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**MINUTES**

**HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 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, MSW, President  
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung  
Commissioner Judith Karshmer, Ph.D, PMHCNS-BC  
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.  
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee

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

Commissioner Melara asked everyone in attendance to observe a moment of silence in honor of all those impacted by the crash of Asiana Airline flight 214, especially the people who lost their lives, and their families. She also thanked DPH and other City staff and volunteers who provided vital support to those injured, and their families during the tragedy.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 23, 2013.**

Action Taken: The minutes of the May 23, 2013 Health Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

**3)** Barbara Garcia, Director of Health, gave the report. The full report can be viewed at:  
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

**DPH Responds to SFO Airliner Crash**

The airline crash at SFO on July 6 tested the Department's readiness for responding to a mass casualty incident in ways that we have been preparing for and hoped would never happen. Nevertheless, I want to report to the Commissioners how very proud I was of the response throughout the Department. Volunteer staff from a range of essential programs, many without being requested, reported for duty. All of the DPH staff who responded knew their roles as first responders and disaster workers. On the day of the crash I coordinated the communication throughout DPH and Mayor's Office as well as activating the Mental Health response and subsequently staffed the Mayor's visit to SFGH and accompanied staff on rounds. Here are some highlights to give you an idea of the scope of our response.

- Drs. Tomas Aragon and Naveena Bobba reported to the Emergency Operations Center on Turk St. and represented DPH, helping to provide support for the citywide response.
- SFGH was put on mass casualty alert and set up a command center under the direction of Lann Wilder. A special thanks to Sue Currin, Sue Carlisle, MD; Roland Pickens, Terry Dentoni, Rachael Kagan, Sharon Thyne, MD; Ebi Fiebig, MD; Mark Wilson, MD; Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD; John Brown, MD; Andre Campbell, MD; Claude Hemphill, MD; Alan Gelb, MD; Jeffrey Schmidt, Goeff Manley, MD; Melissa Pitts, David Staconis and Todd Mayes, MD for their performance and leadership.
- Laguna Honda Hospital fast tracked admittance and transfer for a number of patients from SFGH, freeing up bed space for newly injured victims. All of the patients had already been scheduled to move to LHH as part of their care plans.
- The Medical Respite and Sobering Center was asked, also on very short notice, to accommodate the patients on the SFGH respite wait list.
- Jo Robinson and Edwin Batongbacal led our community response at the airport and coordinated with San Mateo County. They continue to follow up and provide for ongoing mental health needs.
- CBHS opened up a 3-1-1 line for communitywide mental health counseling. We sent out a press release on Sunday morning, announcing the availability.
- Rachael Kagan held hourly press briefings well into the evening and continues to update the media daily and as-needed.

I am deeply grateful to all of the volunteers and staff throughout DPH who helped us respond to this tragic event.

On Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, another young patient who had been in critical condition at SFGH died of her injuries from the crash, bringing the total loss of life to three. All of them were minors.

Several days after the crash, as we took account of the victims, SFGH had treated 67 patients—36 adults and 31 children--from the crash scene, the largest number of any hospital involved in the incident. We have been able to discharge 58 patients and those who remain are suffering from a variety of conditions expected from such an accident: spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, abdominal injuries, internal bleeding, road rash and fractures.

I am certain the Commissioner join me in thanking the hundreds of DPH staff who responded to this incident and whose work saved the lives of hundreds of victims.

#### **State Surveyors Arrive at Laguna Honda Hospital**

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) surveyors arrived on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Laguna Honda to conduct the acute hospital licensing survey. On Tuesday, several more CDPH surveyors arrived to conduct the skilled nursing licensing and certification survey. Approximately 16 CDPH surveyors are at Laguna Honda for the next two weeks. Acute survey has a tentative exit date of Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and the skilled nursing survey has a tentative exit date of Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. The hospital also expects fire life safety survey within the next few weeks. I will update the Commissioners after the exit interviews have been completed.

#### **Commissioner Chung Elected to President of the United States People Living with HIV Caucus**

Congratulations to Commissioner Cecilia Chung who has been elected to serve as president of the United States People Living with HIV (PLHIV) Caucus, a group of organizations, networks, client groups, and individuals with HIV advocating for HIV-positive people in the U.S. Commissioner Chung was elected by the new 15-member steering committee and is the first individual to hold the post. The Caucus also launched a new website, [www.hivcaucus.org](http://www.hivcaucus.org).

Under Commissioner Chung's leadership, the Caucus plans to continue providing leadership and consultation on the implementation of the NHAS and the Affordable Care Act, helping to design effective and accountable

community planning and decision-making processes that are inclusive of the diversity of people living with HIV and centered on our needs and experiences, and working to ensure that policies are based in evidence and science, rather than fear and bias.

### **CMS Director Visits SFGH**

SFGH administration and staff had the rare opportunity in late May to talk directly with the national head of the Medicare program on a recent swing through California. Jonathan Blum, Director of the Center for Medicare at the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), visited SFGH on May 29 for a tour and roundtable discussion. He was accompanied by regional CMS representatives David Sayen, Administrator, and Betsy Thompson, MD, Chief Medical Officer. They wanted to get a personal look at patient care and delivery system reform. They visited the Emergency Department, the 1M General Medicine Clinic and 5C Acute Care for Elders (ACE) unit, the first in California.

### **Youth Tobacco Sales Rates in San Francisco Decrease**

The Tobacco Free Project and San Francisco Police Department coordinate youth sting operations with 15- and 16-year-old volunteers to assess the rate of illegal sales at 454 local tobacco retail stores. The 61 stores that sold to a child were issued a citation, but later additionally had their privilege to sell tobacco products suspended, generally for 25-30 days. The effort to keep youth from accessing a lifetime of addiction, and monitoring those retailers who bend the 100+ year old California law that prohibits tobacco sales to those under age 18 is a partnership of Environmental Health, Community Health Promotion Branch (Tobacco Free Project), Health Officer Tomas Aragon, MD, the City Attorney's Office, and the San Francisco Police Department. Local community partners Vietnamese Youth Development Center and Youth Leadership Institute also collaborate in educating retailers, collecting data about the local retail environment and ensuring that youth voice is heard in this matter.

### **Hepatitis A Outbreak Linked to Frozen Berries**

Acting in accord with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s investigation into an outbreak of Hepatitis A in people who consumed Townsend Farms Organic Anti-oxidant Blend frozen berry mix sold at Costco stores throughout the US and locally in the San Francisco and the Bay Area., Tomas Aragon, MD, Health Officer, issued a health advisory to the local medical community, advising clinicians to be on the alert for patients presenting with symptoms of the disease. Subsequent to the CDC's investigation, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> we also issued a press release and posted relevant links and advice on our website to ensure that the information was as widely distributed as possible. We also provided the 3-1-1 Customer Service supervisors with information to disseminate to any member of the public who called with questions about where to go for the latest updates and recommendations regarding Hepatitis A vaccine.

### **Department Issues Advisory on Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)**

While the Hepatitis A outbreak was unfolding, Communicable Disease Control & Prevention also issued a Health Advisory on June 5<sup>th</sup> to help increase preparedness of San Francisco clinicians, health facilities, and laboratories for the possibility that persons with suspected Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) could present for care in San Francisco. Because the Health Advisory is targeted to the medical community, the content included criteria for evaluation, specimen submission, and infection control measures currently recommended by CDC, as well as a call to report all suspected cases immediately to SFDPH. We will, of course, keep the Health Commission apprised of the evolution and emergence of this new infectious disease. .

### **Primary Care Quality Improvement Committee**

The Primary Care Quality Improvement Committee (PCQI) held their second annual retreat on May 17<sup>th</sup>, focusing on the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and the use of innovation concepts to support quality care in the safety net. The PCQI committee, by membership vote, also awarded the QI team at **Castro Mission Health Center** the **2013 Quality Award**, for their ability to accelerate improvement, innovate, and lead with

courage. We thank Castro Mission Health Center for their commitment to protecting and promoting the health of all San Franciscans.

### **SF Safe Routes to School Awarded \$1.6 Million Grant**

The SF County Transportation Authority has awarded \$1.6 million grant to the SF Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program on July 25<sup>th</sup>. DPH is the lead agency for this program. This grant will allow the SRTS program to operate from September 1, 2014 to August 2017. We will also be expanding to 35 elementary schools, 3 middle schools and 2 high schools. The majority of the grant will be focused on reaching out to parents and caregivers at participating schools to be SRTS champions and promote walking and biking at their school sites. We will also help organize walking school buses and bike trains, conduct assemblies and bike rodeos at participating schools, host *Walk and Roll to School Day* and spring celebrations, and create toolkits informing parents and caregivers of all of the different transportation choices available at the school.

### **Substance Use Research Unit Awarded NIH Grant**

The Substance Use Research Unit has been awarded an exploratory grant (R21) from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIH) to support and evaluate the prescription of naloxone from DPH primary care clinics. The two-year project will involve implementing naloxone prescribing for patients on chronic opioid therapy in six DPH clinics, evaluating uptake and prescriber, pharmacist, and patient satisfaction, and generating a model for future effectiveness evaluations. Congratulations to Phillip Coffin, MD, principal investigator, and his staff for acquiring this grant.

### **World Refugee Awareness Month**

Community Health Promotion & Prevention's Newcomers Health Program and partners celebrated *Refugee Awareness Month* in June as an opportunity to recognize the many contributions refugees have made to the City, and the challenges they have overcome. On June 21<sup>st</sup> Newcomers Health Program observed World Refugee Day along with community partner Arriba Juntos and many others with an afternoon of food, presentations, booths, traditional clothing, music, and a talent show. For many immigrant resources in San Francisco go to [www.sf-cairs.org](http://www.sf-cairs.org).

### **Dinex System Debuts at LHH**

On Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Laguna Honda Nutrition Services Dept. inaugurated Dinex, a new meal service system featuring dishware designed to keep food fresher by maintaining it at its best temperature. Dinex addresses three important factors for food service: dining aesthetics, environmental sustainability and food temperature. A meal with a beautiful presentation that is culturally familiar can make a big difference to the well-being of patients, especially given the diversity of the residents at Laguna Honda. For those whose focus is on environmental issues, the dishware is reusable, thereby eliminating thousands of disposable inserts that hold food in the cavities of the current trays. And finally, the china plates for serving main courses come with steel cores that can be heated or not, depending on the temperature each entrée needs to be served. A color coded system will help members of the nutrition services team to differentiate those on special diets. The new system is being rolled out at three of the hospital's 13 units. Other units will be added to the system after the initial pilot program.

### **First Scholarship Grads Complete CIIS Studies**

Several years ago, the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) set up the Barbara A. Garcia Scholarship fund designed specifically for employees from the Department of Public Health to assist them in completing their bachelor's degrees. Other city employees may receive a scholarship named in honor of former Mayor George R. Moscone. Since the inception of the scholarship programs, six city employees have been awarded funds. I am very happy to report that Louise Prochilo completed her BA in August 2012, Luis Aroche, Robert (Dean) Goodwin and Geoffrey Nagaye will finish their studies in August 2013, and Matt Flores will complete his BA in December 2013.

### **LHH Nurses Complete Fellowships**

Congratulations to the five members of the Laguna Honda nursing staff who completed fellowships in evidence-based practice in June. The five, Maria Antoc, Grace Chen, Zexu Fang, Myrene Fuertes and Jacky Spencer-Davies are wrapping up a six-month fellowship at the UCSF School of Nursing. The aim of UCSF fellowship program is to improve patient satisfaction and the quality of nursing care by encouraging programs to adopt identified practice improvements. The successful outcome of the fellowship program is reflected in the implementation of nationally recognized innovations in nursing care at Laguna Honda. Each nurse in the fellowship program worked with an in-house coach to help manage and monitor the progress of their projects, which followed the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) model.

### **WIC Nutrition Clinic Update**

With a recently opened WIC nutrition clinic directly serving families with infants and children at 30 Van Ness Avenue, baby changing tables have been installed in *both* the men's and women's rest-rooms on the second floor. Steps away, the MCAH Lactation Room provides accommodations and comfort for breast-feeding mothers working in the Civic Center area. The Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health section is developing place-based health initiatives -- in workplaces, neighborhoods, homes, public housing, child care centers, parks, health clinics, and other spaces -- to promote the health of families during the most critical times of the life course.

### **Good News for Children's Health**

Out of 1200 counties in the U.S. that were compared, San Francisco ranked #2 on children's health. While lots of work remains to improve the health of all San Franciscans, it's great to have positive news too. To read more about the study and how San Francisco ranks, go to

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2013/6/11/calif-counties-hospitals-among-best-in-us-for-kids-health-reports-say.aspx>.

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

June 2013

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(5/16/13 BUSINESS-MEC)

	6/2013	07/2012 to 06/2013
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>167</b>
Reinstatements	1	2
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>528</b>
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	8	149
Additions	7	148
Proctorship Completed	23	268

<b>Current Statistics – as of 5/6/13</b>	
Active Staff	520
Courtesy Staff	504
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	245
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,249</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of June 2013</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 7/2013 to 9/2013</b>	<b>179</b>

**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

June 2013

**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**  
(5/13/2013 Medical Exec Committee)

	<b>6/2013</b>	<b>(FY 2012-2013) Year-to-Date</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
Reinstatements	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>
Delinquencies:	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Reappointment Denials:	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</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>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Voluntary Relinquishments	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Proctorship Completed	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>
Proctorship Extension	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Current Statistics – as of 6/1/2013</b>	
Active Medical Staff	<b>35</b>
As-Needed Medical Staff	<b>12</b>
External Consultant Medical Staff	<b>47</b>
Affiliated Professionals	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of June 2013</b>	<b>0</b>

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

July 2013

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary  
(6/20/13 BUSINESS-MEC)

	<b>7/2013</b>	<b>07/2013 to 06/2014</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
Additions	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
Proctorship Completed	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>Current Statistics – as of 6/3/13</b>		
Active Staff	<b>518</b>	
Courtesy Staff	<b>497</b>	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	<b>247</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,262</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of July 2013</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 8/2013 to 10/2013</b>	<b>178</b>

**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

JULY 2013

**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**  
(July 11, 2013 Medical Exec Committee)

	July	(FY 2013-2014) Year-to-Date
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Reinstatements	0	0
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</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>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	1	1
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 7/1/2013</b>	
Active Medical Staff	<b>35</b>
As-Needed Medical Staff	<b>14</b>
External Consultant Medical Staff	<b>45</b>
Affiliated Professionals	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of July 2013</b>	<b>0</b>

Director Garcia stated that several DPH staff who led efforts to assist the crash victims will update the Commissioners on the history and status of the DPH response to the incident.

Dr. John Brown, Medical Director of Emergency Medical Services, thanked everyone, including the flight crew and passengers, who provided assistance in the aftermath of the crash. He stated that there was no advanced warning from the flight crew so the airport tower notified Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The first ambulance to arrive was already at the airport for a non-related incident and quickly responded to the emergency. Within a short time, other ambulances arrived to triage and transport people to hospitals. Many people were taken to San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH). He congratulated the EMS staff who did an effective job of triaging patients.

Dr. Tomas Aragon, Health Officer and Director of the Population Health Division, stated that upon hearing about the incident from Dr. Brown, he went to the emergency operations medical health operation area coordination center (MOAC). The role of MOAC is to assess the medical needs during an emergency. The following are some of the tasks of the MOAC:

1. Assess immediate medical needs.
2. Coordinate disaster medical resources.
3. Coordinate medical evaluation.
4. Coordinate medical providers.
5. Coordinate mental health services.
6. Coordinate medical and public health information for the public.

Dr. Naveena Bobba, Director of DPH Public Preparedness and Response, stated she called local hospital executive directors and found that all hospitals had emptied their emergency rooms in preparation of receiving many patients from the accident. She noted that Director Garcia made sure that mental health and translation services were available. A lesson learned was that unifying patients with families is a complex process.

Sue Currin, SFGH CEO, stated that she is proud of all staff who helped with the response. SFGH assisted 60 patients. There are still six patients at SFGH. DPH coordinated transition of patients from SFGH to LHH and medical respite to make room for the crash patients. Many of the children who were less critical were treated at the SFGH pediatric unit.

Dr. Sue Carlisle, UCSF Associate Dean, stated that she is very proud of the SFGH response. She also stated that there were patients who had not cleared customs or security so SFGH help set up Homeland Security and US Customs desks. She stated that SFGH social workers did a wonderful job of coordinating plans to help patients make arrangements to go back home.

Jo Robinson, Director of Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS), stated that she is very proud of the response from all DPH workers and providers from other counties. Within an hour of the accident, there were many DPH workers there to help. Many stayed throughout the night to provide care and support to the patients, many of whom were children and adolescents. She stated that DPH staff continue to provide support to the patients who remain in San Francisco. DPH staff who participated in the response are receiving support through a stress-debriefing.

Director Garcia recognized the effective work of Rachael Kagan, SFGH Public Information Officer, and Eileen Shields, DPH Public Information Officer.

#### Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee thanked the DPH staff for their courage and leadership. She asked if there were any issues with availability of blood or medications during the incident. Ms. Currin stated that the blood bank had enough blood and that the SFGH pharmacy and Walgreens were able to provide medications.

Commissioner Chow stated that he sent an email thanking the DPH responders on behalf of the Health Commission, because Commission President Melara was out of town. He stated that he is very proud of the DPH and City response. The best that could be done was being done; the City maintained control throughout the crisis.

Commissioner Melara acknowledged the effective collaboration between all City services to meet the needs of the victims.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked all the DPH and City staff who were part of the response. He stated that he is very proud of the DPH because of their dedication and expertise. He added that he is happy that the new SFGH will have additional capacity to respond to needs of the community.

#### **4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ho Luong Chang, MD, CEO of the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians, thanked the Health Commission and DPH for the work done on the draft Health Care Services Master Plan. She stated that she is concerned that the Plan fails to take into consideration private physicians' role in the safety net population especially patients living in Chinatown. She urged the Health Commission to consider all parts of the health care safety net and to be mindful to insure provision of cultural and linguistically appropriate services. She stated that she is drafting a letter with more thorough comments.

#### **5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Commission Taylor-McGhee, Committee Chair, stated that Committee heard a presentation on the DPH public health messages distributed at summer street fairs. The messages are primarily about healthy sex practices. The Committee also heard a presentation on the draft DPH Gender and Sex Guidelines, which will be brought before the full Health Commission for review.

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

Commissioner Chow asked if the public health messages for summer fairs include encouragement for healthy food choices. Dr. Aragon stated that the DPH does not currently have a campaign for healthy eating, but mentioned that "Shape-Up San Francisco" and "Soda Free Summer," campaigns relate to the topic.

#### **6) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Jacque Hale, Director of Contracts and Compliance, reviewed the July 2013 Contracts Report, giving information regarding the Public Health Foundation Enterprises contract for Hepatitis B services. She noted that the Finance and Planning Committee had questions regarding this contract at the July 2, 2013 Committee meeting. She introduced Melissa Sanchez, who oversees the contract for the DPH. Ms. Sanchez stated that the contract has two exhibits; one of which is funded by a grant which is ending. This accounts for the reduction in the total contract amount. The DPH is applying for another grant to replace the funding so that the program may continue.

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

Commissioner Chow stated that the Finance and Planning Committee's concern was that the Contract Report indicated a reduction in the Hepatitis B services with no explanation. He added that the explanation by Ms. Sanchez makes it clear that DPH Hepatitis B services will not be reduced.

**Action Taken:** The Health Commission unanimously approved the June 2013 and July 2013 Contract Reports.

#### **7) CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

## **8) DPH BUDGET UPDATE**

Jen Louie, Budget Director, gave the update.

Director Garcia stated that for many years the Health Commission has been concerned about structural budget issues which have caused the DPH to carry a negative balance. This year the Mayor's Office has worked with the DPH to successfully deal with these issues. She added that the Mayor expects the DPH to manage its labor costs in future budgets. These issues will be discussed in the JCC meetings and then at the Finance and Planning Committee meetings. She acknowledged the effective work of Greg Wagner, DPH CFO, and Jen Louie.

### Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chow thanked Director Garcia for her effective collaboration with the Mayor's Office and Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked for clarification on the items that caused the overall increase in this year's budget. Ms. Louie stated that salary and fringe benefits costs comprise the bulk of the increase. There is also a \$50M increase for the SFGH fixtures, furniture, and equipment.

## **9) HEALTH CARE SERVICES MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Policy and Planning, gave the presentation.

Hillary Ronen, Legislative Aide to Supervisor David Campos, thanked the Commissioners and the DPH. She gave a special thanks to Director Garcia and Ms. Chawla, who embraced this legislation from its beginning. She stated that with no extra funds, the DPH has done an amazing job of developing the draft Plan. She stated that Supervisor Campos created the Health Care Services Master Plan legislation because he felt that land use decisions relate to health system as a whole and wanted to protect the health needs of the whole community. She stated that Supervisor Campos is surprised the draft Plan does not list Healthy San Francisco as a critical need of the City. Supervisor Campos thinks Healthy San Francisco is vital for people who are not legal citizens. She added that even those without legal residency issues may not be able to afford the cost of health care. She also requested that the consistency determination process be further clarified so that outcomes be based on the project as a whole instead of on specific components.

Commissioner Melara stated that in addition the all DPH and community members involved, Supervisor Campos and Ms. Ronen should be congratulated for the creation of the legislation.

Elizabeth Watty, San Francisco Planning Department, stated that it is the intention of the Planning Department to look at a project as a whole when determining consistency determination. Qualitative assessments will be made by DPH. The Planning Department will take the DPH assessment as the final qualitative input on the consistency determination.

Ms. Chawla stated that the Health Care Services Master Plan is currently undergoing environmental review.

Roma Guy MSW, Co-Chair of the Health Care Services Master Plan Task Force, thanked the Health Commission for having trust in the Taskforce to development the Plan. She encouraged the Health Commission to invest funds to make the implementation of the Plan effective. She also stated that evaluation of the Plan is vital for it to be effective; monitoring and reporting will not be sufficient. She also recommended that the Health Commission meetings be streamed line online.

### **Public Comment**

Emily Lee, Chinese Progressive Association, stated that she is happy to see the Plan come to fruition. However, she recommended a stronger consistency determination and also stated that Healthy San Francisco is vital.

Andy Kuang, Chinese progressive Association, stated that more public transportation options should be considered. He stated that over two thirds of residents use public transportation and half of this group reports that it takes over an hour to get to a medical appointment.

Judy Li, Chinese Progressive Association, recommended that the Plan support more services in areas with low-income. She also suggested that the Plan be more explicit about listing neighborhoods in which services will be located. She noted that Chinatown currently has a lot of services but that the Southeast area of the City does not.

**Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:**

Commissioner Chow thanked Ms. Chawla for her effective work in coordinating the development of the Plan. He stated that the draft is very comprehensive. He suggested further work be done by the DPH and the Health Commission on the language contained in the section on the consistency determination process.

Commissioner Chung stated that she feels privileged to be part of the Task Force that developed the Plan. She stated that the issue of criteria to determine land use is complex; as the City continues to change, the Plan also needs to be revised so that it appropriately responds to the many communities' needs. She also stated that Health Care Reform will change many issues addressed in the Plan. She thinks that the Plan should be evaluated prior to the three-year deadline included in the legislation; she recommended that the Plan be evaluated every two years with necessary changes made to the Plan at that time. She added that the issue of residents choosing to go to hospitals based on personal or cultural relationships, rather than proximity, needs to be considered. She also stated in order to make the Plan effective, community outreach and education is necessary.

Commissioner Karshmer stated that she is impressed with the enormous effort put into the development of the comprehensive Plan. She asked who the target audience of the Plan is and how the implementation of the Plan can be done in a manner that the many diverse communities in San Francisco can understand. She also asked if the Plan impacts non-medical planning requests. Ms. Chawla stated that the Plan only addresses very large medically-related projects and estimated that there will likely only be two or three such projects a year. Ms. Chawla also stated that the Healthcare Master Plan Taskforce intended for the Plan to be used as a health policy resource.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that with the budget in good order, it is time to plan how to move forward. He added that the many years of cuts to the DPH infrastructure have impacted its administrative and evaluative capacity. He stated it is time to begin to build the DPH infrastructure.

Commissioner Melara stated that the Health Commission will work with the DPH to further study and develop the Plan.

**10) OTHER BUSINESS**

**JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Chow, SFGH JCC Chair, stated that the Committee met on June 17 to review quality and administrative reports in addition to approving the Credentials Report. He thanked Commissioner Melara for attending the meeting.

**COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING**

Commissioner Melara asked Mr. Morewitz to work with the Commission on the Status of Women to coordinate a joint Commission meeting. Director Garcia stated that she would work with the Commission to identify common issues to discuss.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked for clarification on the motivation for the joint Commission meeting request. Commissioner Melara stated that the Commission on the Status of Women has had joint meetings with other Commissions on issues related to women.

Commissioner Chow asked for an update on the July 18, 2013 Planning Commission meeting regarding the draft Health Care Services Master Plan.

**11) 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

**SETTLEMENT: COREA v. CCSF**

**SETTLEMENT: SHOENMAN v. CCSF**

**SFGH CREDENTIALS REPORT**

- D) Reconvene in Open Session

Action Taken: The Health Commission voted not to disclose discussion of the items in Closed Session.

**12) ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Chung asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of community activist Jazzie Collins, who contributed greatly to the communities in San Francisco.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.