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### MINUTES

#### HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 21 2012, 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

Excused: Commissioner Waters

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm.

#### 2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2012.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that the minutes should reflect that Commissioner Waters was in attendance at the February 7, 2012 meeting.

Action Taken: The minutes of the February 7 2012 Health Commission meeting were unanimously approved with the correction noted above.

#### 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 Host National Association of Public Health Fellows**

The Department of Public Health will host a portion of the final learning session of the National Association of Public Hospital's (NAPH) 2011 Fellows Program on March 19 when it convenes in San Francisco. The program brings together 30 organizational leaders from public health systems around the country to discuss strategies for the transition to health care reform in 2014.

This year's NAPH fellows from San Francisco Department of Public Health are William Huen, MD; Lisa Johnson, MD; Marcellina Ogbu, DrPH; Irene Sung, MD; and Steven Thompson, MD.

### **DPH Uses Permit Power to Recover Wage Theft Settlements**

I am pleased to report that the Department was helpful in assisting two immigrant workers recover over \$10,000 each in wages owed to them by their employer, Best Beverage Catering. Despite a year-old ruling by the California Labor Commissioner's Office, the employer, a San Francisco restaurant permitted by the Department, refused to pay the workers the back wages they were entitled to collect. The Health Code requires permitted businesses to follow all laws. After a DPH Director's Hearing about the issue, we ordered the employer to comply or risk losing its Permit to Operate. Wage theft is a national epidemic that hurts workers, responsible employers, and the local economy. Public health agencies can support compliance with wage laws using their permit authority. A worker-led campaign to end wage theft resulted in the recent passage of a new Wage Theft Prevention Ordinance, co-authored by Supervisors David Campos and Eric Mar.

### **Water Contamination Exercise**

On February 8 and 9, staff from several sections within San Francisco Department of Public Health participated in a full scale exercise of the *San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Water Contamination Consequence Management Plan*. The exercise was the culmination of a four-year, multi-million dollar grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for pilot projects to improve the security of the nation's drinking water supplies. Environmental Health epidemiologists led the Public Health Surveillance component of the grant and helped plan and implement of the full scale exercise.

### **LHH Residents Enjoy Works of Art**

Thanks to a partnership between the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) and Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, residents at Laguna Honda now enjoy reproductions of artworks by some of the Bay Area's most well-known artists in their rooms. The SFAC recently completed the installation of over 800 framed prints made from artworks selected by the residents themselves. Feedback from residents about the program has been overwhelmingly supportive.

### **Resident Suggestions Make Substantive Changes at Laguna Honda**

A Laguna Honda resident suggestion box has had a wide-ranging impact on a number of aspects of hospital operations, both large and small. Thanks to one suggestion, hospital Facilities Services staff increased the availability of disabled parking at the hospital. Another suggestion led to classes for residents in English as a second language, taught by the hospital's Vocational Rehabilitation program. Other suggestions have resulted in courtesy wheelchairs being available for visitors, wall hooks in the public bathrooms for hanging jackets and purses, expanded use of computers in its library, and even a new microwave in the hospital café.

### **Boy Scout Troop Volunteers for Landscaping Project at LHH**

Laguna Honda is enjoying new drought-tolerant landscaping along the stairs from the Forest Hill Muni station thanks to the efforts of Boy Scouts of America troop 88. The troop, which has taken a courageous stand for non-discrimination in scouting, is based in Forest Hill, a neighborhood adjacent to Laguna Honda. The troop has been a part of the Forest Hill community for 90 years.

### **Sunday Streets Returns for 2012**

Mayor Edwin M. Lee has announced the return of the popular **Sunday Streets** program with a full schedule of car-free events starting Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, along the Embarcadero. The eight-month Sunday Streets 2012 season opens streets to pedestrians, cyclists, and people-powered wheels of all kinds by temporarily removing vehicular traffic on select Sundays, transforming street-space usually reserved for cars into recreational space for everyone to enjoy safely. Shape Up San Francisco, staffed by DPH, continues its role as the lead sponsor.

### **PE Study Reveals Elementary Children Need More PE**

A new study and related recommendations on the status of physical education (PE) in San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) elementary schools will be released by the Shape Up San Francisco PE Advocates on Thursday, February 23, 12:45 p.m., at Chinese Immersion School at DeAvila (1250 Waller Street). I will be

participating in this press event, along with representatives from University of California San Francisco and SFUSD.

### **HEAL Zone Launch**

Shape Up SF's Bayview HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Zone was launched on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the MLK Pool complex, the result of a three-year, Kaiser Permanente-funded grant. Over 200 adults, children and senior participated in the series of Saturday morning kick-off events that featured a variety of fitness-oriented activities for all ages and levels of fitness, a produce giveaway and a healthy meal prepared by a professional chef. Tomas Aragon, MD, Health Officer, was on hand to enjoy and participate in the event.

The Bayview HEAL Zone is working to visibly change the eating and physical environment in the Bayview. The grant focuses on four areas: increasing produce consumption; decreasing calorie consumption; increasing physical activity in the community and increasing physical activity in an institutional setting. For more information: [www.shapeupsf.org/HZ](http://www.shapeupsf.org/HZ).

### **SFGH Rebuild Team to Host Community Meeting**

The San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center Rebuild Project Team has scheduled another community meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the main hospital building, 1001 Potrero Ave., Second floor, Room 2A6. The meeting is open to anyone interested in hearing about the rebuild. Staff will be on hand to answer questions. A brief agenda will cover highlights of the progress to date, steel construction information and what to expect for the remainder of 2012. The San Francisco General Rebuild Information Line is always available at 415/206-5784. The public is welcome to leave voice messages with contact information and someone will return their call.

### **Forensic AIDS Project**

Isela Gonzalez, Prevention Services Coordinator at Jail Health Services' Forensic AIDS Project (FAP), was invited by Houston Department of Health and Human Services to talk about the prevention services offered in the San Francisco county jails to the Community Planning Group of the Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) in Houston, Texas. Members of the UCHAPS were impressed by FAP's innovative and cutting edge work, particularly in regard to the development of the collaborations that make these programs so successful.

### **HEROES & HEARTS**

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the annual HEROES & HEARTS Luncheon and the Hearts After Dark events successful. This year's events raised \$1.4 million for the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation that will support patient care, innovation and research at SFGH. In case you missed it, the *Chronicle's* Leah Garchick had much to say about the events in her recent column.

**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

FEBRUARY, 2012

**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**

(2/9/2012 Medical Exec Committee)

	February	(FY 2011-2012) Month-to-Date
<b>New Appointments</b>	1	12
Reinstatements	0	0
<b>Reappointments</b>	5	36
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	1	6
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	0	0
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	0	0
<b>Deceased</b>	0	0
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	3	12
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 1/31/2012</b>	
Active Medical Staff	98
Affiliated Professionals	2
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>1</b>
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**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK  
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

FEBRUARY 2012  
**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**  
(02/13/2012 CLIN-MEC)

	02/2012	07/11 to 06/12
<i>New Appointments</i>	3	161
Reinstatements	0	0
<i>Reappointments</i>	36	365
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	15	126
<i>Disciplinary Actions</i>	0	0
<i>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</i>	0	0
<b>Deceased</b>	1	2
<i>Changes in Privileges</i>		
Additions	13	83
Voluntary Relinquishments	13	122
Proctorship Completed	34	125
Proctorship Extension	0	0

*Current Statistics – as of 01/23/2012*

Active Staff	514
<i>Courtesy Staff</i>	577
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	244
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,335</b>

<i>Applications in Process</i>	13
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of FEBRUARY 2012</b>	1
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 03/2012 to 05/2012</b>	<b>142</b>

**4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no general public comment.

**5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Margine Sako, Chair, stated that the Committee recommended that the full Health Commission approve the the site relocation request for the SAGE Project and the resolution, "Recommendations to Encourage Adequate Physical Activity and Healthy Eating for Students in San Francisco Public Schools." Commissioner Sako also stated that the Tangerine Brigham, Deputy Director and Director of Healthy San

Francisco, gave an update on the Integrated Delivery System Planning Project which included a timeline for presenting recommendations to the Health Commission in May, 2012.

## 6) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the site relocation request for The Sage Project.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution, "RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENCOURAGE ADEQUATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY EATING FOR STUDENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS" (See Attachment A)

## 7) **BUDGET UPDATE; RESOLUTION**

Greg Wagner, DPH Chief Financial Officer, presented changes made to the proposed budget since the 2/7/12 Health Commission meeting. He stated that the revised budget meets the 5% target but does not meet 2.5% contingency benchmark.

Director Garcia thanked all the DPH staff who worked on the budget. She stated that, based on a request made by Commissioner Chow at the last Health Commission meeting, approximately \$500,000 was restored to the contracts of seven smaller community based organizations in the revised budget.

### Public Comment:

Eve Meyer, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, stated that she is grateful for the partial restorations and that she feels it is unfair that the DPH has had to "shoulder" the City's budget shortfalls for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

Jacob Moody, Chairperson of The Congress of African American Organizations, stated that the proposed budget negatively impacts African Americans and the Congress will be working with the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to rectify this problem.

Jimmy Loyce, Vice President of The Congress of African American Organizations, stated that cuts to CATS and Hospitality House disproportionately impact African Americans. He stated that he supports the resolution being considered by the Health Commission because it indicates that the current budget process is not fair.

Laney Parker, CATS HOT program, stated that the proposed 25% cut would decimate the program's budget. She stated that the proposed cuts would keep the most vulnerable people in San Francisco on the streets because outreach will be substantially reduced. The result may be a higher utilization of emergency services by the folks who may have been helped by outreach.

Janet Loy, Executive Director of CATS, stated that the 25% cut will devastate both A Women's Place and the HOT program. A woman's place serves most vulnerable women with children. The proposed cuts will eliminate case management and take away the ability to stay open twenty-four hours. She stated that the HOT program services people who do not traditionally access services and the reduction will keep these folks on the streets.

Phil Clark, Episcopal Community Services, stated the proposed reduction will devastate services to people with dual diagnosis and there is no way to predict the result of dismantling the service system for the most vulnerable people in San Francisco.

Michael Siever, Director of Behavior Health Services at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, stated that the proposed cuts will cost the DPH more money in the long term. He urged the Health Commission to submit the budget under protest.

Tony Baldwin, General Manager of DISH, stated that cost savings of supportive housing real and that the Camelot hotel has been instrumental in bringing change to clients in Tenderloin.

Kirk Larson, DISH Deputy Director, urged the Health Commission to send the budget to the Mayor under protest because the cuts of 109 supportive housing units are a missed opportunity to renegotiate master leases to get more value out of the housing programs.

Lois Butler, Star Hotel property manager, stated that the program, which accommodates a diverse client population, has changed the quality of life for residents.

Kiran Patel, co owner of the Star Hotel, stated that the hotel has been renovated based on guidance by the DPH to make the space a viable one for community clients.

Dr. Daniel Drimmer, PT, SFGH, asked that the Health Commission reconsider the cuts to the SFGH outpatient physical therapy budget. Although eight staff were added last year, there is still a 50-day waitlist for services.

Bonnie Seaman, Director of SFGH outpatient physical rehabilitation, stated that the cuts will dramatically increase wait times and the ability of the program to restore people to health.

Calliope stated that the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) helps patients not carry the burden alone. These life-saving services are vital to San Franciscans.

Dr. Laurie Richer, TRC Medical Director, stated that the TRC clients have to cope with huge acts of violence and that many are referred from the SFGH ER and in-patient units. The program is award-winning for its success with helping clients deal with post traumatic stress disorder.

Gilda stated that the TRC has changed and saved her life.

Cecilia Lizz stated that many TRC clients have faced torture and violence and subsequently have PTSD and other serious mental illnesses. Survivors International is nested within the TRC and helps people with specific histories of seeking asylum.

Amy, a TRC client, stated that the TRC provided support that others could not provide and helped her deal with stress better.

Dr. Alicia Boccellari, TRC Director, stated that the 25% budget cut-cumulative budget cuts over the past several years equals half of their original operating budget. TRC clients are among the list of populations that the DPH has prioritized: homeless, mentally ill, poor, culturally diverse, and uninsured. TRC reduces disparities and achieves clinical outcomes for patients.

Nicole Johnson, Program Coordinator of A Woman's Place, stated that the proposed cut will eliminate vital case management services for homeless women and their families.

Jenny Collins, A Woman's Place, stated that proposed cuts will reduce case management caseload by 60% and will force the program to close at night. She stated that since CATS took over the program, there has been amazing success.

George Simmons, Catholic Charities, stated that the median income of clients is around \$800; seventy-four percent of their income will go to rent if the cuts to rent subsidies goes through. He stated that clients report that subsidies help keep them stable, and increase their health.

Emma Gerould stated that flat funding is actually a cut because of the increased cost of Worker's Comp and healthcare.

Jenny Cline, Hospitality House, urged the Commission to pass the budget under protest.

Kavoos Bassiri, RAMS, stated that the drastic cuts will decimate the program's ability to help clients. The program is unique in that it leverages public funding to connect clients to business owners who pay them.

Jennifer Friedenbach, Coalition of Homelessness Executive Director, stated that the average homeless person dies 30 years earlier a non-homeless person. She stated that homeless people are shouldering a disproportionate amount of cuts and urged the Commission to protest the budget process.

Brook Deemerle, SEIU 1021, stated that she is a field representative for many clinics and health sites. Referring to the proposed move of the geriatric program, she stated that the proposed site is busier and not as safe

Debbie Lerman, Human Services Network Administrator, stated that there are a lot of unacceptable cuts in this budget and that it is time to say "No more." She suggested that analysis be done to show the impact of the cumulative cuts on the service system. She also stated that the cost of the proposed increase for UCSF cost of living increase equals the amount of most of the cuts to community based organizations.

#### Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Illig stated that he is very concerned about the amount being allocated to UCSF for cost of living increases for the physicians and proposed that the Commission consider moving a portion of these funds to restore funding to community based organizations that are serving the most vulnerable populations in San Francisco

Director Garcia stated that cuts to the UCSF physicians directly impacts the ability of the DPH (through SFGH) to raise revenue through reimbursement for medical services provided. Director Garcia stated that she is working with UCSF to develop specific outcomes to be attached to future funding. She also stated that in an attempt to meet milestones for the Health Reform 1115 Waiver, she has balanced cuts in other services to give UCSF what it needs to maintain appropriate levels of services and specialty care.

Commissioner Chow stated that the SFGH JCC reviewed all the SFGH budget items at the last meeting including the UCSF item which was originally around \$9M. He reminded the Commissioners that if the DPH does not deliver a full array of general medical and specialty services, it will lose substantial revenue.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked everyone who made public comment. He stated that the Commissioners, the DPH staff, and all in attendance are committed to making a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable people in San Francisco. He trusts that Director Garcia has a broad perspective for the needs of the service system as it moves towards health care reform.

Commissioner Melara thanked everyone, especially the clients, for their public comment. She stated that the budget decisions are not made lightly and that the resolution before the Commission is an appropriate way to pass the budget while showing concern for the impact on the service system.

Commissioner Sako stated that the Commissioners share the frustration of staff and the community. She suggested additional language be added to the proposed resolution to include a statement that the DPH is mandated to provide a certain level of service and to meet milestones for health care reform. Therefore, the Commission requests that it be assigned a lower level of reductions to insure the integrity of the service system.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously passed the resolution with the additional language suggested by Commissioner Sako (see Attachment B).

**8) OTHER BUSINESS**

**JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Chow, SFGH JCC Chair, stated that at the February 14, 2012 meeting, there was substantial amount of public comment regarding the plan to bid out the outpatient dialysis services at SFGH. He stated that the Committee asked Director Garcia and SFGH to consider all options, including having outpatient dialysis services at both LHH and SFGH, before releasing the RFP.

**COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING**

**9) 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

**LHH CREDENTIALS REPORT**

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

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

**10) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.

**HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Resolution No. 12-3**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENCOURAGE ADEQUATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY EATING FOR STUDENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions in the United States and in San Francisco, one third of public school students in 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade are overweight (CCPHA, 2012); and

WHEREAS, regular physical activity and proper nutrition is necessary to support normal and healthy growth in children; and a decline in physical activity and increase in consumption of calorie rich and nutrient low foods have contributed to the unprecedented epidemic of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, children spend many of their waking hours at school and therefore 1) need to be active during the school day to meet the recommendations of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans and 2) have available healthy nutritious meals that meet USDA guidelines; and

WHEREAS, research shows that nutritiously fed and fit, active children are more likely to thrive academically; and that physical activity improves executive functions, the ability to concentrate, memory, intellectual performance and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the SFSUD school meals program is significantly underfunded due to low federal reimbursement rates, the high cost of living in San Francisco, the fact that many needy families are not qualified for free or reduced priced meals; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Mayor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Directive on Healthy and Sustainable Food which includes exploring ways to increase funding to the school meals program; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Education has institutionalized feeding hungry children in SFUSD through the Feeding Every Hungry Child; and

WHEREAS, SFUSD Student Nutrition Services has made significant improvements to the school meals program including the installation of Point of Service at all school sites and eliminated the a la carte meals program in 2010-2011 which resulted in an increase in the National School Lunch Program participation at middle and high schools by 27%; and

WHEREAS, some of the SFUSD schools do not have adequate equipment to safely process and serve fresh food; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education mandates that elementary school students receive 200 minutes of PE every 10 days and middle and high school students receive 400 minutes of PE every 10 days; and

WHEREAS, the SFUSD Physical Education program is underfunded, despite state PE mandates, and relies on voter-approved Public Education Enrichment Fund for funding; and

WHEREAS, among teens from low income San Francisco families (eligible for free or reduced lunch), 60% boys and 100% girls reported no PE, compared to 14% boys and 62% girls from higher family income (CHIS, 2007) and fewer children from low-income families played on a sports team compared to their higher income peers (CHIS, 2007); and

WHEREAS, physical education creates important and equitable opportunities for all children to be physically active; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 PE Advocates' PE Assessment found that only 20% of SFUSD elementary schools in the study met the state mandate and all middle and high schools in the study met the state mandate; and

WHEREAS, SFUSD will increase by four the number of PE Specialists at Elementary Schools in the 2012-2013 school year and is working closely with Elementary school principals to support schools in providing PE ; and

WHEREAS, the Shape Up SF PE Advocates, staffed by DPH and which includes San Francisco Unified School District, UCSF, SF District PTA, San Francisco State University, is working collaboratively to offer quality PE programs for all students in SFUSD; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and SFUSD continue to work with the PE Advocates toward the goal of quality, daily PE for all SFUSD students; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health Commission endorses the following recommendations of the PE Advocates' PE Assessment:

- Elementary schools schedule PE to meet state mandates of 200 minutes every 2 weeks.
- Elementary schools adhere to PE schedules in order to increase minutes of PE.
- Middle and high PE teachers should include activities like dance and fitness videos, which involve girls in physical activity.
- Teachers at all levels follow California's Model Content Standards<sup>5</sup> to deliver age-appropriate skills during PE.
- Reformat SFUSD PE curriculum to make it more relevant and user-friendly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Health Commission recommends that SFUSD ensures that all school sites are in compliance with food safety code and are capable of storing and serving fresh food that is locally prepared; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Health Commission supports adequate funding for the SFUSD school meals program and commends the SFUSD Student Nutrition Services for its innovations to increase meal quality, student participation and program finances.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its February 21, 2012 meeting adopted the foregoing resolution.

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Mark Morewitz,  
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

**HEALTH COMMISSION  
City and County of San Francisco  
Resolution No. 12-4**

**REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR PROTECT FUNDING  
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing an estimated \$263 million deficit for fiscal year 2012-13 and \$375 million for fiscal year 2013-14; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office instructed Departments to submit budget proposals to include:

- A 5% ongoing reduction to General Fund support beginning in 2011-12 and an additional 5% reduction beginning in FY 2012-14;
- A contingency proposal of an additional 2.5% reduction in General Fund support;
- A reduction of 1% of General Fund supported full time equivalent positions in FY 2012-13 and an additional 1% reduction in FY 2013-1014; and

WHEREAS, this reduction amounts to \$69.3 million over the next two years in the Department of Public Health budget; and

WHEREAS, as part of the State's section 1115 Medicaid Waiver and in preparation for federal health care reform, the Department of Public Health must heavily invest in multiple delivery system improvements simultaneously at a minimum cost of \$5 million in FY 2012-12 increasing to \$10 million in FY 2013-14 in order to meet aggressive performance milestones. If the Department of Public Health does not meet these milestones, it may be forced to return all or a portion of the \$42.5 million in annual federal funding; and

WHEREAS, on February 7th and 21<sup>st</sup>, community members testified before the Health Commission about the impact that proposed budget reductions would have on their lives and the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, in discussions with the Mayor's Office, it was agreed that the Department of Public Health would submit its budget without meeting the contingency reductions, but with the understanding that additional proposals to meet the contingency target may be necessary in the future. If the Department of Public Health is asked to consider further reductions, contingency proposals may include:

- Further reductions to unmatched General Fund contracts, including program closures;
- Reductions to matched General Fund contracts and civil service programs;
- Service and administrative reductions at the public hospitals and throughout DPH; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and the Health Commission have made every effort to identify new revenues and budgetary savings that minimize service impacts. However, in order to meet its budget targets, the proposed reductions also include core public health services and programs, all of which are critical to furthering the mission of the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, reductions in the safety net during the current budget process may result in greater usage of costly emergency services such as police, fire department, ambulances, hospital emergency departments, and inpatient psychiatric services; and

*WHEREAS, the Health Commission shares responsibility with the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for the health and well being of all San Franciscans with particular focus on maintaining the safety net and public health services for San Francisco's most vulnerable residents; therefore, be it,*

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission understands the significant financial challenges facing the City and acknowledges that, as the largest City department, the Department of Public Health must play an important role in helping to address those challenges. However, the Health Commission also has a responsibility to communicate its concerns regarding potential budget actions and the implications for our public health services to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors; and, be it

RESOLVED, because the DPH is mandated, under local, state and federal guidelines, which include health care reform, to deliver safety net public health services; the Health Commission requests that the DPH be assigned a lower level of reduction in its General Fund allocation so that it may provide necessary critical care for the most vulnerable populations including San Franciscans who are homeless youth and adults, mentally ill, and/or victims of violence.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the City and County of San Francisco cannot identify enough new revenue to prevent further reductions, the Health Commission is committed to working with Director Garcia, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors to protect the sustainability of necessary public health services.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 21, 2012 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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Mark Morewitz  
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission