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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302

San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner James Illig, President
Commissioner Catherine Waters
Commissioner David J. Sanchez
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Margine Sako

Excused: Commissioner Edward A. Chow, Vice President

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

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2011.

Action Taken: The minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2011 were unanimously approved.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara A. Garcia, Director of Health, gave the report which can be viewed at the following link:

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

SSA chooses San Francisco for Pilot Demonstration

To better serve the needs of homeless individuals with schizophrenia, the Social Security Administration (SSA) is preparing to implement a demonstration with San Francisco and Santa Cruz Counties to test the viability of offering Presumptive Disability determinations to this group. Presumptive Disability would allow homeless individuals with schizophrenia to start receiving SSI benefits immediately, prior to a full medical review by the state Disability Determination Services. To date, no mental illness diagnosis has been included in a Federal presumptive disability category.

Because of the high probability that these applicants would be allowed and their severe vulnerability, SSA believes this project would serve as a much-needed resource for homeless persons with schizophrenia.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Incident at Marriott Marquis Hotel

The Department's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team was part of the City's response to a January 6 incident at the Marriott Marquis hotel where several guests were transported to hospitals after complaining about flu-like symptoms. Fortunately for the individual who was transported to SFGH, ER clinician Rachel Chin, MD, considered carbon monoxide toxicity as a cause of the symptoms, tested for it and made an early and important diagnosis. This information was relayed to the emergency responders on site at the hotel, allowing them to focus their investigation on finding the source. It appears that the carbon monoxide was coming from an improperly installed water heater located in a crawl space room servicing the adjacent Amber Indian Restaurant. The DPH Consumer Protection Program ordered immediate closure of the restaurant. Management was able to reopen their restaurant on Saturday, January 8 after emergency installation of a new water heater and approvals from the essential City agencies. All of the patients with symptoms appear to have recovered.

Communicable Disease Control & Prevention Posts 2009-10 Flu-Related Hospitalization Info for San Francisco

Although every flu season is different, last year's world-wide pandemic due to the novel influenza A H1N1 Swine Flu strain was *dramatically* different. As we prepare for and respond to the current flu season—and we are just now beginning to see cases—it is helpful to understand how last year's pandemic impacted San Francisco. The summary report, *Influenza-Related Hospitalization in San Francisco, 2009-2010*, provides a snapshot of the pandemic in San Francisco.

The full report is posted on the website at <http://www.sfcdcp.org/publications.html>.

Newly Expanded Smoking Prohibition Ordinance

Article 19F, a new provision of the San Francisco Health Code, went into effect in November 2010. The new portion of the Code expands protections from exposure to second-hand smoke by prohibiting smoke in enclosed and certain unenclosed areas.

Because this Department's practice has been to educate the public prior to enforcement of new regulations, the Environmental Health section and the Tobacco Free Project designed an outreach campaign to the public in general and a more targeted campaign to owners and managers of businesses, apartments and condominiums that are affected by the new Health Code. Gaining 100% compliance with the new law will be a work in progress. Meanwhile, we will investigate complaints as they arise and work with owners to help them come into full compliance.

AB 354 Update

AB 354 is the new California state law that requires all students entering 7th through 12th grades for the 2011-12 school year to show proof of a Tdap booster shot, on or after his or her 7th birthday. Documentation must be presented before starting school or students will be denied school entry.

Communicable Disease Prevention is working with providers to get their young patients into the office and vaccinated as soon as possible. We estimate that this new requirement will affect nearly 25,000 students in the City. Some of these children already have their vaccine but at this point, we

are uncertain how many more will need to be immunized to meet the AB 354 law when schools open in the Fall. Communicable Disease Prevention Unit will hold three mass Tdap clinics in March, May and August. Organizers plan to run the clinics using the Incident Command System (ICS) format and will be soliciting volunteer help from nursing schools, other community clinics, the school district itself and within the Department of Public Health. More information about the Department's activities and plans for implementing AB 354 can be found at www.sfcdp.org. The site will be updated as plans evolve.

