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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 17, 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, President
Commissioner Margine Sako, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner David J. Sanchez
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee
Commissioner Cecilia Chung

Excused: Commissioner Catherine Waters

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2012.

Action Taken: The minutes of the June 19, 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>

XIX International AIDS Conference, July 22-27, 2012

The Commissioners will not be surprised to learn that staff from all divisions of the AIDS Office, STD and TB Control have submitted nearly 20 abstracts, posters and presentations at this year's International AIDS Conference in Washington DC, beginning July 22nd and continuing through July 27th. The subjects range from exploring undiagnosed cases of Hepatitis C, utilizing the HIV surveillance registry to engage people in care, to the willingness to use pre-exposure prophylaxis among MSM in Lima, Peru. I am proud and impressed by the breadth of knowledge, data and research produced by this Department and especially delighted to note that staff are beginning to integrate their fields of expertise to produce the sort of health care perspective and approach we hope will be the model for the entire Department.

Universal Antiretroviral Therapy Pre-Conference Event

Two DPH staff, Moupali Das, MD, Director of Implementation Science and Evaluation Research, HIV Prevention Section, and Israel Nieves-Rivera, Manager, Office of the Director of Population Health & Prevention and the HIV Prevention Section, are part of a team that has organized a universal antiretroviral therapy preconference at the International AIDS 2012. "Municipalities Learning from Each Other: Strategic Implementation of Universal Antiretroviral Treatment to Maximize Reductions in HIV Incidence" will provide an opportunity for jurisdictions highly impacted by HIV to exchange ideas and to learn from the most advanced thinkers in HIV prevention around the world. Academic, government and community public health leaders, and people living with HIV/AIDS will come together to strategize regarding best practices in scaling up antiretroviral therapy for both individual and public health benefit within their home communities.

American Society for Microbiology Helps DPH website on Germs go Viral

When the members of the American Society for Microbiology met for their annual convention in San Francisco last month, one of the studies released brought attention to the high levels of bacterial contamination in U.S. hotel rooms. A reporter from MSN.com writing about the study subsequently provided his readers with a link to get more information about germs. That link took visitors to the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Section, <http://www.sfcddcp.org/germs.html>. Dozens of other articles followed suit and the Department's Google presence and visitors to our website increased significantly. We are always pleased when the work of our staff contributes to the greater public health and safety of the nation.

Public Health Lab Director Presents at Microbiology Conference

It has been a busy summer for our staff and researchers. Mark Pandori, Director, Department of Public Health Laboratory, was invited to address the American Society for Microbiology conference in San Francisco in June. His first presentation was part of the session on, "Best Practices in STI Testing for HIV, Syphilis GC and Chlamydia." Later in the agenda he gave a talk on "HIV Testing and the Detection of Acute Infection." Mark's participation also included a presence in the poster hall with two presentations: "Genotypic and Phenotypic Surveillance of Drug Resistance in Neisseria gonorrhoeae: California 2011," and another, "Phenotypic Reversion of Fluoroquinolone Resistance in Neisseria Gonorrhoeae after Cessation of Ciprofloxacin Usage in San Francisco: Using Molecular Typing to Investigate Strain Turnover."

CPMC Update

On June 25 and July 9, the Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee held hearings on the healthcare-related aspects of the proposed CPMC hospital rebuild projects and development agreement. Shortly before the hearing on June 25, CPMC shared with the City's negotiating team updated financial projections that showed that CPMC's operating margin over the next ten years would be lower than previous projections shared by CPMC. Because the development agreement could require that CPMC operate St. Luke's Hospital for 20 years *as long as CPMC's operating margin remains above a certain level*, the City's negotiating team no longer felt comfortable with the financial trigger in this provision. Throughout these negotiations, the City team has repeatedly stated that ensuring a secure future for St. Luke's was a top priority for the development agreement. To that end and since the release of the revised financials, the Mayor has revised his position to require CPMC to operate St. Luke's Hospital for 20 years with no conditions related to CPMC's financial performance. Negotiations between the City and CPMC are ongoing.

Mass Prophylaxis Preparedness Nets Perfect Rating

SFDPH recently joined an elite group of jurisdictions across the country who have received perfect ratings (100%) on a mass prophylaxis preparedness assessment scale. In April of this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducted an assessment of San Francisco's preparedness levels and infrastructure to dispense antibiotics to 1.2 million people in less than 48 hours (this would be in response to a biological agent attack such as anthrax). The 40-page assessment evaluated many preparedness topics such

as: ability to request and manage the strategic national stockpile, public information and communications, security around distribution and dispensing sites, ability to dispense, trainings and exercises.

