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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, Vice President
Commissioner James Illig, President
Commissioner Margine Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez

Excused: Commissioner Catherine Waters

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2011.

Action Taken: The minutes of the of the March 1, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara A. Garcia, Director of Health presented the report which is a current overview of the state of public health in San Francisco. The report can be viewed at:

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

San Francisco's Response to Earthquake in Japan and Local Tsunami Warning

As the Commission is aware, Japan suffered a devastating 8.9 magnitude earthquake on Friday morning, and a tsunami warning was subsequently issued for the California coast. San Francisco Department of Emergency Management (DEM) activated the City's Emergency Operations Center, and DPH has participated in multiple conference calls to get updates on the situation and the City's response. A first wave locally occurred on Friday morning, and was smaller than anticipated due to low tide. Increased wave activity was anticipated for a period of 10 to 12 hours. The City is continuing to monitor the tsunami warning and is assessing risks to California coastal areas. As a precaution, the Police Department closed

the upper Great Highway and the National Park Service closed Ocean Beach, Baker Beach, China Beach, and Fort Funston. DPH worked with the Human Services Agency to ensure our HOT teams are on standby in case any outreach to homeless in the closed areas or nearby Golden Gate Park was needed. The tragedy in Japan serves as a sobering reminder as to the importance of disaster preparedness. The website www.72hours.org provides an excellent, comprehensive guide to get started.

SFGH ISIS Clinic Celebrates 10th Anniversary

This year the ISIS Clinic on 4C at SFGH reached its tenth anniversary, still pursuing its mission to care for patients with emergent soft tissue infections. Over the years, thousands of patients have found their way to this clinic, including diabetics, IV drug users, patients with infected lacerations and punctures, and others. The clinic, which is a collaboration between the Community Health Network and the Dept of Surgery, served 2,685 such patients last year alone. In addition to providing outstanding wound care, the ISIS clinic has lightened the load in the emergency department where these problems otherwise would be treated. Innovations like that, which improve patient care and operational efficiency, are what SFGH and DPH are all about.

Trauma Surgeon Interviewed in Aftermath of AZ Shooting

In the aftermath of the Arizona shooting that injured Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and killed six others, emergency responders are taking another look at how they are outfitted for the field. KPIX Channel 5 News took a closer look at this issue on March 8, with a piece featuring SFGH Trauma Surgeon Andre Campbell, MD. Dr. Campbell explained how basic equipment such as gauze and tourniquets could be used by adequately trained lay people to save lives and reduce injury before victims are transported to hospitals.

Balboa Teen Health Center Advisory Board Performs Theatre Piece on Teen Pregnancy

On March 1, 2011, the Balboa Teen Health Center's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) performed a theater performance piece on teen pregnancy and male involvement at Balboa High School to over 1,000 students. Entitled "One in a Million: Daisy's Story," the theater piece follows Daisy, a 17 year old with an unplanned pregnancy and the decision she makes surrounding her particular situation. The YAB at Balboa Teen Health Center has existed for seven years, staffed by Marcia Zorrilla. It is a great example of successful implementation of DPH's youth development policy, utilizing a peer provider model to educate teens on important health issues. "Daisy's Story" is the second theater piece performed by the YAB; last year, the YAB focused on mental health stigma among youth in a production entitled "Caring About Health."

Cultural Competency Training

The DPH Community Programs sponsored a two-day training event on February 17 and 18 when Joy DeGruy, Ph.D, author of *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome – America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing*, was lead speaker and trainer for the Department's cultural competence training. The series on "The Impact of Historical Trauma on African American Health and Wellness," was attended by 78 Community Programs managers and "Cultural Specific Models of Treatment and Practices for African Americans" was attended by 475+ contract and civil service program staff and community members. These trainings offered critical information and guidance for the Department's African American Health Initiative, as well as an important opportunity for cultural celebration, honoring, and community recognition.

Strengthening Families Program Begins March 15

Sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Addictions—Bay Area, the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is a parent, youth, and family skill building program. SFP has been

found to significantly reduce problem behaviors, delinquency, and alcohol and drug abuse in children and improve social competencies and school performance. The program is structured over a 14-week period and includes family group sessions and separate teen and parent sessions. Parents are asked to practice new learned skills at home and report back each week. There is no cost for the program and many accommodations are offered to help families participate such as baby sitting, prizes and incentives, and Muni/BART passes. Participants must be San Francisco residents with children between ages 12-16. If you or anyone you know could benefit from the SFP, contact Pedro Torres, 296-9900.

Sunday Streets Kicks off March 20 on Embarcadero

Car Free Streets. CareFree People. The very popular **Sunday Streets** is back for 2011 when the first scheduled Sunday Streets event for bikers, joggers, dancers, strollers, skaters and walkers will take place on March 20 along the Embarcadero.

Shape Up SF is one of several proud Sunday Streets sponsors opening the streets for physical activity and fun once a month from March through October in different neighborhoods. The Mission and Great Highway will be hosting twice and Bayview, Tenderloin, and Western Addition neighborhoods are opening their streets for a day. Volunteers are always needed. For more information about volunteering and a complete list of Sunday Streets dates, go to www.sundaystreetsf.com.

Next Project Homeless Connect (PHC) Scheduled for March 16

The next Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is scheduled for March 16 at Bill Graham Auditorium. PHC makes a real difference in the lives of the City's homeless by bringing together almost 250 non-profit agencies, private businesses, and volunteers to assist San Franciscans in need. Since the program began, more than 21,000 volunteers have provided services to more than 32,000 homeless and poor San Franciscans through PHC. As a program of the Department of Public Health, we aim to provide tangible services focused on the needs of the participants. We could not be successful without the aid of the volunteers who give of themselves so generously. Volunteers are the life blood of PHC. You can register to volunteer by logging on to www.ProjectHomelessConnect.com.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK
 SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER
 MARCH 2011
 Health Commission - Director of Health Report
 (03/07/2011 CLIN-MEC)

	03/11	07/10 to 06/11
New Appointments	5	137
Reinstatements	0	2
Reappointments	43	393
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	12	128
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	1
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	11	56
Voluntary Relinquishments	13	149
Proctorship Completed	32	132
Proctorship Extension	0	1

Current Statistics – as of 01/31/2011		
Active Staff	498	
Courtesy Staff	555	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	236	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,289	

Applications in Process	22
Applications Withdrawn Month of February 2011	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 04/2011 to 06/2011	143

Tomas Aragon, DPH Health Officer DPH, gave an update on the crisis in Japan. Since the earthquake and tsunami, there have been issues regarding safety of several nuclear power plants in the region. Some San

San Francisco residents have been concerned that radiation from these plants may make its way to San Francisco and have asked for guidance about whether they should take potassium iodide as possible prevention. Dr. Aragon stated that the DPH has been working with the Department of Emergency Management to get the most up-to-date information. He stated that the design of the nuclear plants in Japan should prevent radiation from being sent up into the atmosphere; instead any explosion would be contained in a way to keep radiation dispersed around the area (instead of in an upward direction) The amount of radiation that could possibly make its way to San Francisco would be in low amounts that would not be of health concerns to San Francisco's residents. He stated that the most important action for San Franciscan residents to take is to properly prepare for an earthquake or other disaster.

Dr. Aragon also stated that the DPH has an existing Radiological Event Plan and this incident is enabling the staff of the new Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section to insure the plan is up-to-date and feasible. The DPH will be issuing an advisory via a press release on 3/15/11.

Commissioner Chow suggested that the DPH issue a "Facts Blast" to local physicians so that they can be properly educated on the issue. Dr. Chow-hopes that DPH will be issuing an advisory to communicate. Dr. Aragon stated that a press statement will be released by the end of the week.

Commissioner Sako stated that because of the heightened sensitivity to a possible disaster in San Francisco, she requested a quarterly update of DPH disaster planning efforts and activities of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section in the Director's Report on a quarterly basis.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Margine Sako, Chair stated that the Committee heard a presentation by the Maria Su, Director of the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families, on the first stage of the Department's needs assessment. The presentation included data that showed health care access being a very significant issue for children under the age of five. For children aged 6-13, peer-to-peer relationships were priority; the assessment also found that addressing behavioral issues for adolescents aged 14-21 is important to their health and wellness.

The Committee also heard an update on the Mental Health Services Act, which provides services to residents with mental health issue. Its funding is based on a State tax of California residents who earn over one million dollars. Due to the slowing of the economy, there is expected to be a decrease in funding for this initiative.

As a follow-up to the February 15th presentation made by Rhajiv Bhatia, M.D., DPH Director of Occupational and Environmental Health, on Pedestrian Safety, the Committee heard a presentation from the MTA on pedestrian safety and looks forward to working with other City agencies on this issue through the Mayor's Executive Directive on Pedestrian Safety.

6) RESOLUTION: PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Patricia Erwin, Health Education Programs Director and Anna Validzic, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Programs, made the presentation. The theme of the 2011 Public Health Week is "Safety Is No Accident. Live Injury Free." The presentation included an overview of the DPH injury and violence prevention activities.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up

Commissioner Illig stated that most of the number of deaths categorized as "unintentionally poisoned" are drug overdoses. He encourages the DPH to use this data to justify the level of spending on substance abuse programs. He also requested a breakdown of the actual poison deaths versus drug overdoses.

Commissioner Chow requested more information on suicide data including age ranges, demographics, and how San Francisco compares to the state and the rest of the country. Mr. Erwin stated that this information will be included in a report that will be distributed this summer.

Commissioner Sanchez requested information regarding student safety on public transportation and the rationale for not requiring safety belts on school buses. Ms. Validzic stated that the San Francisco County Transportation authority is working with the school district to revise its plan for student transportation. The DPH is working with both entities on this issue.

Commissioner Sako requested that future reports include how the DPH is working with other Departments on this issue.

Action Taken: The Commission unanimously passed the resolution honoring Public Health Week.
(Attachment A)

7) BUDGET HEARING: RESOLUTION

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer presented the base budget. Barbara Garcia, Director, stated that after the Commission considers the base budget presented at this meeting, the next step will be to consider the contingency budget at the April 5th meeting. As part of her efforts towards outreach and education to the community, she will be attending the Mayor's town hall meetings and will meet with the DPH contractors in late march.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up

Commissioner Illig stated that he is still concerned about the high cost of civil service positions and gave the example of Curry House as a paradigm that uses non-profit partners alongside DPH employees. He asked whether other possibilities (e.g. non-profit partners) were considered for the many new positions needed at the San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH). Ms. Garcia stated that the level of regulation and liability for care is much more complex at SFGH and the new positions must be DPH staff.

Commissioner Chow asked if the Mayor's Office approves the decision for the DPH to take out requests for structural budget items. Mr. Sass stated that there is a history of the Mayor's Office not funding structural items because the DPH revenues have historically been higher than projected and have paid for necessary structural items. He also stated that as the economy continues to cause reductions in overall budgets, there may be a time when the DPH cannot cover these structural items with its own revenue and the City may have to provide assistance.

Commissioner Chow asked how the proposed new SFGH hospitalist positions will solve the issue of reduced resident hours at SFGH. Cathryn Thurow, Director of UCSF School of Medicine at SFGH, stated that SFGH and UCSF are still in the process of designing solutions to deal with the reduction in resident hours. She also stated that a large portion of public health hospitals across the country are using hospitalists to deal with this issue.

Commissioner Illig stated that he will not vote for the proposed budget because he wants to review the full budget before approving any of its parts.

Action Taken: The resolution approving the DPH FY 2011-2012 Base Budget was approved
(Chow, Tierney, Melara, Tierney, Sanchez voted "Yes" and Illig voted "No")
(Attachment B)

8) **OTHER BUSINESS**

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sanchez, who chaired the last SF JCC meeting, stated that the Committee heard presentations on telemedicine, the 1115 Waiver update, meaningful use of electronic medical records update, and the SFGH proposed budget.

Commissioner Sanchez also stated that Genuvieve di San Faustino, a founding board member of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, died on March 10, 2011. He asked that the Commission adjourn the meeting in her honor

Commissioner Illig requested that the LHH JCC review the LHH budget requested budget items including personnel at its March 24, 2011 meeting.

COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

Commissioner Sako announced that there will be an event on March 26th to celebrate the opening of the new St. Mary's Cancer center.

9) **CLOSED SESSION**

YEP V. CCSF (CASE # CGC-09-487890)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL ISSUES, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, BARBARA A.GARCIA

D) Reconvene in Open Session

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose the discussion of items from the closed session.

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-11**

HONORING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, APRIL 4-10, 2011

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health is committed to promoting the health of all San Franciscans through public health interventions and provision of health services; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the City and County of San Francisco are committed to injury prevention through various programs and initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health states that the Department “shall prevent injury”; and injury prevention is a major area of focus for the Department’s Environmental Health and Community Health Promotion and Prevention Sections; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s residents suffered 468 fatal and 5,627 non-fatal hospitalized injuries in 2006 (most recent data available); and

WHEREAS, the Department’s Community Health Promotion and Prevention Section implements programs to prevent injuries such as senior fall prevention, pedestrian and traffic safety, and safe sleeping for infants, and the Environmental Health Section supports injury prevention with a focus on the built environment; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that injury prevention is a core component of healthy communities and that the safety of our communities is no accident; and,

WHEREAS, the Department’s staff has excelled in developing partnerships with communities in San Francisco to prevent injuries; and,

WHEREAS, the first week of April is celebrated as “National Public Health Week” in states and counties throughout the United States, including California; and,

WHEREAS, the focus of the 2011 San Francisco Public Health Week is “Safety is No Accident: Live Injury Free”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission recognizes the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s excellent programs and the work in preventing injury and promoting safety, and celebrates those efforts during National Public Health Week, April 4-10, 2011.

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 04-11

**APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH'S BASE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12**

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a \$387 million shortfall for fiscal year 2011-12 and the Mayor's Budget Office has required that Departments submit base budgets that reduce their General Fund subsidy by 10%; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Budget Office has further required that Departments submit a contingency budget that reduces their General Fund subsidy by additional 10%; and

WHEREAS, the projected cost of this combined reduction is \$68.4 million for Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Department has identified \$46.1 million in increases to revenues; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has identified \$15.5 million in increases in its base budget including regulatory, inflationary and emerging issues that are fully funded by increased revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Department has identified \$1.37 million in reductions; and

WHEREAS, said reductions, and additional revenues and regulatory and inflationary items achieve a total General Fund reduction of \$32 million plus \$10.2 million in General Fund savings for 2010-11; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission has held two public hearings on the Public Health base budget; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed budget exceeds the base budget targeted General Fund reduction by \$7.4 million, now, therefore; be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves submission of the Public Health base budget for fiscal year 2011-12 to the Mayor's Office.