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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, December 3, 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 Judith Karshmer, Ph.D, PMHCNS-BC
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner David B. Singer

Excused:

Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D. , Vice President
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2013.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2013.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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>

San Francisco Proposition D, Fair Drug Pricing Initiative, Passes

Earlier this month, San Francisco's Proposition D, the Fair Drug Pricing initiative, passed with 80 percent of the vote. Proposition D is a declaration of City policy related to prescription drug pricing. Declarations of City policy are statements or expressions of the will of the public but do not carry the force of law.

SFDPH spends approximately \$23 million on prescription drugs annually. One-third of these expenditures are made through the federal 340B Federal Drug Pricing Program, which provides medications at the deepest discount available to any purchaser other than the Veterans' Administration. For pharmaceutical purchases that do not qualify for 340B pricing, SFDPH utilizes the services of a group purchasing organization that

negotiates drug prices on behalf of 100 academic medical centers and 300 of their affiliated hospitals, combining their joint purchasing power to ensure the best prices,

The Board of Supervisors would consider the policy and determine what action, if any, would be appropriate to implement the policy. This measure was placed on the ballot by a signature-gathering initiative circulated by Los Angeles based AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program

Community Behavioral Health Services, in collaboration with Rally Family Visitation Services, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, was awarded a three year grant from the Office on Violence Against Women for the *Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program*. This award provides the opportunity for recipients to develop and strengthen effective responses to violence against women. This cooperative agreement supports supervised visitation and safe exchange options for families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, child abuse and stalking. For questions related to this grant, contact Alice.Gleghorn@sfdph.org.

Overdose Treatment Act Goes into Effect January 1, 2014

Governor Brown signed the Overdose Treatment Act (AB632) in October, 2013 and will go into effect on January 1, 2014. This new law simplifies the process of providing naloxone in clinical settings, grants legal protections for naloxone recipients, and clarifies the legality of standing orders statewide. San Francisco stands out as a model for naloxone provision in California.

SFDPH has supported naloxone distribution through the Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Project since 2004 and under a standing order since 2010. SFDPH also began prescribing naloxone from selected clinics and the 1380 pharmacy in 2013 and anticipates soon providing naloxone at discharge from SFGH.

San Francisco Nurse-Family Partnership Program Addresses Health Disparities among First-Time Moms (Sep 30, 2013)

The Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Section launched the Nurse-Family Partnership in August 2012 with the goals of improving pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and economic self-sufficiency for first-time, low-income moms. The Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) model is evidence-based, proven to be effective through 30 years of research. In San Francisco, NFP reduces health disparities by focusing outreach on African Americans and Hispanics, teens and other populations of women disproportionately experiencing high risk pregnancies.

Women enrolled in NFP will receive the education, social support, and services they need to support a better, healthier life for themselves and their children.

Project Homeless Connect

On October 7th, inspired by a community of partners, we created the first ever LGBTQ Connect. Nearly 100 service providers and 325 volunteers served almost 500 participants. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped connect these LGBTQ to critical services that will improve their lives. This was the first such PHC for the LGBTQ community; organizers plan to repeat it again in 2014.

The next PHC will be held on **Wednesday, December 11** at Bill Graham Auditorium. The PHC event prior to the winter holidays is always a popular one with extended services and lots of people in attendance, so more volunteers are also needed. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this rewarding day, go to <http://www.projecthomelessconnect.com>. Medical training is not necessary.

SFGH Readies for Holiday Party Season

San Francisco General Hospital's tradition of welcoming the Dudley Perkins Company Harley Davidson for their 30th Annual Toy Run is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th, 10:30 a.m., in the Main Lobby of SFGH. These riders, composed of most of the motorcycle clubs in the region, bring about 95% of the toys to SFGH that have been distributed to SFGH patients each year. A strong welcome and cheer from staff, (including the Commissioners) as the riders stack their toys under the tree will further solidify this strong community relationship.

Director Garcia asked Roland Pickens, the new Director of the San Francisco Health Network, to introduce himself and review his work history.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

5) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

The December 3, 2013 Finance and Planning Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum of Committee members.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

Due to the cancellation of the December 3, 2013 Finance and Planning Committee meeting, all items on the Consent Calendar were deferred to the December 17, 2013 full Health Commission meeting.

7) PROPOSED CHANGES TO SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH CODE, ARTICLE 38; RESOLUTION

Karen Cohn, Environmental Health Program Manager and June Weintraub, Acting Manager of Environmental Health Air, Water, Noise, Radiation, and Smoking Programs, gave the presentation

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Singer asked whether the proposed change in the Health Code will impact existing buildings. Ms. Weintraub stated that the change in the Health Code will only impact new construction projects and substantial renovation to existing buildings. Ms. Cohn stated that the DPH has other activities to provide education regarding improvements in air filtration to owners of existing buildings.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if the SFDPH is providing technical assistance to the San Francisco School District and other local schools regarding improving air quality in school buildings. Ms. Cohn stated that the local Air Quality District is developing a risk reduction plan which would include education, outreach, and guidance to entities like schools. When the plan is in draft form, it will be brought to the Health Commission.

Commissioner Melara asked if there are health education activities to promote clean air; she noted that the change in the Health Code pertains only to regulations. Ms. Cohn stated that the SFDPH is currently implementing a demonstration project to show how improvements in air quality can be made to existing buildings. However, recruitment for this project has been difficult. Ms. Weintraub also stated that the SFDPH is considering developing a citizen's guide to improving air quality.

8) DPH 1st QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Greg Wagner, DPH Chief Financial Officer, gave the report.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Singer requested that future budget updates include information on the SFDPH's three biggest budget initiatives.

Commissioner Singer asked how much of the SFDPH's projected revenue will be at risk if it does not fully implement an electronic medical record (EMR). He added that it is important to look at the long-term revenue implications of having an EMR and not to only focus on the upfront cost of its design and installation. Mr. Wagner stated that the SFDPH continues to study all of its options. Director Garcia stated that the SFDPH currently has multiple systems to collect patient data and to bill. She stated that the SFDPH will be able to use existing systems to integrate data to meet data requirements. She added that to fully implement a new EMR system would result in having to shrink the current service system.

Commissioner Karshmer asked for information on issues that the SFDPH and the Health Commission need to be concerned about in the next few years. Mr. Wagner stated that he will develop a presentation on the SFDPH 5-Year Budget projection to give context of the current budget issues. Director Garcia added that

Commissioner Sanchez stated that he read an article in the New York Times about the cost of health care which used several examples of San Francisco providers.

9) 2014 DPH FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PLAN: RESOLUTION

Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director and Director of Policy and Planning, reviewed the Plan and resolution.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution. (See Attachment A)

10) OTHER BUSINESS

This item was not discussed.

11) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sanchez, Chair of the LHH JCC, reported highlights of the 11/21/13 LHH JCC meeting:

- The LHH JCC requested that discharge data include "in-county" and "out of county" placements for future reports.
- The JCC reviewed the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 1st Quarter Gift Fund Balance Report. There were no significant issues to report.
- The JCC reviewed the Reuse Strategy for LHH Existing Buildings. DPH administrative and IT staff will be moved into some of the buildings when 101 Grove is seismically retrofitted. No direct client services will be moved to these LHH buildings. The outpatient dialysis unit will not be moved to LHH. DPH is currently exploring options on the SFGH campus or nearby.
- The JCC reviewed the LHH Meaningful Use Planning and Implementation.
- The JCC also reviewed and approved hospital wide policies and procedures in open session.
- During closed session, the JCC approved the credentials and quality reports.

12) COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

This item was not discussed.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm

**Health Commission
Resolution No. 13-14**

APPROVING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S 2014 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLANS

WHEREAS, On October 16, 2012, the Health Commission identified three five-year budget priorities for the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH): 1) development of an integrated delivery system; 2) achievement of public health accreditation; and 3) improved financial and operational efficiency;

WHEREAS, On February 5, 2013, the Health Commission endorsed the Community Health Improvement Plan, which sets forth three priorities for health improvement citywide: 1) ensuring safe and healthy living environments; 2) increasing physical activity and healthy eating; and 3) improving access to high quality health care and services;

WHEREAS, A number of important issues that will have a significant impact on achievement of SFDPH's budget priorities and the citywide Community Health Improvement priorities will likely be considered by state and federal legislative bodies in 2014, including Health Reform implementation, Medi-Cal reimbursement, communicable disease control and prevention, and healthy food access;

WHEREAS, SFDPH participates in a number of statewide associations representing various county health professionals, including health executives, health officers, public hospital executives, mental health directors, and substance abuse directors, to ensure that SFDPH is represented in coalition positions on legislation;

WHEREAS, SFDPH coordinates engagement in State and federal policymaking and legislative advocacy through the Mayor's Office of Legislative and Government Affairs to ensure that changes in health policy are consistent with SFDPH priorities and aligned with citywide priorities;

WHEREAS, the City maintains lobbyists in Washington, DC and Sacramento, with whom SFDPH staff works to ensure that health policy positions approved by the Mayor's Office and consistent with SFDPH priorities are represented in federal and State advocacy;

WHEREAS, SFDPH's 2014 state and federal legislative plans reflect SFDPH's health policy priorities and are an important tool for the City to advocate for health policy and legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Health Commission approves SFDPH's 2014 federal and state legislative plans.

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of December 4, 2013 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission