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**Minutes**

**HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 4:00 p.m.**

**101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.  
Commissioner David J. Sanchez  
Commissioner Catherine Waters  
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung

Excused: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, President  
Commissioner Margine Sako, Vice President

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

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2012.**

Action Taken: The minutes of the August 7, 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>

**CDC Tracking Cases of H3N2v**

The CDC has been tracking cases of Influenza A H3N2 variant viruses ("H3N2v") since August 2011. This flu variant has been found in swine in many US states. The total US human case count increased to 158 as of August 9, 2012, due mainly to a wave of new cases in Indiana and Ohio that are linked to state fairs where visitors have been in close contact with infected pigs. No cases have yet been reported in California. Most cases have so far been in children, possibly because adults may have some pre-existing immunity to this virus while children do not. Severity has been mostly mild and similar to seasonal flu; two cases have been hospitalized and have recovered, none have died. At this point, human-to-human transmission has not been documented.

CDC is urging state fairgoers to wash their hands and avoid taking food and drinks into livestock barns, but has not canceled any swine shows or suggested any other measures. SFDPH will continue to monitor the situation along with state and federal authorities and will keep the Health Commission informed of important updates.

### **Introducing Bridge HIV in Expanded Research Location**

On Monday, August 20, the HIV Research section officially announced its name change to Bridge HIV and, along with the new identity, has also relocated into its expanded research and clinical facilities on the first floor of the historic 25 Van Ness Avenue. The move comes as part of the San Francisco Office and Renovation (SOAR) project, a \$9.5 million grant awarded by the National Center for Research Resources at the National Institutes of Health as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment of 2009. The organization's new Bridge HIV name distinguishes the research unit of the SFDPH AIDS Office from a large field of organizations and institutions conducting HIV prevention research. The name change to Bridge HIV also reflects the Department's history and efforts to reduce the impact of HIV and AIDS through collaborations with diverse communities across the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the world.

### **Safe Routes to School Success Story**

Community Health Promotion and Prevention Section's San Francisco's Safe Routes to School Program was recently featured by the CA Department of Public Health as a success story and model program. Ana Validzic, Health Educator and project coordinator for the program, has been working with multiple City agencies including MTA, the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Unified School District, community-based organizations, teachers, parents, and kids to promote walking and bicycling to school. From the annual Fall Walk-to-School Day to Spring Bike-to-School Day, plus classroom lessons, increased traffic enforcement, and evaluating and analyzing travel surveys and reports, San Francisco's schools have seen a healthy increase in rates of walking and bicycling.

### **"Batting for Healthy Communities": Back-to-School Health Event**

The San Francisco Immunization Coalition (SFIC), in partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the San Francisco Giants, and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), held a Back-to-School Health press conference at Maxine Hall Health Center on August 14<sup>th</sup>. A diverse panel of speakers including, SF Giants Announcer Renel Brooks-Moon, SF Giants pitcher Sergio Romo, James Watt, MD, Chief of Communicable Disease Control with CDPH, Karon Fields, a social worker with the Black Infant Health Improvement Project, and Carolyn Jasik, MD, of UCSF spoke about the importance of back- to-school immunizations, highlighting the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Tdap (pertussis booster) requirement and health disparities among African- American children. The event was a success and was featured in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Univision, ABC 7, CBS Local, and the *World Journal*.

### **New Traffic Safety Grants Announced**

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has awarded the Community Health Promotion and Prevention Section \$140,000 as part of its \$77 million in federal funding to support traffic safety grants to state and local agencies. The grant will be used for pedestrian safety with a focus on seniors and youth. We will be working in partnership with SF Police Department to do targeted enforcement around schools and senior centers. Outreach and enforcement will be coordinated with the Mayor's Pedestrian Safety Task Force and the Safe Routes to School Program.

### **Mental Health Loan Assumption Program**

Last year we announced the availability of San Francisco's Mental Health Loan Assumption Program, a fiscal incentive program for students interested in seeking careers in mental health serving in hard-to-fill/retain positions within California's public health system. I am happy to report that during FY 2011-12, 11 individuals from San Francisco have taken advantage of the program. The Loan Assumption program will assist these students by repaying their educational debt in exchange for a 12-month service obligation and will provide us with a well-trained workforce for these rewarding and challenging positions in the mental health field.

### **Network for a Healthy California**

Chinatown Public Health Center has announced the winners for its Healthy Champions Star Search 2012. Sponsored by Network for a Healthy California—Chinese Project at Chinatown Public Health Center, the program was created to encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles by adopting healthy eating and active living habits. Any San Francisco resident who had adopted healthy eating and physical active lifestyle changes in his or her life was encouraged to submit their success stories, along with recipes that incorporated healthy ingredients and healthy cooking methods. An awards ceremony will be held at the Chinatown YMCA on September 15, 2012. The Commissioners and the public are encouraged to attend.

### **Betty Sutro, Laguna Honda Benefactor**

Laguna Honda residents and staff extend their sympathies to the Sutro's, one of San Francisco's first families, on the passing of Betty Sutro, a longtime benefactor of the hospital. Betty was a civic leader, humanitarian and trailblazer who endowed Laguna Honda with financial support, unending warmth, humor, and sound judgment during her many dedicated years on the board of the Friends of Laguna Honda. We will miss her greatly and are gratified that she was able to participate in the opening of the new hospital in 2010. Her contributions are commemorated by the Betty Sutro Meadow, a site on the hospital campus that provides for quiet contemplation and the festive gathering of community.

### **LHH Plants Orchard**

Many thanks to Commission President Sonia Melara who presided at the planting ceremony for the Laguna Honda orchard on August 13. The hospital won 50 fruit trees in a national online contest sponsored by the Communities Take Root organization, a project of Dreyer's Fruit Bars and the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation. Laguna Honda received over 34,000 votes from supporters city-wide, including the hospital's West of Twin Peaks neighbors. Hundreds of residents, staff members and community supporters gathered under sunny skies in the hospital's backyard for the planting. Participants enjoyed live music and complimentary Dreyer's fruit bars. The new trees, selected to thrive in the several micro-climates on the hospital's 62 acre campus, include varieties of apple, persimmon, guava, lemon, orange, and kumquat.

### **Nurse Advice Line and New Patient Appointment Unit On the Move**

Laguna Honda welcomed the Department of Public Health's Nurse Advice Line and New Patient Appointment Unit to their new homes at the hospital on August 13. The NAL and the NPAU moved to the fourth floor of the Laguna Honda Administration Building from CHN headquarters on 25<sup>th</sup> St. The move was a joint project of the Information Systems, telephonic and Facilities staffs as part of the Department's transition to an integrated delivery system.

### **LHH Prepares for Certification in Dementia Care**

Laguna Honda is the recipient of a one-year complimentary subscription for all staff members to a national training program that prepares participants for certification in dementia care by the Alzheimer's Association. The online program is presented by Minnesota-based Health Care Interactive, which filmed many of the program's training scenarios at the hospital. Laguna Honda practitioners are featured in the program's best practice examples, which are based on the publication, "Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendations for Assisted Living Residences and Nursing Homes."

### **American Public Health Association Abstracts Accepted**

I am pleased to note that the Environmental Health Section has had 14 abstracts accepted for presentation at this year's American Public Hospital Association conference scheduled for late October here in San Francisco. The abstracts represent diverse topics in environmental and urban health.

**New Medical Director for Community Programs Quality Improvement**

Please join me in welcoming Lisa Golden, MD, to her new role as Medical Director for Community Programs Quality Improvement. Dr. Golden first joined DPH as a physician specialist in 1989 and became the Medical Director for Ocean Park Health Center in 2005.

Over the last several years, Lisa has initiated and implemented several innovative initiatives: primary care/behavioral health integration, chronic disease management, population based care, team based care, group visits, health worker-led planned visit and panel management. In the last year she has been the Quality Improvement lead for Community oriented programs and has directed a number of QI projects. She has provided outstanding leadership.

**National Academy of Neuropsychology Fellow**

Laguna Honda is pleased to announce that neuropsychologist Brenda Austin, Vice Chair of the Laguna Honda Psychiatry Department and Director of LHH's Neuropsychology Training Program for graduate students, has been designated as a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. In a letter of commendation, Shane S. Bush, Chairperson of the NAN Fellows Committee commended Ms. Austin for her "significant contributions to the field of neuropsychology." Ms. Austin will be awarded the honor at the NAN annual meeting in Nashville early in November.

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

AUGUST 2012  
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary  
(7/19/2012 BUSINESS-MEC)

|  | <b>08/2012</b> | <b>07/12 to 06/13</b> |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>New Appointments</b>                  | <b>7</b>       | <b>12</b>             |
| Reinstatements                           | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>              |
| <b>Reappointments</b>                    | <b>48</b>      | <b>115</b>            |
| Delinquencies:                           | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>              |
| Reappointment Denials:                   | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>              |
| <b>Resigned/Retired:</b>                 | <b>5</b>       | <b>28</b>             |
| <b>Disciplinary Actions</b>              | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>              |
| <b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b> | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>              |
| <b>Deceased</b>                          |                |                       |
| <b>Changes in Privileges</b>             |                |                       |
| Voluntary Relinquishments                | <b>14</b>      | <b>33</b>             |
| Additions                                | <b>7</b>       | <b>29</b>             |
| Proctorship Completed                    | <b>11</b>      | <b>44</b>             |

| <b>Current Statistics – as of 07/02/2012</b> |             |  |
|--|-------------|--|
| Active Staff                                 | <b>496</b>  |  |
| Courtesy Staff                               | <b>523</b>  |  |
| Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)    | <b>241</b>  |  |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>                         | <b>1260</b> |  |

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| <b>Applications in Process</b>                           | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Applications Withdrawn Month of AUGUST 2012</b>       | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 09/2012 to 11/2012</b> | <b>148</b> |

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

AUGUST, 2012

**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**

(August 8, 2012 Medical Exec Committee)

|  | August | (FY 2012-2013)<br>Month-to-Date |
|--|--------|---------------------------------|
| <i>New Appointments</i>                  | 1      | 2                               |
| Reinstatements                           | 0      | 0                               |
| <i>Reappointments</i>                    | 1      | 3                               |
| Delinquencies:                           | 0      | 0                               |
| Reappointment Denials:                   | 0      | 0                               |
| <b>Resigned/Retired:</b>                 | 2      | 5                               |
| <i>Disciplinary Actions</i>              | 0      | 0                               |
| <i>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</i> | 0      | 0                               |
| <b>Deceased</b>                          | 0      | 0                               |
| <i>Changes in Privileges</i>             |        |                                 |
| Additions                                | 0      | 0                               |
| Voluntary Relinquishments                | 0      | 0                               |
| Proctorship Completed                    | 5      | 7                               |
| Proctorship Extension                    | 0      | 0                               |

| <i>Current Statistics – as of 8/3//2012</i> |            |  |
|---|------------|--|
| Active Medical Staff                        | 100        |  |
| <i>Affiliated Professionals</i>             | 3          |  |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>                        | <b>103</b> |  |

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <i>Applications in Process</i> | 1 |
|--------------------------------|---|

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow asked for the reason the Governor is calling a special session at the end of the year. Ms. Chawla stated that the Governor is waiting for the results of the November budget initiative to hold a special session to discuss Health Reform implementation. Commissioner Chow asked for an update on this issue prior to the special session.

Commissioner Chow congratulated Laguna Honda Hospital for winning the new orchard.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that the DPH is fortunate to attract outstanding staff and welcomed Dr. Golden, the new Community Health Medical Director.

Commissioner Chow requested a presentation on the papers accepted to the American Public Health Association Conference.

**4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Waters Chaired the Committee meeting and gave the update. The Committee heard a presentation on the LPS Community Independence Pilot Project which is a court sponsored program developed to assist people needing conservatorship. The program has been shown to be effective to reduce usage of emergency medical and psychiatric services. The Committee also heard a brief update on the Public Health Accreditation process.

**6) CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**7) 2012 INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE REPORT BACK**

Diane Havlir, MD, UCSF Chief of HIV/AIDS Division at SFGH and Conference Co-Chair; Tracey Packer, Interim Director of HIV Prevention Section; Susan Scheer, PhD, Director HIV Epidemiology Section; and Albert Liu MD, Bridge HIV, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/ Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow thanked the presenters and stated that Asian/Pacific Islander data is not shown in the presentation. Dr. Scheer stated that the data is too small to be included in the type of comparisons used in the analysis.

Commissioner Chung stated that transgender data is also not included in the presentation. Dr. Scheer stated that the data is too small to be included in the type of comparisons used in the analysis. She added that the DPH has other diagnosis data for transgender populations that it can share in future presentations.

Commissioner Waters thanked the presenters for the informative presentation and asked for clarification on the data showing 27% of people with HIV in San Francisco have not been tested or received care. Dr. Scheer stated that this presentation includes historical data dating back to the origins of HIV in San Francisco. There are many people in the data who may have moved out of San Francisco.

Commissioner Chung asked how the DPH estimates the number of undiagnosed individuals living with HIV in San Francisco. Dr. Scheer stated that the DPH uses behavioral surveillance and testing data to build a model to estimate these numbers.

Commissioner Waters asked if the DPH will attempt to enroll representative number of Asian/Pacific Islanders, Latinos, and African American in the PREP Study to ensure accurate data. Dr. Liu stated that the DPH will be recruiting at City Clinic, Magnet and other community sites to attempt to get a diverse sample of participants.

Commissioner Waters stated that she hopes stigma regarding having HIV will be an issue that is addressed in the DPH interventions because it impacts an individual on every step of the "Cascade of Care" mentioned in the presentation. Ms. Packer stated that the DPH attempts to address this stigma and health disparity through its HIV Prevention Special Projects. In addition, the DPH is attempting to create a social norm within all primary medical sites for HIV testing to become routine as part of a way of removing stigma.

Commissioner Waters asked for more information on the HIV vaccine trial. Dr. Liu stated that there are exciting studies being done throughout the United States; data using animal subjects have shown that vaccines are promising. The DPH hopes to complete enrollment next year and have data the following year to present.

Commissioner Chung asked for more information on the two patients who previously tested HIV positive but now show no HIV in their blood. Dr. Havlir stated that the next step in examining these two individuals is to determine if there is any HIV in their gut and organs, two common places in which HIV reserves occur. The final step in this examination is to stop HIV treatment to observe if HIV returns at any level when the individuals are tested.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that there used to be research projects at many of the state's best universities focusing on special populations and asked if any still remain after years of funding cuts. Dr. Havlir stated that when the State funding decreased on these types of research projects, the federal government increased its efforts as a way to continue research. She cited the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention as one of these projects.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee thanked the DPH and Dr. Havlir for a high quality presentation and asked how the DPH and other entities determine if there is adequate funding for special projects to address health disparities. Ms. Packer stated that the San Francisco HIV Prevention Council uses incidence data to determine funding allocations. She also reminded the Commissioners that San Francisco lost approximately \$2M in Center for Disease Control funding last year. Director Garcia stated that the Health Commission 5 Year Budget process should address issues of health disparity.

Commissioner Chung stated that at the Carr Memorial Lecture at the conference, the group discussed the connection between social inequities and HIV/AIDS. To best address these inequities, she encouraged the DPH continue to partner with other entities including City Departments to help share the cost burden of these services and to increase effectiveness. Ms. Packer stated that the DPH is creating a video training for the San Francisco Police regarding syringes and condom distribution. Director Garcia stated that she will be meeting with the Chief of Police to discuss condom distribution and syringe exchange.

Commissioner Chow stated that the Commission now needs to bring the topic of HIV to budget and planning activities.

Former Health Commissioner Roma Guy stated that HIV-related stigma is a vital issue to address and urged the Health Commission to consider this issue when making future funding decisions.

## **8) SFGH REBUILD UPDATE**

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

### Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification of the full amount of the furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE). Ms. Saltz stated the projected cost for the FFE is \$176M.

Director Garcia acknowledged the effective work that Mr. Wagner has done to be proactive on managing the FFE budget.

9) **OTHER BUSINESS**

**JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Chow, SFGH JCC Chair, stated that at the August 14, 2012 meeting, the Department of Psychiatry gave an update. It has reduced the total number of acute beds devoted to psychiatric patients to twenty-one and has consolidated all the acute services on one ward. This has resulted in a cost savings and has enabled Psychiatric Emergency Services to serve more patients. Director Garcia stated that the DPH will continue to be aggressive in reducing the length-of-stay in non-acute services; she is leading a placement committee that will attempt to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of placement.

Commissioner Chow also stated that the Committee heard presentations on patient satisfaction data and received a revision in the SFGH Governing By-Laws that clarifies quorum, membership and voting issues of the Committee.

**COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING**

This topic 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

**LHH CREDENTIALS REPORT**

**COMBRISSON V CCSF (SF SUPERIOR COURT NO 09-489400)**

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

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

11) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.