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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300 or Room 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner David B. Singer, Vice President
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Judith Karshmer, Ph.D, PMHCNS-BC
Commissioner David Pating, M.D.
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee

Excused: Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D. , President
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm. Commissioner Singer chaired the meeting.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2014.

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>

Ebola Update

While the risk of an Ebola outbreak in the U.S. remains very low, the City and County of San Francisco is taking preparedness for Ebola very seriously. The Department of Public Health (DPH) has prioritized Ebola planning and preparation by monitoring the situation closely and taking direct action to ensure the highest level of readiness.

Five airports (Newark, NJ; JFK, NYC; Hatfield-Jackson, Atlanta; Washington-Dulles, DC; & O'Hare-Chicago) were identified as the receiving areas to process travelers from the three West African countries impacted by Ebola (Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea). The CDC will screen these individuals and track the destination of asymptomatic individuals. The State Health Department will be notified and inform county health officers when travelers are due to arrive locally.

DPH's expert physicians and staff in the Population Health Division and the San Francisco Health Network are working closely with San Francisco General Hospital, all other local hospitals, labs, and clinical providers, San Francisco International Airport (SFO), the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), and the city's first

responders (e.g., fire, police, 9-1-1 dispatchers, and ambulance transport) to ensure that a highly coordinated response is in place and ready to put into operation, should a case of Ebola occur in San Francisco.

The health sector is pulling together to address the situation. One example is a recent drill at San Francisco General Hospital that included EMS, the Fire Department and Potrero Hill Health Center in a simulation scenario of receiving a patient with suspected Ebola. This activity allowed all steps in the process to be tested, from patient screening and transport to the use of Personal Protective Equipment and proper isolation and treatment.

Developing issues include the monitoring of incoming travelers, risk assessment, isolation and quarantine. The Department is keeping abreast of guidelines coming from the CDC and the state Health Department. The main theme of this work is to conduct individual assessments and develop case-specific monitoring plans that include potential isolation and treatment. We are keeping the health care community abreast of these developments.

Internal communications to DPH staff also are a high priority. We have issued a series of fact sheets and email messages and SFGH has held three staff town halls, which will be complemented by town halls for staff at 101 Grove, in the ambulatory care division and at Laguna Honda early this month.

This has been, and continues to be, a major team effort. We activated the Department Operations Center and have been meeting several times a week to coordinate, share information, make decisions and take action. I would like to recognize the leadership of several people who have been key to our preparation and response: Tomas Aragon, Naveena Bobba, Cora Hoover, Colleen Chawla, Vickie Wells, Susan Philip, Christine Siador, Susan Scheer, Albert Yu, Tracey Packer, Cindy Lambdin, Richard Lee, Roland Pickens, Sue Currin and many others in the DOC and throughout the Department.

Covered California Open Enrollment Starts November 15th

Covered California open enrollment for plans effective in 2015 will be held from November 15, 2014 to February, 15 2015. During this time consumers may renew or change their existing Covered California plans, or purchase plans for the first time. New for the 2015 plan year, Covered California will offer integrated pediatric dental services through all health plans and separate stand-alone dental plans for adults. Persons earning between 139-400% of the federal poverty level (FPL, \$16,105-\$46,860 per year for individuals, \$26,321 - \$79,160 per year for a family of three) are eligible for federal subsidies to reduce their plan costs. San Franciscans have the choice of plans from Anthem, Blue Cross, Chinese Community Health Plan, Health Net, and Kaiser. As a reminder, Medi-Cal enrollment continues year-round for individuals and families earning below 138% of FPL.

Filipino American History Month Celebration

Mayor Lee and a Host Committee celebrated Filipino American History Month on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, in San Francisco's City Hall.

Community Transformation Initiative Transforms over 250+ places for health in 3 years

From 2011-2013, the Community Transformation Initiative and its twelve community partners and agencies have transformed over 250+ places in San Francisco—schools, streets, child care sites, multi-unit housing, primary care clinics, businesses, parks, corner stores and more—to prevent chronic disease and address health inequities. San Francisco was one out of sixteen sites national selected as a Community Transformation Implementation Award recipient by the Centers of Disease Control & Prevention.

The Initiative strengthened the work of existing community organization who are leaders in implementing evidence-based strategies in four priority areas: healthy eating, active living, quality clinical preventative services and tobacco free living. These priority areas are aligned with national and local public health directives

and priorities. Funded community partners addressed chronic disease prevention through creating policy-system-environmental level change and partnering with community advocates and community health workers. Though the Community Transformation Grant ended, the legacy and impact of our community partners' inspiring will continue, as will the commitment of the Department of Public Health and the leadership of San Francisco Health Improvement Partnership to improving health for San Franciscans.

We want to congratulate and acknowledge all the organizations that were "All in for Health" and part of the Community Transformation Initiative: Bay Area Community Resources-Sunset Project, Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, Breastfeeding Coalition, Children's Council of San Francisco, City College of San Francisco, Healthy Retail SF, Healthy Mothers Workplace Coalition, Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center, Portola Family Connections, Recreation and Parks Department, Rise-and-Shine Studios, San Francisco Health Improvement Partnerships, San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco Public Health Foundation, Walk San Francisco, Youth Leadership Institute, and YMCA.

Second Annual LGBTQ Connect

On October 17, Project Homeless Connect (PHC), the Mayor's Office of HOPE, AIDS Housing Alliance, and the LGBT Center combined forces to target services specific to the needs of the LGBTQ community. By using a known safe space like the LGBT Center and recruiting excellent existing resources, we were able to reach many individuals who had never been to a PHC event before. Last year's LGBTQ Connect proved to be an entry point to a very vulnerable community. This year, the event felt like a family reunion. The providers at the event were chosen based on responsiveness to the specific health and safety needs of the LGBTQ homeless population. Thank you to all the community volunteers and PHC staff for your spirit of caring for all people who are vulnerable and alone.

Dr. Tomas Aragon, SFPDH Health Officer and Director of the Population Health Division, gave an Ebola-preparation update. He reiterated that there are no cases in the San Francisco Bay area and reviewed the City's preparation activities.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Singer thanked Dr. Aragon for the update and for the ongoing effective preparations.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

5) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chung, Committee Chair, stated that the Committee heard a presentation on the SFPDH implementation of the Locally Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance, reviewed the SFPDH Annual Report FY 2013-14 outline, and heard a presentation of the SFPDH 4th Quarter Financial Report. The Committee also recommended for approval the Contracts Report and the new contract with KPMG, and the request to expand services at Edgewood.

Commissioner Singer, Committee member, congratulated Mr. Wagner and Director Garcia on the superb performance of SFPDH in its 4th quarter.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Chung requested that the Prop. I request for Edgewood be separated out for discussion due to the number of members from the public who wish to make public comment on the item. Commissioner Singer stated that the item would be discussed and voted on separately.

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

- NOVEMBER 2014 CONTRACTS REPORT
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH KPMG FOR THE SERVICES OF CERTIFIED NURSE INFORMATICISTS (CNI) TO ASSIST THE NURSING DEPARTMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL ON A VARIETY OF UPCOMING INITIATIVES WHICH INCLUDE THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL REBUILD PROGRAM AND ONGOING HOSPITAL OPERATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,236,446 FOR THE TERM OF DECEMBER 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016 (25 MONTHS).
- REQUEST FOR SITE APPROVAL FOR EXPANSION OF SERVICES AT EDGEWOOD CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO CREATE A CRISIS STABILIZATION 5150/5585 RECEIVING CENTER (AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 79 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE CITIZENS' RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF 1998, ALSO REFERRED TO AS "PROP. I").

Public Comment:

Alison Lustbader LCSW, Community Behavioral Health Services, gave a brief overview of the request to expand services at the Edgewood Center. She stated that the SFDPH invited the Edgewood Center for Children and Families to provide a crisis stabilization and triage component at its facility through a MHSA grant. She noted that currently, pediatric and adolescent patients are sent to SFDH Psychiatric Emergency Services. This expansion would allow these patients to be assessed at a center specializing in children and adolescent psychiatric issues. Matthew Madaus, President and Chief Executive Officer, gave a history of Edgewood and was present to answer questions.

Public Comment:

Wendy Wong, resident of the neighborhood, requested that future notices related to this issue be mailed to the building owners; she noted that the notices were rolled up and placed in the door which did not indicate their importance. She stated that she is concerned about the transporting of clients near the park.

Victor Torg, resident of the neighborhood, stated that teens or children going to an adult psychiatric emergency services unit at SFGH would be traumatic. He is supportive of the expansion of services at Edgewood.

Jean Defilippo, resident of the neighborhood, stated that Edgewood is a good facility but the expansion causes concern because of the proximity to the park. She noted that the park rangers had not been notified of the expansion or community meetings. She also stated that many of the current adolescent patients escape the facility. She is not satisfied that Edgewood staff will be able to maintain security measures to keep the clients from escaping through the park.

Michael Zhao, resident of the neighborhood, stated that Edgewood does an excellent job treating patients and keeping the neighborhood safe. He added that neighbors are confusing mental health issues with violent behavior.

John Mindermann, resident of the neighborhood, stated that he has never seen an incident related to safety in regard to Edgewood's clients. He reminded the Commissioners that the San Francisco Police Chief supports the expansion.

A person who wished to remain anonymous stated that the neighbors were not appropriately notified of the community meetings because the notices were rolled up and looked like flyers. She is concerned for the safety of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Chung asked how engagement with the neighbors will continue if the request is approved. Director Garcia reminded the Commissioners that all SFDPH contractors must adhere to the Good Neighbor Policy which stipulates ongoing outreach to the neighboring community.

Commissioner Chung asked how long Edgewood has been in its current location. Mr. Madaus, CEO of Edgewood, stated that the facility has been in its current location since 1923, before any of the residential development in the neighborhood. He added that only non-violent patients are admitted to the facility.

Commissioner Chung suggested that information and data regarding the early intervention services of the facility should be made available to the neighbors via the agency's website. Mr. Madeus thanked Commissioner Chung for the suggestion and added that Edgewood is creating a community advisory board that will include representatives from the neighborhood.

Commissioner Pating stated as a mental health professional, he understands that there are not enough children and adolescent psychiatric beds in San Francisco; the proposed expansion will meet the needs of the community. He suggested that the agency hold more community meetings to educate the public and clarify misconceptions about the client population.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee stated that the request should indicate the facility will be a 5585 receiving center; the 5150 code is for adults only.

Commissioner Karshmer stated that she appreciates the work done by Edgewood for the safety of children in the facility and in the new program.

Commissioner Chung stated that the MHSA grant contains a research component. The Finance and Planning Committee requested an update on the program in a year.

Commissioner Singer stated that the comments from the public did not argue against the necessity of the program. He encouraged more rigorous efforts to build relationships with the neighborhood.

Action Taken: the following was unanimously approved by the Health Commission:

- REQUEST FOR SITE APPROVAL FOR EXPANSION OF SERVICES AT EDGEWOOD CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO CREATE A CRISIS STABILIZATION 5585 RECEIVING CENTER (AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 79 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE CITIZENS' RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF 1998, ALSO REFERRED TO AS "PROPI").

7) HEALTH CARE SERVICES MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION APPLICATION REVIEW: JEWISH HOME

Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Policy and Planning, gave the presentation. The Commissioners will vote on the application at their December 2, 2014 meeting.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Pating requested clarity on the address of the Jewish Home. Ms. Chawla stated that the address is 302 Silver Avenue.

Commissioner Pating asked if the neighborhood has shown any concern for the planned expansion. Daniel Ruth, CEO, stated that historically the neighbors have been supportive. He noted that community meetings are planned to get neighborhood feedback.

Commissioner Chung requested information on the patient population. Mr. Ruth stated that 75-80% of patients are San Francisco residents; he added that most have family that are involved.

Commissioner Karshmer asked if the Jewish Home has an existing relationship with Laguna Honda Hospital. Mr. Ruth stated that the Jewish Home currently works closely with the SFDPH and hopes the involvement of The Square will expand its collaboration with the entire service community, including Laguna Honda Hospital. Director Garcia added that the SFDPH worked closely with The Jewish Home regarding the MediCal rate cut that impacted it and Laguna Honda Hospital. She also reminded the Commissioners of the need for long-term skill-nursing beds in San Francisco.

Commissioner Singer requested clarification of the proposed increase of providers by 37% with a result of increasing medical visits by 200%. Mr. Ruth stated that the creation of The Square is anticipated to exponentially increase referrals for medical services.

Commissioner Singer requested information regarding the patient population socio-economic data. Mr. Ruth stated that 94.6% of the patients are on MediCal. He added that the remaining patients are short-stay which is paid by Medicare or another third-party pay source so no financial information is collected.

Commissioner Pating asked if The Square is a day-treatment model. Mr. Ruth stated that The Square will not be a day treatment center. He added that The Square is a new model which will require membership and a third-party payment; the treatment model will use a holistic approach.

8) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH- LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER TO ENTER INTO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S STANDARD AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE TWO MEDIUM SIZED TRANSIT SHUTTLE VEHICLES AS PART OF THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 PROGRAM.**

Mivic Hirose, LHH Executive Administrator, presented the draft resolution.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution. (see Attached A)

9) **SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Roland Pickens, Director of the San Francisco Health Network)

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Singer congratulated Mr. Pickens and the San Francisco Health Network staff on the huge strides of building the future of the Network.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked how women's health, especially reproductive health, services are integrated throughout the San Francisco Network. Mr. Pickens stated that women's services are integrated throughout the network through primary and specialty care. Dr. Hali Hammer, Director of the San Francisco's Health Network Primary Care, stated that women can access services throughout the Network. She added that she is currently working with the SFDPH Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health Section to provide outreach and education ensuring that this population understands services are available to them throughout the Network.

Commissioner Pating congratulated the Health Network team on its effective work during the first year. He requested that at future presentations the following information be included: client population demographics, service needs, and general acuity. He also requested information about how clients of the Network transition between different levels of care throughout the system.

Commissioner Karshmer requested that in future presentations information be included on the metrics used to determine if the marketing plan is successful.

Commissioner Karshmer asked for information regarding the ramifications if the San Francisco Network is not able to decrease its access to speciality services to meet the 15-day requirement. Mr. Pickens stated that the Network may have to use an external provider system to meet this requirement.

Commissioner Chung asked for information regarding the Health Network's wellness activities. Mr. Pickens stated that future updates can include information on the tremendous amount of wellness activities throughout the San Francisco Health Network.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

This item was not discussed.

11) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Singer, member of the SFGH JCC, stated that at the October 28, 2014 JCC meeting, the Committee

12) COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

This item was not discussed.

13) CLOSED SESSIONS

- A) Public comment on whether to convene in closed sessions and all matters pertaining to the closed sessions. Cal Govt. Code Section 54954.3.

There was no public comment on this item.

- B) Motion that the Health Commission convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding the following existing claim in which a proposed settlement is being considered by the Health Commission. Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) and California Government Code Sections 54956.9 and 54956.9(e)(3) permits this closed session. Discussion in open session concerning this matter would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending claim listed below:

Settlement of Claim - Liam Ford, Simone Ford and Estate of Lynne Spalding Ford- \$2,941,000

- C) Motion that the Health Commission convene in closed session for the purposes of evaluating the performance of the Director of Health, Barbara A. Garcia pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

- D) Closed sessions.

(After a closed session, if one occurs, the Health Commission shall adopt a motion either to disclose or not to disclose.)

- E.) Reconvene in Open Session: Motions and vote on whether to disclose any or all of the closed session discussions, San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)

Action Taken: The Commission voted to approve the settlement and not to disclose discussions held in closed session.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

Health Commission
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 14-15

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH –
LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER TO ENTER INTO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S STANDARD AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE TWO MEDIUM SIZED
TRANSIT SHUTTLE VEHICLES AS PART OF THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION
SECTION 5310 PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, the Health Commission approved Department of Public Health - Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (Laguna Honda) acquiring and operating two (2) medium sized transit shuttle vehicles by entering a Standard Agreement with California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) to obtain capital funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program; and

WHEREAS, the FTA provides capital funding to address the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities via its Section 5310 program, and;

WHEREAS, CALTRANS administers the FTA Section 5310 program in California; and

WHEREAS, CALTRANS has notified Laguna Honda that it has successfully completed the grant process enabling designation of FTA grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the FTA Section 5310 program provides up to a total of one hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$134,000.000) in funding towards the acquisition of two (2) medium sized transit shuttle vehicles to be operated at Laguna Honda at 375 Laguna Honda Boulevard, San Francisco, California 94116; and

WHEREAS, the Laguna Honda provides transportation for patients, visitors, volunteers and staff between public transportation stations and the Laguna Honda campus; be it

RESOLVED, That Laguna Honda is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with CALTRANS by executing the CALTRANS Standard Agreement to acquire two (2) medium sized shuttle vehicles with FTA Section 5310 grant funding up to one hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$134,000.00) to provide transportation services for residents, visitors, and staff.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on November 4, 2014, adopted the foregoing resolution

Mark Morewitz