San Francisco TB Control Annual Report

Over the past two decades, the number of tuberculosis (TB) cases in San Francisco has declined by 66% but have leveled off over the past 5 years. TB rates remain high among the City's immigrants, African Americans and marginally housed residents of single room occupancy hotels. Compared to two decades ago when HIV infection was the dominant risk factor for TB, current data shows that diabetes and tobacco use are greater contributors to the disease. These other TB highlights can be found in the newly -released 2009 Annual Tuberculosis Report at www.sftbc.org.

Child Nutrition Reauthorization Passes

I wanted to bring to the Commissioner's attention a significant impact that this Department had on recent federal legislation. On December 13, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (child nutrition reauthorization bill) which authorizes funding for federal school meal and child nutrition programs and increases access to healthy food for low-income children.

DPH staff worked closely with the Campaign for Better Nutrition and Public Advocates to elevate the awareness of this and several unrecognized issues related to misuse of federal subsidies. These issues were addressed in the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

The child nutrition reauthorization bill also included a provision to end financial practices that drain funds intended for low income students from the National School Lunch Program and using them to offset losses in their sales of "competitive food," which is often snack foods such as chip, candy and soda. The bill requires districts meet a new revenue and expense ratio intended to prevent such cross subsidization. The San Francisco Department of Public Health and Campaign for Better Nutrition were the first organizations to raise this issue at the national level.

M.A.C AIDS Funds Grant for Female Condom 2

The STD Section received \$100,000 in funding from the M.A.C. (MAC Cosmetics) AIDS Fund to support the launch of the Female Condom 2 in San Francisco. The STD Section will be collaborating with the AIDS Office to purchase the FC2 condoms and to develop and disseminate advertisements highlighting the FC2 condom. The campaign plans an official launch on Valentines Day.

Program Collaboration and Service Integration (PCSI) Project

PCSI is a DPH in-house collaboration between multiple divisions to develop an assessment of the current *syndemics** among HIV, viral hepatitis, STDs and TB. Staff working on this project will be looking to identify gaps in services and develop the systems needed to provide the very best integrated services to patients. The result will be seen in a more efficient use of resources, and more routine screening for HIV along with other diseases such as STD, TB and hepatitis. A big plus to this may be the ability to produce third party billing/reimbursement.

The PCSI Steering Committee has drafted representatives from Community Oriented Primary Care, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, DPH Microbiology Lab, HIV Epidemiology, HIV Health Services, HIV Prevention, San Francisco General Hospital Clinical Laboratory, STD Prevention and Control, and TB Control. The group will present to the Council in the fall. For additional information, contact Israel Nieves-Rivera at israel.nieves@sfdph.org.

*Syndemic is defined as *two or more afflictions, interacting synergistically, contributing to excess burden of disease in a population.* Related concepts include: linked epidemics, interacting epidemics, connected epidemics, co-occurring epidemics, co-morbidities, and clusters of health-related crises.

Course Accredited for Community Health Worker Program

The HIV Research Section, in collaboration with City College, has developed a special course about research as it relates to the Community Health Worker program. The final product is a 1-unit course, designed to teach students about research, how it is conducted, what ethical protections are in place, and how community health workers can get involved. Students also have a chance to create and conduct their own mini-research project, so it will be hands-on and, we hope, inspiring.

The course was created with input from the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) at UCSF, San Francisco State University and, more importantly, community health workers already working in research fields. I believe this collaboration lays the groundwork for the sort of long-term work we want to do out in the community. The course was held successfully in Fall 2010 and will be offered for a second time on February 12 & 26, 2011.

San Francisco Hep B Free Profiled in Journal of Community Health

The Hep B Free Program and how it began and evolved was published in the peer-reviewed December, 2010 *Journal of Community Health*, documenting the first half of the campaign. I believe the success of this grass roots community effort is captured with the following except from the Journal. "From 2007 to 2009, over 150 organizations contributed approximately \$1,000,000 in resources to the San Francisco Hep B Free campaign. 40 educational events reached 1,100 healthcare providers, and 50% of primary care physicians pledged to screen APIs routinely for hepatitis B. Community events and fairs reached over 200,000 members of the general public." Congratulations to the leaders of this extraordinary program and to Rita Shiao, Janet Zola, and Susan E. Fenyak, MD, who contributed to the Journal article. A copy of the article is attached.

SFGH Neurosurgeon Adds to Public Discussion on Congresswoman Gifford's Head Injury

Geoffrey T. Manley, M.D., Ph.D., Chief of Neurosurgery at SFGH and Co-Director, Brain and Spinal Injury Center (**BASIC**), was interviewed by an ABC reporter about brain injury after the shooting incident in Tucson, AZ last weekend and the importance of Cities having a Level 1 Trauma Center as a community medical resource. A link to the interview is at

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/video?id=7888543&pid=7888494>.

SFGH Patient Safety Officer Named Top-Ranked Nurse in Navy Reserve

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH) is proud to announce that Patient Safety Officer Margaret A. (Maggie) Rykowski, has been confirmed as Rear Admiral (lower half) for the U.S. Navy Reserve. She was nominated for her new national rank by President Obama.

Admiral Rykowski's civilian and military roles compliment each other well. She is SFGH's Patient Safety Officer, as well as our Nursing Director of Infection Control and the Department of Education and Training. Admiral Rykowski will wear two big hats for the Navy Reserve as Deputy Director for the Nurse Corp and Deputy Fleet Surgeon for U.S. Fleet Forces Command. She has served in the Navy Reserve for 24 years. I know the Commission joins me in congratulating Admiral Maggie Rykowski on her confirmation.

Institute of Medicine Membership

Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, Chief of the Pediatrics Service at SFGH, was among 65 new members recently elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM). Election to the IOM is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine, and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. Other SFGH physicians belonging to this august group are Neil Powe, MD, Chief of Medicine, Kevin Grumbach, MD, Chief of Family & Community Medicine, and James Marks, MD, Chief of Anesthesia.

Palliative Care Marks First Year of Service to SFGH

The Palliative Care Service at SFGH will celebrate its one year anniversary on January 27. Launched in December 2009, the Supportive & Palliative Care Service is an interdisciplinary team of providers (physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains) that helps support patients with advanced, life-limiting illnesses, as well as their families and caregivers. The team has expertise in communicating with patients and families (for example, establishing goals of care, explaining diagnoses or prognoses, facilitating family meetings), treating refractory or complex symptoms, and addressing psychosocial or spiritual concerns. For patients whose goals are predominantly comfort-oriented, the service can help facilitate transitions from life-prolonging care to hospice care.

During its first year, the service provided 329 consults, more than twice the predicted volume. Future plans include building up the inpatient service, establishing rotations for Palliative Care Fellows and residents; creating opportunities to improve end-of-life care across the DPH system, and establishing a Palliative Care Clinic. The Commissioners and supporters are welcomed to attend a reception for the Palliative Care Service team on Thursday, January 27, 3:30-5 p.m., Room 505, Building 3 at SFGH.

San Francisco Health Plan Elects New Board Chair

Sue Currin, CEO for San Francisco General Hospital, was elected Chair of the San Francisco Health Plan Board of Directors, replacing former health director Mitch Katz, MD. As the Chair, Ms. Currin is responsible for the general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the Board and will preside over Board meetings.

CA Health Care Safety Net Institute Board of Directors

Iman Nazeeri-Simmons, Chief Quality Officer at SFGH, was appointed for a three-year term to the California Health Care Safety Net Institute (SNI) Board of Directors. SNI was formed in 1999 as a research and education affiliate of the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPHS). Its mission is to design and direct programs that accelerate the spread of innovative practices among California's public hospitals, public clinics, and beyond. Ms. Nazeeri-Simmons's experience and role as a public hospital system leader in California, and her passion and commitment to quality and eliminating health care disparities, will bring a welcome perspective and a wealth of knowledge and ideas to the SNI board.

Vice Chancellor of Diversity and Outreach

J. Renee Navarro, MD, SFGH Anesthesiology Clinical Service and former SFGH Chief of Staff, has been named as the first Vice Chancellor of Diversity and Outreach by UCSF. In her new role, Dr. Navarro will collaborate with faculty, staff, and students to develop and carry out a strategic plan for diversity and inclusion at the campus, as well as in the recruitment of faculty, students, trainees, and staff.

New STD Clinic Medical Director

I am pleased to welcome Stephanie Cohen, MD, as the new Medical Director for San Francisco City Clinic. Dr. Cohen attended Harvard Medical School and completed an Internal Medicine Residency, Chief Residency and Infectious Diseases Fellowship at UCSF. She was a research fellow at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies where she worked with Grant Colfax, MD, Director of HIV Prevention, on several projects related to HIV prevention. She has worked both domestically and internationally to improve access to care and outcomes for people living with HIV. Dr. Cohen has a long standing interest in the epidemiologic, biologic, and behavioral synergy between HIV and other STDs and is interested in developing integrated, multi-level approaches to HIV/STD prevention. She brings to City Clinic a wealth of experience with HIV clinical care, along with a passionate commitment to improving the sexual health of San Franciscans using an evidenced-based public health approach.

Moupali Das, MD, Appointed to National Committee

Moupali Das, MD, Director of Research, HIV Prevention Section, has been invited to serve on the Committee on Data Systems for Monitoring HIV Care, chaired by Paul Volberding, MD, UCSF. As a member of the Committee, Dr. Das and other experts from across the nation will be looking at HIV care data systems to determine how useful it may be towards improving HIV care under the new National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Dr. Das has been asked to participate due to her expertise in population-level monitoring of the HIV/AIDS epidemic using novel surveillance indicators, such as community viral load—a concept pioneered by Dr. Das and her colleagues at DPH. The invitation to serve was issued by the Institute of Medicine at the behest of the Office of National HIV/AIDS Policy at the White House.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

JANUARY 2011

**Health Commission - Director of Health Report
(01/10/2011 CLIN-MEC)**

	01/11	07/10 to 06/11
New Appointments	10	112
Reinstatements	0	2
Reappointments	39	323
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	1	110
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	1
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	13	38
Voluntary Relinquishments	27	112
Proctorship Completed	13	94
Proctorship Extension	0	1

Current Statistics – as of 12/27/2010		
Active Staff	501	
Courtesy Staff	557	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	234	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,292	

Applications in Process	28
Applications Withdrawn Month of December 2010	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 02/2011 to 04/2011	107

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

January, 2011 Health Commission - Director of Health Report (11/13/2011 MEC)

	1/11	01/10 to 1/11
New Appointments	1	21
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	5	48
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	1	22
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions		
Voluntary Relinquishments		
Proctorship Completed		
Proctorship Extension		

Current Statistics – as of 1/11/11		
Active Staff (includes 1 NP)		90
Applicants		2
TOTAL MEMBERS		92

Commissioner Illig stated that he appreciates the work that goes into the writing of the Director's Report. Ms. Garcia stated that Eileen Shields, Public Information Officer, puts together the report.

Commissioner Sanchez commended Patient Safety Officer Margaret A. Rykowski, for being appointed as Rear Admiral (lower half) for the U.S. Navy Reserve and looks forward to a celebration in her honor.

4) ELECTION OF HEALTH COMMISSION OFFICERS

Commissioner Tierney made a motion to table the election until the February 1, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Waters seconded the motion.

Action Taken: The Commissioners (Tierney, Illig, Waters, Melara, and Sanchez voted "yes;" Sako voted "no") voted to table the Health Commission Elections until the February 1, 2011.

5) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Margine Sako, Chair, gave the report. She stated that Tomas Aragon M.D., DPH Health Officer and Director, Population Health and Prevention, and Erica Pan M.D., MPH, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Section Director, gave a report on the newly formed Public Health Preparedness and Response Section which will coordinate all DPH efforts related to disaster and emergency preparation and response.

Commissioner Sako also stated that the Committee heard a report from Bob Cabaj M.D., Community Behavioral Health Services Medical Director, regarding the Early Psychosis project. She stated that the Committee was excited to hear that after only nine months, the project has data showing an impact on the client population.

She also stated that the Committee worked on the agenda and intends on vetting policy issues before bringing them to the full Commission.

7) RESOLUTION HONORING RANDY ALLGAIER

Bill Blum, Interim Director HIV Health Services, introduced the following guests present for the discussion of the item:

- Lee Hawn-Mr. Allgaier's partner
- Mark Molnar, Interim Director of the SF HIV Health Services Planning Council Administration
- Lee Jewel, Co-Chair of the SF HIV Health Services Planning Council

Action Taken: The Resolution was unanimously approved.

8) BUDGET UPDATE

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, gave the presentation.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this issue:

The City was not a plaintiff in the lawsuit against the State in regard to the mandated 10 percent cuts; however, Mr. Sass will request a copy of the decision from the City Attorney to ascertain how it may impact the DPH.

Although DPH has already begun work and budgeting for meet the benchmarks required by Waiver 115, there is still much work to do.

Commissioner Illig asked Mr. Sass and Ms. Garcia to work with the Mayor and Board of Supervisors in an attempt to change the process of the Health Commission conducting budget hearings about proposed cuts that are likely not to be implemented.

The Commissioners asked that DPH Performance Measures be brought before the Commission prior to going before the Mayor and asked Mr. Morewitz to calendar this item for a future Community and Public Health Committee meeting.

Commissioner Sako stated that she'd prefer that the full Commission decide what messages are relayed to the Mayor's Office instead of individuals taking it upon themselves to represent the Commission.

Commissioner Tierney requested that the Commission President and the Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee have ongoing meetings with Mr. Sass and Ms. Garcia as the budget is created.

Commissioner Tierney asked Ms. Robinson to present an update on how the planned move of the MHSA/Proposition 63 funds from the State to the County will impact DPH services.

9) NOTICE OF SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION (SFAF) RELOCATION

Marc Trotz, Interim Deputy Director, introduced the request for the service relocation.

Commissioner Illig asked which floors would be occupied in the new building. Barbara Kinport, SFAF Vice President of Development, stated that the organization will be located on the second, third and fourth floors. SFAF will staff the lobby of the building for the first weeks of the transition to insure that clients get clear communication and direction about where services are located.

Commissioner Waters asked for clarity on the safety issues that were part of the motivation for SFAF to decide to move. Ms. Kinport stated that the building where SFAF has been located needs a full renovation. In the last year, there was a serious incident of a burst pipe that created safety issues within the building.

Action Taken: The Commission unanimously approved the relocation of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation services.

10) INTEGRATED DELIVERY SERVICE SYSTEM

Tangerine Brigham, Deputy Director and Colleen Chawla, Director of Grants and Special Projects gave the presentation.

The following are highlights of the discussion of this item:

Community based organizations and community hospitals are integral to this long-term integration process; however, the DPH is first working within its own system to integrate before expanding into these areas.

The Integrated Delivery Service System Committee will have broad representation across the Department's health care delivery service system. It differs from the Integration Steering Committee which is made of key DPH Executives who meet twice a month to discuss Department-wide issues.

The reference in the plan for DPH to attract insured individuals refers to individuals who have MediCal and/or Medicare. Under health reform, folks that are currently uninsured will get two chances for insurance and DPH wants to do all it can to attract this population.

11) 1115 WAIVER UPDATE AND PLANNING

Tangerine Brigham, Deputy Director gave the report. Barbara Garcia, Director, acknowledged Ms. Brigham for the excellent work she has done on this issue.

Commissioner Sanchez commended everyone working on this and stated that he understands there is an enormous amount of work to be done on this issue.

Commissioner Illig asked if it is possible for San Francisco to choose not to create the two recommended divisions of populations (Medicaid Covered Expansion for 0%-133% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and Health Care Coverage Initiative for 134%-200% of FPL). Ms. Brigham stated that because of the added complications of creating a three-tiered system, the DPH plans on having a two-tiered system which combines these two groups into one population; the General fund will assist to make this plan possible.

Commissioner Illig asked if the DPH will have to work with DAAS and the Long Term Care Coordinating Council to plan services for this population. Ms. Brigham stated that the DPH has already been working with these groups in the planning process.

12) OTHER BUSINESS

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no discussion of this item.

COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

There was no discussion of this item.

13) CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL ISSUES, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, BARBARA A.GARCIA AND EXECUTVE SECRETARY, MARK MOREWITZ

D) Reconvene in Open Session

Action Taken: The Commission voted to not disclose matters discussed in closed session.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.