Meaningful Use of Electronic Medical Records

The Department's initiative to achieve "Meaningful Use" of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) reached a major milestone on July 9th with the implementation of the eClinicalWorks Ambulatory EMR at the SFGH 6M / Pediatrics clinic. This clinic represents the largest site to date with over 100 providers including SFGH Residents and Clinical Specialists utilizing the system for patient care charting. The "go-live" event went very well, and clinic staff will be working together in the next few weeks to stabilize operations and to review policies and procedures in order to optimize clinician and patient workflows.

Green and Blue Awards

I am pleased to announce that two DPH staff were winners in this year's San Francisco's third annual **Green and Blue Awards**, sponsored by the San Francisco Department of the Environment. Please join me in congratulating Nick Hancock, Budget Analyst, Community Programs, who won the *Zero Waste Champion Award*, and Paula Jones, Senior Health Planner, Environmental Health section, who won the *Behavior Change Award*. The Green & Blue Awards recognize municipal employees and departments that have demonstrated outstanding leadership in shrinking San Francisco's carbon footprint, conserving our natural resources and reducing waste.

Soda Free Summer

For the fifth year, the Mayor of San Francisco has declared it a Soda Free Summer. Studies have shown that drinking sugar-loaded drinks is linked to overweight and obesity. Also, San Francisco is fortunate to have pristine, Hetch Hetchy tap water that is among the cleanest and best-tasting water in the world. The Shape Up SF coalition encourages the public to experiment with homemade spa water--toss a stick of cucumber and mint, berries, citrus, or melons into your water for a tasty, refreshing drink with no added calories. A number of activities have been planned throughout the city to help children and adults to "rethink" their drinks and make healthy choices.

Project Family Connect: Friday, July 27

We are pleased to announce that the next Project Homeless Connect will be a Family Connect event on Friday, July 27, at a new location in the Bayview at the intersection of Third St. and Oakdale Avenue, including the Bayview Opera House, the Joe Lee recreation Center and Mendell Square. Services will include medical, dental, vision, employment, prenatal, women's health, school registration and more. Workshops and classes will be available for the whole family. This is a great opportunity for you or your college age student on summer break to make a difference in the lives of homeless kids and their families. Anyone who would like to volunteer—half day options are available—is encouraged to do so by going on line at www.projecthomelessconnect.com or contact Randall Stowe at Randall.Stowe@sfdph.org or 415/503-2124. I promise your time will be well spent.

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

JULY, 2012

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(July 12, 2012 Medical Exec Committee)

	July	(FY 2012-2013) Month-to-Date
New Appointments	1	1
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	2	2
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	3	3
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	2	2
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 7/2//2012	
Active Medical Staff	101
Affiliated Professionals	3
TOTAL MEMBERS	104

Applications in Process	2
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**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

JULY 2012

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(6/21/2012 BUSINESS-MEC)

	07/2012	07/12 to 06/13
New Appointments	4	4
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	67	67
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	23	23
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	19	19
Additions	22	22
Proctorship Completed	32	32

Current Statistics – as of 06/11/2012	
Active Staff	503
Courtesy Staff	530
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	240
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,273

Applications in Process	89
Applications Withdrawn Month of JULY 2012	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 08/2012 to 10/2012	155

Dr. Tomas Aragon, DPH Health Officer, briefly presented information regarding the recent Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PREP), a new HIV prevention method in which

people who do not have HIV, take a pill containing combination medication in an effort to prevent HIV. PREP studies showed that some people who are at high risk for contracting HIV may benefit from the preventative treatment.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow asked how much will the treatment cost and how will eligibility criteria be determined. Director Garcia stated that the DPH will return to the Health Commission with more specific budget and programmatic information after some consideration of how best to integrate this new option into existing DPH HIV prevention programs.

Commissioner Melara asked the effectiveness of the treatment. Dr. Aragon stated that the studies show that it is approximately 50% effective and added that more study is needed to determine how best to use the prevention tool.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chow, Committee Chair, stated that the Committee recommended that the full Health Commission approve the July Contracts Report and the new contract with King-American (details listed in the Consent Calendar). The Committee also reviewed and recommended full Health Commission approval of a revised version of the Resolution Authorizing the DPH to Enter into Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the purpose of paying California Department of Health Care Services' Administrative Costs Related to the Low Income Health Program; the Committee's recommended revision is to change the word "the" to "our" in the sentence:

"RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Health Commission authorizes the Director of Health to enter into an agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014 for the purpose of paying ~~the~~ our portion of the California Department of Health Care Services' administrative costs related to the Low Income Health Program"

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

Action Taken: The following were unanimously approved by the Health Commission:

- JULY CONTRACTS REPORT
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT IN THE SHARED AMOUNT OF \$2,400,000 WITH KING-AMERICAN AMBULANCE COMPANY WHICH INCLUDES AN INITIAL TERM OF SIX YEARS, WITH ONE OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR YEARS, TO PROVIDE AS NEEDED BASIC LIFE SUPPORT, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, AND CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022 (10 YEARS)
- REVISED (SEE REVISION ABOVE IN FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DPH TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES' ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED TO THE LOW INCOME HEALTH PROGRAM

7) 2012-2014 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Greg Wagner, Chief Financial Officer, gave the presentation.

