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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, Acting President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Cecelia Chung
Commissioner Margine Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee
Commissioner Catherine Waters

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

Commissioner Melara announced that Cecelia Chung was sworn in earlier in the day and welcomed her as the newest Health Commissioner.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2012.

Action Taken: The minutes of the March 6, 2012 Health Commission 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>

Public Health Week, April 2-8, 2012

The theme of this year's National Public Health Week, "A Healthier America Begins Today: Join the Movement!" focuses on ways in which Americans can take preventive measures to live longer and healthier lives. The San Francisco Department of Public Health is leading the City in "joining the movement" through various initiatives which focus on prevention and wellness.

Mayor and CPMC Announce Agreement on Hospital Rebuilds

Last week, Mayor Lee and California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) announced a proposed Development Agreement (DA) that would allow CPMC to build two new hospitals in San Francisco a new St. Luke's Hospital on the current St. Luke's campus in the Mission and a new hospital at Cathedral Hill. The project will double the number of seismically-safe hospital beds in San Francisco and includes \$1.1 billion in community benefits.

Following are the key health provisions of the proposed DA:

- the opening of two seismically-safe hospitals;
- a 20-year operating commitment for the new St. Luke's Hospital;
- hospital care for 10,000 new Medi-Cal managed care beneficiaries;
- a continuation of the current levels of care for low-income San Franciscans;
- a \$20 million innovation fund, which will be used to provide infrastructure support to primarily to the city's clinics, but also to other health and social service organizations; and
- maintenance of 100 skilled nursing beds in San Francisco.

San Francisco General Hospital's Community Wellness Program

The SFGH Community Wellness Program (CWP) works to promote and encourage wellness practices for patients, staff, and all San Franciscans. The CWP supports a holistic view of health in which physical, emotional, mental, social, and spiritual health are considered interconnected and essential in achieving improved health and wellness. More information about the program and how to become involved is available at www.sfghwellness.org.

STD Awareness Month

April is STD Awareness Month and the STD Prevention and Control Section is embarking on its annual STD awareness campaign for adolescents and adults in San Francisco. STD staff will be hosting a number of testing events throughout the city to reach young men and women, gay men, and men who have sex with men. The STD Section is also offering the Female Condom 2 (FC2) as another option for women and men in More details about the FC2 are available at www.FC2SF.org.

More information about the STD Prevention and Control Section is at www.sfcityclinic.org.

Moving to Zero Waste at 101 Grove

My office has been taking a proactive role in moving the Department to *Zero Waste*. This is more than a worthy goal; it is also the law in San Francisco. From group and on-line training to assigning individuals and teams to be responsible for making real changes in the way we collect and recycle waste throughout our programs and facilities, I believe we are well on our way to achieving *Zero Waste*.

Medical Marijuana Card Program Moves to Grove St.

The Medical Marijuana Program that issues cards to patients and caregivers moved from San Francisco General Hospital to 101 Grove Street, Room 105 on Monday, March 26. Two windows are dedicated to the Medical Marijuana Program and two windows service the public seeking birth and death certificates. The hours of operation for the Medical Marijuana Program will be 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The hours for purchase of birth and death certificates and out-of-hospital births remain unchanged. We have updated the website to reflect these changes.

Recall of Claravale Farm Raw Milk and Cream

The California Department of Food and Agriculture issued a statewide recall and quarantine order for raw milk, raw nonfat milk, and raw cream produced by Claravale Farm of San Benito County after campylobacter bacteria was found in its raw cream. Campylobacter usually causes mild diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps, but in some persons with weakened immune systems, it can cause life-threatening illness. Consumers are strongly urged to dispose of any product remaining in their refrigerators with code dates of MAR 27 and earlier, and retailers are to pull those products immediately from their shelves. DPH's Communicable Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) section is contacting San

Francisco residents recently diagnosed with campylobacteriosis who had consumed raw milk to notify them about the product recall.

Project Homeless Connect Needs Volunteers

Project Homeless Connect (PHC) needs doctors, intake workers, interpreters, escorts, barbers, and general volunteers at the next event on May 9th at Bill Graham Auditorium. This is an excellent opportunity to connect at your own personal level with PHC. I especially encourage any Health Commissioner or member of the public who has not yet attended one of these impressive events to sign up as a volunteer. Go to www.projecthomelessconnect.com.

Also, the Connect team is collecting gently-used and new books for our Family Connect event in Bayview on July 27th. If you have any books that you would like to donate, please contact Megan Rohrer, 503-2196 or email her at megan.rohrer@sfdph.org.

LHH Adopts new Pharmacy Protocol

As of March 1, Laguna Honda physicians have the option of consulting with clinical pharmacists when ordering the anticoagulant, Coumadin. The new protocol follows the most recent guidelines from the American College of Chest Providers and addresses a number of challenges to managing this complicated medication such as follow-up, procedures for dose adjustment, and blood draw intervals. Recent research indicates that a pharmacist-run anticoagulation service can improve care by reducing complications, emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and overall costs. The protocol is a project of the Laguna Honda pharmacy.

LHH to Host Neuropsychology Forum

Laguna Honda will be the host site for the quarterly meeting of the Northern California Neuropsychology Forum (NCNF) on April 25. The 200-member group hosts seminars and conferences on advances in neuropsychological science and clinical practice at medical centers around the Bay Area. Brenda Austin, MD, Laguna Honda neuropsychologist, is the president. Laura Howe, J.D., Ph.D., a former Laguna Honda trainee, now on staff at the Palo Alto VA Polytrauma Clinic, is the featured speaker. She will discuss "The Basics of Blast Injuries." The April seminar will be the first one held at Laguna Honda.

New Director for Children, Youth and Families' System of Care

Community Behavioral Health Services is pleased to announce that Ken Epstein will be joining the Community Behavioral Health Services team. As the Director for the Children, Youth and Families' System of Care, Ken will be part of CBHS's executive team. Ken comes to CBHS with a great deal of experience and a wealth of knowledge. During his 18-year career, he has been an Executive Director, Chief of Programs, Clinical Manager, teacher, and therapist. He has worked primarily with children, youth and families programs in San Francisco. He earned a MSW from UC Berkeley and currently at work on his Ph.D. from Smith College. Please join DPH in welcoming Ken to CBHS.

Report from Institute of Medicine Committee

Moupali Das, MD, Director of Implementation Science and Evaluation Research, HIV Prevention Section, served on the Institute of Medicine Committee which released the report "Monitoring HIV Care in the United States: Indicators and Data Systems," on March 15, 2012. The report was commissioned by the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, currently under the direction of Grant Colfax, MD, former Director of San Francisco Department of Public Health's HIV Prevention and Research. This report (available on-line at <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2012/Monitoring-HIV-Care-in-the-United-States.aspx>):

Commission Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow requested that summaries of the Planning Commission meetings be forwarded to the Health Commission so that they may be kept updated on the CPMC Development Agreement process.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Wynship Hillier stated that he has been experimented on and is upset that he cannot reverse the procedure. He demanded that the identities of the people who treated him be disclosed.

Douglas Yep stated that DPH is in good hands with Director Garcia. He added that Jason Grant Garza has threatened to hurt himself and he requested that the DPH be fair in its dealings with Mr. Garza. He also stated that facts about Joseph Molens death in 1999 will soon be made public.

5) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chow chaired the meeting and stated that the Committee recommends that the full Commission approve the April Contracts Report. The Committee heard an RFP update and reviewed the DPH RFP process. The Committee also heard a Cultural and Linguistic Program update; a report on this topic will be made to the full Commission later this year.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

Action Taken: The April 2012 Contracts Report was unanimously approved.

7) HEALTH COMMISSION ELECTIONS

Commissioner Melara suggested that the elections should be postponed until the April 17, 2012 meeting because Commissioner Chung had so recently been appointed. Commissioner Chow made a motion to table the elections until the April 17, 2012 full Health Commission meeting.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to table elections until the April 17, 2012 full Health Commission meeting.

8) PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK; RESOLUTION

Patricia Erwin, Director Community Health Promotion and Prevention Section, presented the resolution.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Waters stated that she is pleased to see that under Director Garcia's leadership, the DPH is moving towards more traditional public health activities

Commissioner Sako offered the following amendment to the resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Health Commission appreciates and supports the process the Department of Public is undertaking as part of the Public Health Accreditation process."

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution Honoring Public Health Week (see Attachment A)

9) HEALTH CARE SERVICES MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Policy and Planning and Lori Cook, Senior Health Planner, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Waters asked if the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) data was used in the data review process of the Health Care Services Master Plan (HCSMP) Taskforce. Ms. Cook stated that the CHIS data was used in the HCSMP Taskforce process.

Commissioner Chow stated that it appears that the Health Commission will only get to review the HCSMP Plan at one of its meetings and asked if it is possible to increase the review to two meetings to allow a

thorough process. Ms. Cook stated that the Commission will review the draft recommendations before the thirty-day public comment period. The Health Commission will have an opportunity to review the final plan later in the year. Ms. Cook stated that the HCSMP timeline is somewhat dictated by the Ordinance. She added that there is ample time towards the end of the process for the Health and Planning Commissions to hold separate and/or joint meetings prior to the HCSMP going before the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Chung asked if there were representatives from the deaf, homeless, Treasure Island residents, and/or HIV communities involved in the planning process. Ms. Chawla stated that there are HIV service consumers and HIV providers on the Task Force. She added that there is translation available at every meeting for people who are deaf or speak languages other than English. Additionally, she stated that the Taskforce members have invited people from their communities to the various public meetings that have been held. In addition, DPH has reached out the Board of Supervisors to invite them to announce community meetings in their districts. This has resulted in a diverse group of participants in the community meetings. Director Garcia suggested that the DPH reach out to some of the service providers on Treasure Island to participate in the last few meetings.

Commissioner Sako asked if there has been any public comment or concern on the implementation of the HCSMP. Ms. Chawla stated that the focus of a portion of the public comments voiced concern about access to care rather than stating that there are not enough services available.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked whether there was any gender-specific issues or themes related to how underserved populations access care. Ms. Chawla stated that the consultant Harder and Company conducted most of the focus groups and the data have not yet been analyzed. However, the DPH conducted a focus group with youth who gave input that they prefer to get their healthcare at school-based wellness centers.

Commissioner Melara asked if there were Chinese monolingual groups represented in the process. Ms. Chawla stated that many people who are monolingual Chinese-speaking gave input at the Chinatown and Bayview community meetings.

10) SFGH REBUILD UPDATE

Terry Saltz, SFGH Rebuild Program Director; Ron Alameida, Department of Public Works, and Mark Primeau, DPH Capital Projects Consultant, presented the update.

Mr. Saltz stated that he has been in communication with PG&E regarding the issue of the gas transmission line located at the new building site. He stated that PG&E previously stated that the line was not a danger and that it would downgrade the use of the line but have not done so. Representatives from PG&E refused to address the issue in writing or at a Health Commission meeting. Commissioner Sako suggested that Mr. Saltz confer with her to develop an effective strategy for this issue.

Commissioner Sako asked for more information on the fundraising strategies to pay for the furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE). Ms. Currin stated that she continues to meet with the Mayor's Office and the SFGH Foundation in regard to funding options for the FFE. The SFGH Foundation has begun the silent phase of fundraising for FFE and will initiate a public capital campaign this summer.

Commissioners Melara, Chow and Sanchez discussed the continued misperception by some community groups that a heli-pad is part of the SFGH Rebuild plan. Commissioner Chow suggested that outreach be done with specific groups to provide education on the actual plan. In addition, he encouraged the DPH/SFGH to continue exploring other options to insure that trauma patients have appropriate access to SFGH.

Public Comment:

Ed Warshauer Seiu 1021, stated that his union represents the largest section of workers at DPH. The union is supportive of the SFGH Rebuild and was one of partners to help get the bond measure passed. The union advocates the use of safe lifting equipments in all facilities. It also looks forward to the employee child-care center that was promised in the union contract.

11) OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Sako acknowledged Bundit Dharmasukrit, SFGH Information Systems Administrator, for his work to maintain communication systems and online patient databases in addition to providing translation services for Thai and Laotian patients. Mr. Dharmasukrit is featured on “Unsung Heroes,” a handout from Local 21.

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Melara, Chair of the LHH JCC, stated that hospital engineers reconfigured the air ducts on the roof of the Pavilion building in March. Residents of the area who had previously complained about the noise commended the effort as “fantastic” and reported a “substantial drop” in noise. LHH staff continue working diligently in efforts to disconnect the external fire alarms which pose the other noise problem for the neighborhood. The Committee also heard a report on Laguna Honda’s community reintegration efforts which appropriately place residents in various levels of community housing.

COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

This topic was not discussed.

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

**PERSONNEL EVALUATION: DIRECTOR BARBARA GARCIA AND
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARK MOREWITZ**

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

Action Taken: The Commission approved the LHH Credentials Report and voted not to disclose other issues discussed in closed session.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-5

HONORING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, APRIL 2-8, 2012

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

WHEREAS, health promotion and prevention are major areas of focus for the Population Health and Prevention Division and its Community Health Promotion and Prevention Section; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco's residents are adversely impacted by preventable health conditions, and even small preventive changes and community initiatives can make a big difference in living healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Public Health Week 2012 is "A Healthier America Begins Today: Join the Movement!" to highlight ways in which Americans can take preventive measures to live longer and healthier lives; and,

WHEREAS, The Health Commission endorses the National Prevention Strategy and the National Quality Strategy, which focus on promoting wellness, preventing disease and improving the quality, affordability and access of health care; and,

WHEREAS, the Department implements programs in the following areas that are in alignment with National Public Health Week 2012: active living and healthy eating; harm reduction related to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; communicable disease control; reproductive and sexual health; and mental and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, public health plays an essential role in prevention and health promotion, prevention and policy change that support health and wellness are core components of healthy communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Department's staff has excelled in developing partnerships to promote health and change environments to create healthier communities in San Francisco; and,

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

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission appreciates and supports the process the Department of Public is undertaking as part of the Public Health Accreditation process;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission recognizes the San Francisco Department of Public Health's excellent programs and the work in creating a Healthier San Francisco, and celebrates those efforts during National Public Health Week, April 2-8, 2012.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of April 3, 2012 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission