodations for isolation and quarantine purposes. If an individual from out of state who is not travelling for essential purposes makes a reservation, it must be at least for the number of days required for quarantine. The persons identified in the reservation must quarantine in the hotel or lodging facility for the entirety of the time required. Reservations from non-essential travelers residing in CA may not be accepted or honored.
- Small gatherings. Small outdoor gatherings must limit themselves to members of 1 household with a maximum number of 12 people, or a maximum of 2 individuals from 2 households. Face coverings must remain on at all times except when eating or drinking. Indoor gatherings among different households are not allowed.

- Outdoor gyms. Outdoor gym or fitness center activities as well as outdoor fitness in-person group classes (such as boot camps, dance, yoga, tai-chi, etc.) are limited to groups of 12 people, including personnel, and must maintain strict distance and face covering requirements. Running groups are prohibited.
- Youth sports. Youth sports activities affiliated with a childcare program, Out of School Time program, or other organized and supervised youth sports program may continue operating outdoors only without competitions or spectators and with strict social distancing and face covering requirements in place.
- Indoor activities open to public. Any establishment allowing members of the public to access indoor areas, including shopping centers, grocery stores, corner stores, financial services, hardware stores, pharmacies, etc. must establish a metering system to monitor capacity thresholds and ensure capacity does not exceed limits. In effect, a business will need to assign a specific staff person to monitor the number of people in the establishment and ensure that the 20% capacity threshold (or 35% capacity for standalone grocery stores) is maintained at all times. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Adult Recreation. No/low contact adult recreational activities such as golf, tennis, pickle ball, and bocce ball may continue outdoors subject to limits (golf limited to twosomes and members of different households may not share a cart; tennis and pickleball limited to singles with no shared equipment).

Also, the State's Limited Stay at Home Order remains in effect, which requires non-essential businesses to close to the public between 10 pm and 5 am and restricts gatherings during that period. The State's Limited Stay at Home Order does not affect take-out and delivery by restaurants, essential workers, or public transit. Additional information about which businesses and activities can operate in San Francisco and what modifications are required at this time is available at www.sf.gov/step-by-step/reopening-san-francisco. For the full health order and answers to frequently asked questions about the health order, visit www.sfcddcp.org/travel. For information on celebrating the holidays safely at home, visit www.sf.gov/HolidaysAtHome.

San Francisco administers first COVID-19 vaccine to health care workers

On December 15, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced that San Francisco has administered the first COVID-19 vaccines to frontline health care workers. This first vaccine administered at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital is part of the initial 12,675 vaccine doses that San Francisco is receiving from the state and federal government. The City is in the process of allocating the vaccine doses to acute care facilities throughout the city.

The City of San Francisco's goal is to ensure that vaccination is provided quickly and safely to as many people as possible. San Francisco is allocating COVID-19 vaccines in accordance with the State of California's vaccine prioritization plan, which requires that the first phase of vaccines be administered to health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities, including nursing homes. Additional segments of the population will receive COVID-19 vaccines as more supplies become available. The general population will likely not have access until the vaccine supply is no longer limited, which is expected to be later in 2021.

The first 12,675 vaccine doses are being allocated to acute care facilities. These hospitals and facilities are allocated doses based on the percentage of healthcare workers at each hospital in proportion to San Francisco's entire hospital worker population, as well as the number of COVID-19 patients the facility cares for and the readiness to receive and administer the vaccine. Upon distribution of the vaccines to those facilities, each facility is responsible for identifying individual recipients and administering the vaccine in adherence with state and federal guidelines.

Dr. Antonio Gomez was the first person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in San Francisco. He is Medical Director of Critical Care Services at the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, where he has treated the most critically ill COVID-19 patients. Dr. Gomez has been on staff at the hospital since 2002.

Phung Nguyen, RN, was the second person to receive a vaccine today. She is a nurse in the intensive care unit at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, which has treated the most acute COVID-19 cases in San Francisco during the pandemic. The vaccines were administered by Kai Chen, RN, a nurse at the hospital.

The 12,675 COVID-19 vaccine doses that San Francisco is receiving from the state and federal government will be administered to 12,675 individuals. The vaccine administered today requires two shots, spaced 21 days apart to be effective. San Francisco expects to receive a second allocation of COVID-19 vaccines from the state next week and every week thereafter. Facilities will be responsible for administering the second dose to recipients.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine in San Francisco, please visit: <https://sf.gov/information/about-covid-19-vaccines>. This webpage will be updated regularly.

SF Department of Health announces Director of Public and Government Affairs

On December 14, 2020, Katy Tang joined the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) team as Director of Public and Government Affairs. In this role, Katy will lead our department's external affairs work.

During this past summer and fall, Katy worked with DPH as a Disaster Service Worker on a wide range of issues including assisting with Board of Supervisors relations and legislative/policy advisement. Katy has 14 years of service in local government at City & County of San Francisco, including work in the Mayor's Budget & Policy Office, Board of Supervisors, and most recently at the Airport.

During her tenure on the Board of Supervisors, she worked with DPH to develop the nation's strongest lactation in the workplace policy at the time of its adoption (a similar version was subsequently adopted at the state level). Katy is a native San Franciscan, she grew up in the City with a passion for public service and will use experience in local government to work on building and improving relationships among a variety of communities and stakeholders during the pandemic and beyond.

As Director of Public and Government Affairs, Katy will hit the ground running - she'll be collaborating with COVID Command Center (CCC) Community Branch, DPH Office of Health Equity, and CCC Joint Information Center on assessing DPH's reach in the community, addressing gaps in relationships with community-based organizations, developing a system for tracking DPH's engagement with the community among the various divisions, identifying needs and solutions among communities with an equity-based approach. She will also work closely with our Communications team to coordinate and strategize on public messages as well as provide strategic advisement to me, our Policy team and Board of Supervisors liaison on legislative/policy issues.

Woman Leader in Supply Chain: Daisy Aguallo

The San Francisco Department of Public Health is pleased to announce the San Francisco Health Network Director of Supply Chain, Daisy Aguallo, received a nomination and was chosen to be showcased as one of this year's Women Leaders in Supply Chain, by the Journal of Healthcare Contracting. This distinguished award is based on nominations from peers, colleagues and business partners to Women Supply Chain leaders who have made a significant impact to their organization as well as the industry. The individual's contribution and effort are then considered from those that are nominated to identify which women will be honored. Click on link to read full article. <https://www.jhconline.com/december-2020.html>

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Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked for information regarding the timeline for the DPH budget process. Greg Wagner, DPH COO, stated that the DPH budget will be brought to the Health Commission at its January 19th and February 2nd meetings. The Mayor has requested each Department to submit a plan with 7.5% cut with additional 2.5% budget reduction as a contingency plan.

8) COVID-19 UPDATE

Grant Colfax, Director of Health, gave the report.

Public Comment:

Diana Morales, City College Radiology student, stated that interns working directly with COVID-19 patients are not included in the vaccine phases. She has a petition of 200 individual interns requesting to be included in the vaccine distribution phases.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green asked how the new variant of COVID, first found in Europe, could impact case numbers in the Bay Area. Dr. Colfax stated that known prevention efforts such as physical distance and wearing masks are as important as ever as we learn more about the new strain of COVID.

Commissioner Green asked for more information on the status of the San Francisco hospital capacity. Dr. Colfax stated that ZSFG continues to care for the most COVID-19 patients in San Francisco. He added that after a number of efforts, the COVID Command Center has been able to receive data on other hospital COVID-19 patients. He will bring this data to the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Chow asked if there is an update on opening schools. Dr. Colfax stated that schools which opened before the current surge have remained open. The Mayor is committed to reopening schools safely and hopes to focus on elementary schools.

Commissioner Guillermo noted that reports of facilities giving the vaccine to populations outside of the current phase; she asked if this is occurring in San Francisco. Roland Pickens, Director of the San Francisco Health

Network, stated that the health systems in the city have committed to adhering to the standard phases so there is equity within San Francisco.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding the timeline for private medical practitioners and their patients to receive the vaccine. Dr. Colfax stated that medical practitioners are in phase 1A. He noted that the COVID Command Center group working on vaccination protocols issues some preliminary information about this group receiving vaccinations in their offices. Some hospital systems have volunteered to vaccinate private practitioners. Commissioner Chow encouraged communication between the DPH/CCC and the San Francisco and Marin Medical Society on these issues.

Commissioner Green noted that there are many patients, for example at Brown and Toland, who do not have a medical home and therefore do not know where to ask for the vaccine. Additionally, there are a huge amount of Medicare patients without Medicare Advantage that are not connected to a provide and therefore are not getting vaccine information. She noted that many private medical practitioners provide vital services and it is important to include them in planning. Mr. Pickens stated that he will update the Commission on outreach to private medical providers through Mr. Morewitz.