Director Garcia thanked Mr. Wagner and Jen Louie, DPH Budget Director, for their effective work on this budget process.

8) OVERVIEW OF THE US SUPREME COURT DECISION REGARDING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Tangerine Brigham, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Healthy San Francisco, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/ Follow-Up:

Commissioner Sako asked if individuals will have to take any action to switch from the current programs to the new array of programs under ACA when the change takes effect. Ms. Brigham stated that:

- SF PATH: All information on those eligible for SFPATH will be transferred to the State. The State will communicate with the individual regarding his/her enrollment in either Medi-Cal or the Exchange based on the individual's income, which is verified each year.
- Healthy San Francisco participants: DPH has all pertinent information on HSF participants and will work with the State and local entities to transition this population into either Medi-Cal or the Exchange depending upon eligibility.
- Healthy Kids' participants: The DPH will work with the State to determine the mechanism for the transfer and transition of those eligible children. HK participants transitioning into health insurance are likely to be given the same health plan that is chosen by their parents for themselves.
- Healthy Workers: The State has approved a structure whereby the wages and benefits for IHSS workers will be negotiated by SEIU statewide as opposed instead of at local level. Additional discussions will be need in this area.

Commissioner Chow stated that there will be enormous questions from individuals when they must decide to be covered through the Exchange or to use the DPH network. He added that it is important to understand the function of the Exchange and the choices individuals have. Ms. Brigham stated that the DPH will assist in the process to ensure there is participation in the Exchange. She and other DPH staff have participated in Exchange meetings and the DPH will be monitoring the Exchanges activities. Regarding the DPH network, the DPH will be using consultants to help develop a managed care infrastructure including contracting-strategy in regard to risk-sharing. Effective branding will also be vital because the DPH is attempting to shift its image from provider-of-last-resort to provider-of-choice. In addition to working with consultants, the DPH is soliciting input from its consumers regarding its branding.

Commissioner Taylor McGhee stated that she has concern regarding potential service gaps especially in the area of reproductive health. Currently many providers do not accept Medi-Cal patients. She asked what incentives will be offered for providers to participate in the DPH network or the Exchange. Ms. Brigham stated that family planning and reproductive health are required services under ACA. She added that there are currently not enough primary and specialty providers. The DPH will continue utilizing a model in primary care that uses nurse practitioners as providers and will continue creatively strategizing to meet its service need.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked Ms. Brigham for the excellent report and recommended that the DPH look at the manner in which Brown and Toland marketed itself within the HSF and the City Health Plan.

Commissioner Melara asked if Healthy Kids is a program for children even if their parents do not participate. Ms. Brigham stated that this program assists children who are ineligible for public health insurance because they are either: (1) undocumented or (2) reside in households with income levels above public health insurance eligibility.

Commissioner Melara asked what areas of policy will the Health Commission need to consider as the DPH addresses the requirements of ACA implementation. Ms. Brigham stated that there will likely be a reduction in Charity Care because many individuals who had previously been uninsured will now have insurance; she added

that it will be important to continue tracking Charity Care through the annual report process. In addition, the Department will closely monitor and advocate for continued State funding at the local level to provide for indigent care for those who remain uninsured. Director Garcia stated that DPH workforce development will be vital in upcoming years because there have been large groups of DPH staff retiring in recent years. The DPH will need to work to insure that classifications are appropriate and issues related to managing a provider network, including the enormity of IT systems, must be planned and budgeted.

Commissioner Chow requested that the full Commission continue to be updated on activities related to the implementation of ACA.

9) OTHER BUSINESS

This item was not discussed.

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

This item was not discussed.

COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

This item was not discussed.

10) 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

**SFGH CREDENTIALS REPORT
SFGH RADIOLOGY PRIVILEGES
EMERGENCY MEDICINE EVOKED POTENTIALS
REVISED PSYCHIATRY PRIVILEGE LIST
REVISED PSYCHIATRY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

Acton Taken: The Commission approved the SFGH Credentials Report, SFGH Radiology Privileges, Emergency Medicine Evoked Potentials, Revised Psychiatry Privilege List, and Revised Psychiatry Rules and Regulations and voted not to disclose other issues discussed in closed session.

11) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.