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### MINUTES

#### HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 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 M.D.  
Commissioner James Illig  
Commissioner Margine Sako  
Commissioner David J. Sanchez  
Commissioner Catherine Waters

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

#### 2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2011.

Action Taken: The minutes of the of the September 6, 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 full report can be viewed at:

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

#### **DPH to Implement First HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Program in United States**

Recent research trials demonstrated that taking antiretroviral medications daily reduces the risk of HIV infection, but the feasibility and acceptability of offering PrEP outside of clinical trials remains to be determined. Now a collaborative effort among HIV Research, HIV Prevention, and STD Control Sections has resulted in the National Institute of Health awarding funds for a PrEP demonstration project at City Clinic. Up to 300 MSM and transgender women will be enrolled. Participants will also receive HIV testing, risk-reduction counseling, and condoms. The project will determine the demand for PrEP, the cost of the program, and how PrEP may be integrated with other HIV prevention efforts.

Preliminary plans for the project were presented at the HIV Prevention Planning Council on September 8. A link to the *Bay Area Reporter* article is at <http://ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=6032>.

### **Moving Toward a World Without AIDS**

“On Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, there were several presentations on laboratory results from the Thai vaccine trial (called RV144). You may remember that two years ago, the Thai investigators and the US Military HIV Research Program announced the results of their collaborative efficacy study of two vaccines (four doses of canarypox with two doses of gp120) in over 16,000 Thai volunteers. The good news from that trial was that there was a **statistically significant 31% reduction in the number of HIV infections in the vaccine group compared to the placebo group**. This was our first signal that an HIV vaccine could actually protect against infection. –Susan Buchbinder, MD, reporting from the World AIDS Vaccine Conference in Bangkok, Thailand

### **San Francisco to Host Town Hall on HIV/AIDS**

*Road to AIDS 2012* is a nationwide tour designed for community input on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy to ensure that all voices are heard in the development of a domestic platform for the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012). The San Francisco Town Hall will take place on **September 30, City Hall, 5:00-9:00 p.m.** The goal of the event is to have meaningful involvement that includes people living with HIV/AIDS, government officials, community-based organizations, the faith based community, health care providers, business partners and the media. We hope that it will bring a heightened awareness of AIDS 2012 and NHAS and will support positive health outcomes in the community. I urge the Commissioners to attend.

### **National Academies of Science Lauds Health Impact Assessments**

On September 8th, 2011, the National Academies of Science (NAS), released its report, *Improving Health in the United States: The Role of Health Impact Assessment*. The report, authored by the National Research Council's Committee on Health Impact Assessment, emphasized that factoring health and related costs into decision making is essential to confronting the nation's health problems and enhancing public well-being. The report's conclusion: *health impact assessment (HIA) is a promising tool for use by scientists, communities, and government and private-sector policymakers.*

Dr. Rajiv Bhatia, SFDPH Director of Environmental Health, served on the committee co-authoring the report as an international expert in the practice of HIA. A summary of the report is attached.

Prepublication copies of the report available from the National Academies Press on the Internet at <http://www.nap.edu>. The NAS press release can be found at <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=13229>.

### **Tele-Psychiatry Program in Development at Community Behavioral Health Services**

A new program being developed at CBHS will use an interactive network of high-speed, high-definition video units installed at primary care clinics to enable interaction between the clinic and the behavioral health consultant in a video-chat format, in real-time and with excellent technical quality. Establishing the network and installing the video monitors represents a unique collaboration between DPH and UCSF. The Tele-Psychiatry Program has had a year-long successful pilot project with Maxine Hall Health Center. Beyond allowing the primary care providers and the psychiatric consultants to remain at their respective sites, timely access to consultation will be improved, while still preserving subtleties of non-verbal communication.

### **More MHSA Housing to Open at Drs. Julian and Raye Richardson Apartments**

We are fortunate to be able to continue to increase our inventory of MHSA-funded housing. Opening this month, the new five story building, located at Fulton @ Gough, includes 120 studio units of housing for extremely low-income, formerly chronically homeless individuals. Twelve units will be reserved for the MHSA Housing Program. The UCSF Citywide Case Management team will work with DPH Housing and Urban Health Clinic (HUHC) and three MHSA adult Full Service Partnerships (FSPs) to provide the residents with integrated recovery and treatment services. Available services will include community-building events, educational opportunities, information and referrals to local social services, health management support by a visiting nurse practitioner or mobile medical team, case management, and crisis prevention and intervention. The property will be managed by Community Housing Partnership.

### **Update on AB 354: Tdap Vaccine Requirement**

The Communicable Disease Control & Prevention section has been working diligently since the approval of AB354 in late September 2010 requiring all students in California entering grades 7-12 to show proof of Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) vaccination or be excluded from school. As the Commission may recall, the original law forbade any child who could not show proof of vaccination from attending the first day of school. On August 15, the California legislature granted a 30-day grace period, beyond the first day of school..

### **Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard to Visit to SFGH Pediatric Units During Fleet Week**

On Thursday, October 6, a group of servicemen & women will be at San Francisco General Hospital with coloring books, crayons, and soft toys to distribute to our young patients. Mabel Chan, MD, Director of In-patient Pediatrics, will lead the group to the pediatric units. We are grateful to these servicemen and women for taking the time to brighten up the hospital stay of the children at SFGH.

### **Shape Up SF Physical Education (PE)**

In August, Shape Up SF's Physical Education (PE) Advocates held a PE Speaker Series in San Francisco featuring Dr. John Ratey, Associate Clinical Professor at the Harvard School of Medicine and author of *SPARK: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain*. Dr. Ratey spoke to about 200 classroom and PE teachers, school administrators, and many others during the course of his visit. PE Speaker Series presentations have already resulted in local school staff making changes to increase physical activity options for students. Clips and tools from our PE speakers are at [www.shapeupsf.org/PE/tools](http://www.shapeupsf.org/PE/tools)

### **Healthy Families Program (HFP) Advisory Panel Appointment**

Susan Fernyak, MD, Director, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Section, has been nominated to serve as a member of the Healthy Families Program Advisory Panel for MRMIB (California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board). The Advisory Panel advises MRMIB on policies, regulations, operation, and implementation of the Healthy Families Program (HFP). HFP is a state and federal subsidized children's health, dental, and vision insurance program for children in low to moderate-income families. The program was implemented on July 1, 1998 and it is currently insuring more than 850,000 children. Dr. Fernyak has begun attending their quarterly meetings.

### **California Health Care Foundation Fellow**

Congratulations to Jennifer Carton-Wade, Laguna Honda Chief Occupational Therapist, who was named a California Health Care Foundation Fellow. The Foundation's leadership program offers two-year fellowships in management and organizational development skills to clinically-trained healthcare professionals. The program is administered by the Center for the Health Professions at the University of California, San Francisco. The program begins in October 2011 and concludes in September 2013.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK  
 SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER  
 SEPTEMBER 2011  
 Health Commission - Director of Health Report  
 (09/12/2011 CLIN-MEC)**

	09/11	07/11 to 06/12
<b>New Appointments</b>	49	95
Reinstatements	0	0
<b>Reappointments</b>	42	143
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	13	51
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	0	0
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	0	0
<b>Deceased</b>	0	1
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	9	27
Voluntary Relinquishments	5	37
Proctorship Completed	9	30
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 08/22/2011</b>	
Active Staff	480
Courtesy Staff	565
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	244
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1289</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of SEPTEMBER 2011</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 10/2011 to 12/2011</b>	<b>139</b>

**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

**September 2011**

**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**

(September 8, 2011 Medical Exec Committee)

	<b>Sept</b>	<b>(FY 2011-2012) Month-to-Date</b>
<i>New Appointments</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
Reinstatements	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Reappointments</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>
Delinquencies:	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Reappointment Denials:	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Disciplinary Actions	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Changes in Privileges</i>		
Additions	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Voluntary Relinquishments	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Proctorship Completed	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Proctorship Extension	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Current Statistics – as of 9/6/2011</b>		
Active Medical Staff	<b>96</b>	
<i>Courtesy Medical Staff</i>	<b>1</b>	
<i>Affiliated Professionals</i>	<b>2</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>99</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>6</b>
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Commissioner Comment/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Waters asked whether translation services are available for tele-medicine psychiatry services. Director Garcia stated that the DPH has translation services for an extensive amount of languages.

Commissioner Melara encouraged the DPH to issue more press releases announcing the innovative work that the DPH continues to implement.

**4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Eugene Gaenslen, member of the Physician's Organizing Committee, stated that CPMC is driving up the rents of doctors in practice at the St. Luke's Medical building. They are only offering a one-year lease with no option to renew and retroactively charging rent increases going back five years. Dr. Gaenslen also stated that he feels this is retaliation against medical staff who fought to keep St. Luke's Hospital open.

Joyce Kamps, member of the Physician's Organizing Committee, read public comment from Dr. Nancy Bohamon that stated CPMC is attempting to increase the rent and drive physicians out of the Montegale Medical building.

Tony Trieu, member of the Physician's Organizing Committee, continued to read the comment from Dr. Nancy Bohannon which stated that CPMC has begun to charge extra for having office hours past 6pm and on the weekends in addition to charging for hallway space. In addition, Dr. Bohannon does not feel that the St. Luke's medical staff is in unanimous support for the long range development plan.

Michael Tsukahara read a statement by Richard Rider M.D, a member of the Physician's Organizing Committee. Dr. Rider used to have an office at 45 Castro Street and focused on treating the City's most vulnerable populations. A CPMC administrator told him that they did not appreciate having his poor patients in their facility. When he refused to change his practice, he was told he had to move due to retrofitting of the building.

Brian Tseng continued to read the statement by Dr. Rider which states that CPMC is raising rents for doctors who see a large percentage of low-income and uninsured patients over 20% in an area where commercial real estate rates have dropped 3.9%.

**5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Margine Sako, Chair stated that the Committee heard a presentation from Dr. Aragon, DPH Health Officer, on the Public Health Accreditation process which will enable the DPH to set up new benchmarks to organize its programs and activities. The Committee also heard a presentation on the Coordinated Case Management System (CCMS) and High Users of Multiple Systems. Commissioner Sako stated that CCMS is a great example of a data-driven coordinated system of care.

**6) SFGH REBUILD UPDATE**

Terry Saltz, SFGH Rebuild Program Director; Ron Alameida, DPW, and Mark Primeau, DPH Capital Projects Consultant, presented updates on the project's budget and timeline, future bond sales, and community outreach activities. The team announced that the project is slightly under budget and on time.

Mr. Alameida stated he is concerned how OSPD staffing delays may impact the timeline of this project.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig asked whether the team has coordinated efforts with PG&E regarding plans to check or upgrade gas lines around SFGH. Mr. Saltz stated that he has been in communication with PG&E regarding this request and hopes to meet with them soon to learn more about their plans.

Commissioner Tierney stated that he is pleased that the project is within budget and is meeting its projected timeline benchmarks.

Commissioner Chow stated that after the buildings are completed, it will take another six months for the state to license them for use. He also stated that the JCC will discuss and consider options to recommend to the full Commission regarding furnishings and fixtures which are not included in the bond measure.

#### **7) SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE UPDATE**

Tomas Aragon, M.D. introduced Susan Phillip, M.D., Deputy Health Officer and Director, STD Prevention and Control Services, who gave the presentation, "SFDPH STD Prevention and Control Services: Working to Maximize Sexual Health in San Francisco." The presentation reviewed the functions and activities of the SFDPH STD Prevention and Control Section and reviewed STD data collected during the past several years.

##### Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Tierney asked for Dr. Phillip's thoughts on why the number of STD cases in San Francisco is increasing. Dr. Phillip stated that throughout the country numbers of STD cases are increasing and that social issues such as economic disparity may play a part in the increase. She also stated that in San Francisco there are higher rates of STDs in the gay and adolescent populations.

Commissioner Chow stated that he is concerned in the increases in the numbers of cases and asked for more specific data to be sent to the Commissioners regarding age and demographics.

Commissioner Tierney asked for information on the relationship between the STD Prevention and Control Services Section and the SF School District. Dr. Phillip stated that the relationship is a productive one but that data have not shown many positive STD cases in the school population. She also stated that high rates of STDs have been found in people ages 15-24 who are not in school.

Commissioner Waters asked Dr. Phillip to send the Commission an update of the adolescent data broken down further in age categories and more information on neighborhood determinants.

#### **8) HEALTHY SAN FRANCISCO ANNUAL REPORT**

Tangerine Brigham, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Healthy San Francisco; Lindsay Angelats, Senior Health Program Planner, and Danice Cook, Health Program Planner gave the presentation which reviewed Healthy San Francisco services, budget information, and an overview of the aggregate client demographic data.

##### Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig questioned whether the reenrollment process is a barrier to care. Ms. Brigham stated that all DPH programs have always had an eligibility process and that the Healthy San Francisco reenrollment takes approximately fifteen minutes. In addition, the rates of reenrollment for Healthy San Francisco are in alignment with other similar programs (e.g. Healthy Kids program). Ms. Brigham stated that clinics anticipate the timing of reenrollment when making appointments for care to make the process as easy as possible.

Commissioner Chow commended Ms. Brigham and the rest of the team for an in depth quality report.

##### Public Comment

Richard Hodgson, Vice President of the San Francisco Clinic Consortium (SFCCC), stated that SFCCC is now serving 55% of the Healthy San Francisco clients. He stated that with more federal and state budget cuts, it is important to anticipate that there will be more uninsured people in the future to serve.

#### **9) LOW INCOME HEALTH PROGRAM CONTRACTS**

Tangerine Brigham, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Healthy San Francisco, gave an overview of the two contracts which fund services within the Low Income Health Program (LIHP).

The 1115 Waiver LIHP as part of a transition of federal health reforms that take effect 2014. LIHP is effective November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. The program is a component of the State's efforts to provide health care coverage to eligible, low-income adults.

The DPH has determined that the City and County of San Francisco can afford to cover only those up to 25% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in this LIHP, and has set that limit in the contract with the California Department of Health Care Services with the understanding that existing programs, such as Healthy San Francisco and Ryan White funded services, will continue to provide access to health care for those above the 25% FPL threshold.

California Assembly Bill (AB) 1628 allows State prison inmates to be enrolled into the State's Medi-Cal or Low Income Health Program (LIHP) for inpatient services provided off of correctional institution grounds. As a LIHP county, the DPH is required to enter into a contract with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to facilitate the enactment of the Bill. The contract does not specify a dollar amount because the amount of federal reimbursement under LIHP is uncapped for the Medicaid Coverage Expansion population and is based on the financial ability of the LIHP county which may decrease or increase the term of the program.

Ms. Brigham also stated that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) made a final determination that all current Ryan White clients who are eligible for the LIHP must be enrolled in the LIHP program because Ryan White should be the payer of last resort. This means that LIHPs will have to assume financial responsibility for Ryan White funded services for eligible clients.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig asked if individuals who are under the FPL will have any co-pays. Ms. Brigham stated that this group will have no co-pays.

Regarding the "The Resolution supporting the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Participation in the Low Income Health Program and Authorizing the Director of health To Enter into a Contract with the California Department of Health Care," Commissioner Illig proposed the following revisions:

*(New Text) Whereas, the DPH has determined that the City and County of San Francisco can afford to cover only those up to 25% of the federal poverty level in this LIHP, and has set the limit in this contract with the understanding that existing programs, such as Healthy San Francisco and Ryan White funded services, will continue to provide access to health care for those above the 25% federal poverty level threshold.*

*(Revision of Second "Resolved) Further Resolved that the San Francisco Health Commission hereby authorize the Director of Health to make minor amendments to this contract if needed, but expects that changes to policy issues such as the 25% federal poverty level limit will be brought to the Health Commission for review and approval.*

Commissioner Chow asked Director Garcia for her input on the two amendments. She stated that the new text is suitable but that the revision could be problematic because decisions may need to be made in between Commission meetings.

Commissioner Sanchez requested that after hearing Director Garcia's comments, Commission Illig consider changing the revised text.

Commissioner Illig submitted the final revision to the resolution:

*Further Resolved, That the San Francisco Health Commission hereby authorizes the Director of Health to make amendments to this contract, if needed, but expects that changes to policy will be brought to the San Francisco Health Commission for review and approval.*

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved "The Resolution supporting the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Participation in the Low Income Health Program and Authorizing the Director of health To Enter into a Contract with the California Department of Health Care."

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the " Resolution Authorizing the Director of Health to Enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Regarding the Low Income Health Program."

## 10) **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Chow, Chair of the SFGH JCC Committee, stated that the JCC heard a presentation on SFGH pharmacy services which shows incredible improvements in this service area.

Commissioner Melara, Chair of the LHH JCC Committee, stated that the next LHH JCC meeting will be on September 27 at 3pm.

### **COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING**

There was no discussion of this issue.

## 12) **CLOSED SESSION**

- A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session
- B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)
- C) Closed session pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1157(a) and (b); 1157.7; Health and Safety Code Section 1461; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1

### **UPDATE ON PENDING LITIGATION**

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

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

## 10) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.