Commissioner Christian asked for clarification regarding where community mental health workers fall in the vaccination phasing process. Mr. Pickens stated that this group is categorized as 1A. Commissioner Christian asked for language used to outreach to this group to be shared with the Commission as it is developed. Dr. Hali Hammer, Director of San Francisco Health Network Ambulatory Care stated that community behavioral health providers working for DPH vendors have been included in the vaccine outreach and planned phases. Dr. Claire Horton, San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) Chief Medical Officer, stated that a SFHN Behavioral Health Services representative is on the COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce to ensure behavioral health staff and clients receive the vaccine.

Commissioner Bernal asked for more information regarding where the following populations fall in the COVID-19 vaccine phases: Lactating and pregnant women, people living with HIV, those living in congregant settings. Dr. Colfax stated that he would get this information to the Commission through Mr. Morewitz.

9) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Chow chaired the meeting prior to the full Health Commission meeting. He thanked Commissioner Giraud for joining the meeting to ensure quorum. He stated that the committee recommended that the Health Commission approve all items on the Consent Calendar. He also noted that the committee requested follow-up on contract outcome objectives for the Sugary Drink Distributor Tax-funded contracts in approximately a year.

10) CONSENT CALENDAR

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the following items.

- **JANUARY 2021 CONTRACTS REPORT**
- **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ TO ADMINISTER THE MEDI-CAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES (MAA) AND TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT (TCM) PROGRAMS. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WILL SERVE AS A "HOST COUNTY" FOR COLLECTING MAA/TCA PARTICIPATION FEES. THE TOTAL PROPOSED CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$551,937 FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022 (3 YEARS).**
- **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE CARECEN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$997,920, WHICH INCLUDES A 12%**

CONTINGENCY, TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ADDRESS CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION THROUGH POLICY, SYSTEMS, ENVIRONMENT (PSE) LEVEL CHANGE PROJECTS RELATED TO SUGARY DRINK CONSUMPTION AND HEALTH EQUITY, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30 2023 (3 YEARS).

- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$543,836, WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY, TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ADDRESS CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION THROUGH POLICY, SYSTEMS, ENVIRONMENT (PSE) LEVEL CHANGE PROJECTS RELATED TO SUGARY DRINK CONSUMPTION AND HEALTH EQUITY, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30 2023 (3 YEARS).
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE TENDERLOIN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,152,323, WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY, TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ADDRESS CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION THROUGH POLICY, SYSTEMS, ENVIRONMENT (PSE) LEVEL CHANGE PROJECTS RELATED TO SUGARY DRINK CONSUMPTION AND HEALTH EQUITY, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30 2023 (3 YEARS).

11) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

12) FOR DISCUSSION: JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow, ZSFG JCC Chair, stated that at its December 22nd meeting, the ZSFG JCC reviewed the standard reports including the Regulatory report, CEO report, Human Resources and Medical Staff report. The committee approved the appointment of Joseph Pace as the Chief of Community Primary Care and the psychiatry rules and regulations. In closed session, the Committee approved the Credentials Report and PIPS Minutes reports.

13) CLOSED SESSION - LITIGATION

- A.) Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.
- B.) Vote on whether to hold a closed session regarding pending litigation (S.F. Administrative Code § 67.10(d).)
- C.) CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY

Convene in Closed Session - Existing Litigation - Motion that the Health Commission convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding the following existing lawsuit in which a proposed settlement is being considered by the Commission, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) and California Government Code Sections 54956.9 and 54956.9(c) permit this closed session. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending lawsuit listed below.

(After a closed session, if one occurs, the Health Commission shall adopt a motion either to disclose or not to disclose.)

1. Settlement of Litigation: Gayle L. Brownlee, City to pay \$65,000.00.

Gayle L. Brownlee, plaintiff vs. Kris Mohler, Julian San Jose, Rowena Patel, Wilmie Hathaway, Susan (Ma) Sabai, Anna Calderon, Laguna Honda Hospital, defendants. Filed October 11, 2019 (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 4:19-cv-06554-YGR)

2. Settlement of Grievance: Mary Jane Cabuag, City to pay \$54,167.32. Mary Jane Cabuag v. City and County of San Francisco (DPH) Grievance by Service Employees International Union, Local 1021. Grievance filed June 27, 2019 (ERD No. 82-19-3653)

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).)
- C.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AS DEFENDANT
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(2) and California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(2) and (e)(3): one case.

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

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.