MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 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., President
Judith Karshmer, Ph.D., PMHCNS-BC
Commissioner David Pating, M.D.
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung Commissioner
Commissioner David B. Singer, Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 4:09pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Commissioner Sanchez and Commissioner Chow requested amendments to the minutes.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the amended minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2015. (See Attachment A)

3) Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director and Director of Policy and Planning, gave the report on behalf of DPH Director Barbara Garcia. The full report can be viewed at: http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp

Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan give $75 million to support San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center
San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (the Foundation) will receive an historic grant of $75 million from Facebook founder and CEO Mr. Mark Zuckerberg and Dr. Priscilla Chan’s donor advised fund at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation for San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (The General), the City’s largest safety net provider and only trauma center. This grant is the largest single gift the Foundation has
received since it was established in 1994, and is believed to be the largest single private gift from individuals to a public hospital in the United States.

The San Francisco Health Commission approved a gift of $57,375,000 from the Foundation to the General during a special meeting on February 10, 2015. The initial gift includes $25 million from various donors, and $32,375,000, as the initial payment of the pledge from Dr. Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg. The Health Commission also approved the naming of the hospital, making it the “Priscilla and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center” in recognition of their commitment to the hospital and all its patients. This historic grant will help ensure that San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center continues to provide excellence in medical care to the community, including trauma patients as well as the city’s most vulnerable residents. We are profoundly grateful and very excited by this demonstration of partnership between the city and philanthropy that strengthens all of San Francisco for everyone.

**Measles Update**
Contra Costa Public Health officials confirmed last week the county’s first measles case since the statewide outbreak began in December and issued an advisory on February 11 after learning the person traveled on BART before being diagnosed. The person traveled between the Lafayette Station and Montgomery station in San Francisco during the morning and evening commutes from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 4-6.

People who are vaccinated or have had measles before are extremely unlikely to catch measles, even if they had contact with a contagious person. However, those who were not previously vaccinated are at high risk if exposed. Measles is a serious, highly contagious disease that is spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Because the measles virus can stay in the air for up to two hours and BART cars circulate throughout the Bay Area, anyone who used the transit system during that time could have potentially exposed to the virus. Health officials urge anyone who shows symptoms of measles to contact their healthcare provider immediately.

Contra Costa Public Health and the San Francisco Department of Public Health are working together on investigating the person’s movements and notifying people who were in close contact. The person’s employer is cooperating fully with the San Francisco Health Department to ensure the safety of any employees who may have been exposed.

**Chapel Hill Shootings**
Last week’s violent and senseless shootings in Chapel Hill affect us very acutely. Deah Barakat was the beloved brother of one our Family & Community Medicine community members, Dr. Suzanne Barakat. We are grief stricken and struggling with how best to support our friend and colleague.

**Vision Zero San Francisco; Working together to prioritize street safety and eliminate traffic deaths in San Francisco by 2024**
Every year in San Francisco, approximately 30 people lose their lives and over 200 more are seriously injured while travelling on city streets. As a county, San Francisco currently ranks among the highest (worst) for traffic deaths and injuries in California. These deaths and injuries are unacceptable and preventable, and San Francisco is committed to eliminating them.

In 2014, the City and County of San Francisco adopted Vision Zero as a policy to eliminate traffic deaths in San Francisco by 2024 and committed to building better and safer streets, educating the public on traffic safety, enforcing traffic laws, and prioritizing resources to implement effective initiatives that save lives. SFDPH co-chairs the City’s Vision Zero Task Force with SF Municipal Transportation Agency, and leads initiatives focusing on education, community engagement, evaluation and analysis to inform data-driven, evidence-based investments.
The City is celebrating its one year anniversary of Vision Zero this month. At a press conference on February 10, the Vision Zero Coalition highlighted the release of the Vision Zero Two-Year Action Strategy, a report highlighting the progress that has been made and the progress yet to come. Additionally, the new Vision Zero website (VisionZeroSF.org) was announced.

**SFGH Foundation Heroes & Hears; Hearts After Dark**
The annual Heroes & Hearts and Hearts After Dark benefits for the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (the Foundation) took place Thursday, February 12 under a tent on the ball field at AT&T Park. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the luncheon, and in anticipation of The General’s new facility opening in December 2015, this year’s Heroes & Heart Award honorees were selected because of their impact on the community through their work at The General.

**Colleen Chawla to Receive 2015 Good Government Award**
DPH’s Deputy Director, Colleen Chawla, will be one of five recipients of the 2015 Good Government Awards. For 34 years, the Good Government Awards have recognized outstanding performances by managers working for the City and County of San Francisco. These awards represent a unique opportunity to acknowledge San Francisco’s top managers for their leadership, vision and ability to make a difference both within city government and the community at large. Sponsored by SPUR, the five Good Government Awardees will be recognized at a City Hall event on March 11, 2015.

Colleen is being recognized for her leadership on the development of the Health Care Services Master Plan (HCSMP). The HCSMP helps the city identify the current and future need for health care services in San Francisco and makes recommendations on how to achieve and maintain the appropriate distribution of services. The HCSMP is used by the Planning Department when it makes land use decisions for health care services.

**Nurse Family Partnership Program Graduation**
The San Francisco Health Network’s Maternal Child and Adolescent Health division celebrated the first class to graduate from its Nurse Family Partnership Program on February 6, 2015. Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child.

**New Director of Security for DPH**
Basil Price is the new Director of Security for the Department of Public Health. Originally from Cleveland Ohio, Basil attended Case Western Reserve University, majoring in Criminal Justice, and was commissioned police authority by the City of Cleveland, where he worked as a private police. Relocating to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1985, Basil completed the Alameda County Sheriff Department’s Administration of Justice, Reserve Police Program.

Basil began a career in healthcare security in 1986, working as a contract security manager for Kaiser Permanente’s Oakland and Richmond Medical Centers. In 2005, Basil was hired by Kaiser as Director of Security, Parking, and Transportation. Basil’s expertise includes developing security programs in accordance with Joint Commission requirements, federal, state, and local regulations. Basil believes that security should be integrated throughout the hospital operation, to ensure that healthcare facilities are not just survey ready, but incident-ready.
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**Applications in Process** 6

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SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER

JANUARY 2015
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
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Current Statistics – as of 1/5/15

Active Staff | 529 |

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Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians) | 257 |

TOTAL MEMBERS | 1,308 |

Applications in Process | 26 |
Applications Withdrawn Month of February 2015 | 1 |
SFGH Reappointments in Process 3/2015 to 5/2015 | 140 |

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Chow congratulated Ms. Chawla for being one of the recipients of the 2015 Good Government Award.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that the 2015 SFGH Foundation fundraiser, “Heroes and Hearts,” was a success with over 1,075 people in attendance.
Commissioner Pating congratulated Ms. Chawla and thanked the SFGH Foundation for a wonderful event which showed the strength and diversity of the San Francisco community.

4) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no general public comment.

5) **COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**
Commissioner Pating stated that the Committee heard presentations on integration of behavior health services within San Francisco Health Network outpatient services. In addition, the Committee heard a presentation and reviewed a draft resolution on a proposed revision to the San Francisco Health Code enabling the DPH to have jurisdiction to monitor all massage establishments in San Francisco.

6) **CONSENT CALENDAR**
There were no items on the consent calendar.

7) **SFGH PARKING AND SUPPLY OVERVIEW; RESOLUTION**
Kathy Jung, Director of Facilities and Capital Projects, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Karshmer asked if use of the Health Care Service Master Plan process would benefit this request with the MTA Board because parking will directly impact the use of the medical building. Ms. Chawla stated that although the parking garage would not go through a Health Care Service Master Plan review with either the Health and Planning Departments, she would look into the benefit of using similar analysis in making a case with the MTA Board.

Commissioner Chow requested addition of language in the resolution to emphasize the impact of parking on patients accessing medical services and their family/visitors.

Commissioner Pating asked if the issue can be addressed in the annual meeting with the Planning Commission. Commissioner Chow noted that the annual joint meeting of the Planning and Health Commissions is focused solely on monitoring of the development agreement between the City and CPMC/Sutter.

Commissioner Pating asked if the new UCSF Mission Bay hospital transportation has had any impact on parking and transportation issues for SFGH. Mr. Jung stated that SFGH transportation and parking have not been impacted by the new UCSF Mission Bay hospital. Commissioner Chow requested that DPH look into increasing MUNI and/or other transportation options to and from the SFGH corridors in preparation of the new SFGH hospital opening later this year.

**Action Taken:** The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution. (Attachment B)

8) **SF HIP SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2017; RESOLUTION**
Margaret Fisher, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, introduced the item.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Pating stated he is impressed with the collaborative effort and noted the DPH served as a convener to an important community process.

Commissioner Taylor-McGhee asked if any funds are dedicated to community health education. Ms. Fisher stated that funds from a private grant are targeted to sustainability efforts for the varnish applications. She added that health education is a very important part of this effort and as more funds are identified, additional education efforts will be implemented.
Commissioner Karshmer suggested adding the sealant application to the resolution language.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that this effort is very important and noted that schools are an important vehicle for the success of this effort. He stated that private schools should be included in the target audience for the Plan's activities.

Commissioner Chow stated he is surprised that the Asian population has such a poor record in pediatric dental health. He asked if public health messages have targeted this population. Ms. Fisher stated that there was a bus campaign in the summer of 2014 targeting this population. She added that access to care; cultural habits; feeding practices; and lack of prioritizing baby teeth are often issues that can impact a population's children's dental health; she added that it is not an intentional lack of caring for children.

Dr. Albert Yu, Director of the San Francisco Health Network Ambulatory Care Services, stated that a committee has been formed by the San Francisco Health Network to increase the effectiveness of work-flow and the client experience of dental services within the Network. Roland Pickens, Director of the San Francisco Health Network, stated that resources from the Network and DPH Population Health are being utilized to improve the dental health of San Franciscans.

Commissioner Chow requested that the Community and Public Health Committee continue to receive reports on the Plan's data as it is implemented.

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

9) **SFPD COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE**
Cora Hoover, MD, Director Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, gave the update.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Pating thanked Dr. Hoover for her effective and impactful work.

Commissioner Pating asked what the DPH policy should be regarding vaccinations. Dr. Hoover stated that the most important relationship in regard to making decisions about vaccines is that between the patient/parent and the primary care provider. She added that the DPH will continue to promote vaccines, immunizations and the removal of barriers to vaccinations.

Commissioner Chow thanked Dr. Hoover for the presentation and requested that the Health Commission receive communicable disease updates on a regular basis.

10) **SFPD BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH INITIATIVE**
Roland Pickens, Director of the San Francisco Health Network, introduced the item. John Grimes, Deputy Director Adult & Older Adult Systems of Care in Community Behavioral Health, and Jacque McCright, Deputy Director of Community Health Equity and Promotion, also presented.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Taylor-McGhee commended the DPH staff who have worked on this effort. She added that integrating all the relevant components is difficult work.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked everyone working on this important effort; he added that he is in support of senior DPH participating in trainings first and looks forward to future updates.
Commissioners Pating and Chow requested that updates on this initiative continue to be made at the Community and Public Health Committee until the initiative is ready for another update to the full Health Commission.

Commissioner Chow stated that he appreciates the measurable outcomes for the DPH and within the community.

Commissioner Karshmer stated that the initiative’s plan represents a way to integrating all the pieces of this important process.

11) OTHER BUSINESS
This item was not discussed.

12) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS
This item was not discussed because no joint conference committees have met since the February 3, 2015 Health Commission meeting.

13) COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING
Commissioner Chow stated that at the March 17, 2015 Health Commission planning meeting, the Commission will discuss options for best monitoring the San Francisco Health Network. He noted that he has asked the DPH to prepare several options for the Health Commission to consider.

14) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.
1) CALL TO ORDER
Present: Commissioner Cecilia Chung Commissioner
       Judith Karshmer, Ph.D., PMHCNS-BC
       Commissioner David Pating, M.D.
       Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

Excused: Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D., President
         Commissioner David B. Singer, Vice President
         Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm.

Mark Morewitz, Health Commission Executive Secretary, read a letter from Health Commission President Edward Chow requesting that the Health Commission meet to consider the resolution and urged the acceptance of the donation from the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation. He also voiced his appreciation for the generous donation from Dr. Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg.

Commissioner Sanchez, chair of the meeting per Health Commission President Chow’s request, stated that the exceptional gift from Dr. Chan and Mr. Zuckerberg is a reaffirmation of the high quality continuum of care provided by San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH), which has been serving San Franciscans for many years. He added that the generous donation will now assist the hospital to continue its mission of offering excellent quality of medical care to new generations of San Franciscans.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015
Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2015.

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no general public comment.

4) **GIFT ACCEPTANCE AND GIFT AGREEMENT; RESOLUTION**
Barbara Garcia, DPH Director of Health; introduced Tony Winnicker, Mayor’s Office; Sue Currin, SFGH CEO; Amanda Heier, SFGH Foundation CEO; and Greg Wagner, DPH Chief Financial Officer, who introduced the resolution.

Director Garcia thanked the Zuckerbergs for their generous donation in addition to the wonderful work done by the SFGH Foundation, and the members of the City Attorney’s office who worked on the effort.

Tony Winnaker, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, stated that he agreed with Commissioner Sanchez’s opening remarks and expressed enormous gratitude from the Mayor to all the donors but especially to the Zuckerbergs for their groundbreaking contribution. He noted that nine Board of Supervisors have signed on to co-sponsor the resolution to accept the donation.

Sue Currin, SFGH CEO, stated that is an extraordinary day for DPH and SFGH. She is thankful to the Zuckerbergs for this extraordinary gift which will help SFGH better serve its patients. She added that the SFGH Foundation has done a wonderful job raising funds for the SFGH capital campaign.

Amanda Hera, CEO of SFGH Foundation, stated that the new SFGH building will be a 21st century hospital. The generous gift from the Zuckerbergs signals that the DPH and SFGH are recognized nationally as leaders in public health.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Sanchez stated the generous contribution by Mr. Zuckerberg and Dr. Chan is testament to the community support of the excellent care provided at SFGH. He also noted the exceptional time and commitment that Pam and Larry Baer and Judy and Rich Guggenhime, the SFGH Foundation capital campaign co-chairs, contributed to make sure the donation process and agreement was successful. Commissioner Sanchez also affirmed the importance of the participation of key City Attorney staff who worked on the agreement. He acknowledged the important contributions of James F. Joseph, the attorney representing the Zuckerberg family, in the success of the agreement. He thanked attorney Louise Renne for her support of the DPH and her work on this effort in addition to her contribution to making the LHH rebuild possible.

Commissioner Sanchez also stated that Connie Shanahan, president of SFGH Foundation Board of Directors, was incredibly effective in having over 20 SFGH Foundation board members to unanimously approve the draft agreement within 24-hours of being notified about the donation. He also stated that the Health Commission’s approval of the agreement and resolution will signify the third step in the process to accept the donation and rename the hospital. Passage by the Board of Supervisors is the fourth step and approval by the Mayor is the final step in the process.

Commissioner Karshmer stated that she is very proud to be a San Francisco resident today.

Commissioner Pating thanked Dr. Chan and Mr. Zuckerberg for helping make the new SFGH hospital a world class trauma center.
Commissioner Chung thanked the Zuckerbergs for the generous gift and stated that the donation is a testament to the high quality of the public health system in San Francisco.

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

Commissioner Sanchez thanked everyone who contributed to this effort and reiterated the Health Commission’s gratitude to the Zuckerbergs for helping to make the Priscilla and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center provide excellent medical care to all San Franciscans, Bay-area residents, and those in urgent need of medication intervention.

5) OTHER BUSINESS
Commissioner Chung requested that the Health Commission have a moment of silence in honor of the transgender women who have recently been murdered across the U.S.; she noted that the most recent death was in the Bayview district in San Francisco.

Commissioner Sanchez asked for a moment of silence.

6) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS
This item was not discussed because no joint conference committees met since the February 3, 2015 Health Commission meeting.

7) COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING
This item was not discussed.

8) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 2:24pm.
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESOLVING PROJECTED TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING ISSUES AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, as one of the nation’s leading public hospitals, has continuously provided a wide range of ambulatory and acute care services to San Francisco residents for more than one hundred years;

WHEREAS, to meet the challenges of ensuring that DPH can continue serving its client populations under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the highly competitive environment it has created the DPH established the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) – a complete care system including primary care, emergency and trauma treatment, medical and surgical specialties, diagnostic testing, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services, and behavioral health services;

WHEREAS, the rebuild of San Francisco General Hospital will be completed in 2015 and the San Francisco Department of Public Health desires to take the opportunity to plan for the re-use of the existing hospital space that supports greater integration of DPH services;

WHEREAS, the expansion of Department of Public Health programs at SFGH, which may include outpatient dialysis services and the Public Health Laboratory, will be of great benefit to the communities served by DPH and be aligned with our goals of service excellence;

WHEREAS, these potential changes will result in a projected need of 307 new and replacement spaces to meet the parking needs of patients and visitors by 2020;

WHEREAS, SFGH and UCSF have been partners in public health since 1873, collaborating on care, research and education;

WHEREAS, faculty, staff and students from UCSF’s four schools – medicine, dentistry, nursing and pharmacy – work collaboratively with DPH staff at SFGH to provide care and conduct cutting-edge research based on the needs of the SFGH patient population;

WHEREAS, UCSF and SFGH together attract physician scientists committed to medical advancement, and because of the emphasis on teaching and research, the care provided at SFGH is often translated into improved health practices, protocols and policies that are adopted not only at SFGH, but also throughout the world;

WHEREAS, staff from DPH and UCSF are working collaboratively on a potential project comprising the development by UCSF of a new state of the art research facility that would consolidate SFGH campus research centers and labs and which, if approved following environmental review, could result in the permanent displacement of over 130 parking spaces presently used for short-term parking by patients and visitors, and create a demand for an additional 68 spaces to accommodate increased UC staff that will work in the research building;

WHEREAS, existing parking capacity does not meet demand, as measured by a two-year waiting list for employee parking permits for the SFGH garage;
WHEREAS, SFGH is committed to a continuous effort to establish the most robust alternative transportation alternatives for all staff working at SFGH through its Transportation Demand Management Program which includes operation of a shuttle service and inclusion of bike racks on campus;

WHEREAS, it is projected that by 2020, even with a robust Transportation Demand Management Program, the parking deficit at SFGH will be 551 spaces and post-2020 increases to 921 spaces;

WHEREAS, adequate, accessible and affordable parking capacity is a patient satisfaction and retention issue for DPH patients, especially those who are disabled or have chronic illnesses, and their families. Patient satisfaction directly relates to reimbursement rates of SFGH services;

WHEREAS, 54% of the spaces needed by 2020 are for patients and visitors;

WHEREAS, adequate, accessible and affordable parking capacity is critical to clinical staff recruitment and retention efforts, especially in the current competitive local economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Department of Public Health Commission strongly encourages the SFMTA Board of Directors to request that SFMTA staff work collaboratively with DPH staff to identify transportation and parking solutions to enable patients, visitors and staff to reasonably access the San Francisco General Hospital Campus in light of the loss of parking spaces and the projected increase in individuals needing access to the hospital campus.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 17, 2015 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission
WHEREAS, Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood, yet is a largely unrecognized public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, If left untreated, tooth decay (or caries) leads to pain and infection resulting in difficulty sleeping, eating, attending school, and future dental problems as an adult, and can be costly to the individual, family, healthcare system, and government; and

WHEREAS, Without healthy teeth, a child cannot achieve overall health, as caries negatively affects nutrition, growth and weight gain; and

WHEREAS, Poor oral health also affects learning; toothaches lead to school absences, which is a ready indicator of children’s health. In California, children miss an estimated 874,000 school days due to dental problems; and

WHEREAS, The cost of emergency dental care is approximately ten times more than the cost of Early Childhood Caries preventive dental care ($6,498 vs. $660); and

WHEREAS, Medicaid-enrolled preschool children who have an early preventive dental visit are more likely to have additional preventive services and have lower overall dental costs; and

WHEREAS, Despite being virtually 100% preventable, almost 40% of San Francisco children have experienced tooth decay by the time they reach kindergarten; and.

WHEREAS, There are profound disparities in children’s oral health that have persisted over time. In San Francisco, untreated tooth decay is more than two times more common for children of color and low-income children, than for Caucasian and higher income children; and

WHEREAS, Oral health is an integral part of overall health and, therefore, oral health care is an essential component of comprehensive health care; and

WHEREAS, Access to oral health care is essential to promoting and maintaining overall health and well-being, and utilization of dental services result in improved oral health; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH provides community based dental services and an annual citywide kindergarten dental assessment; and SFDPH Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Section provides education, case management, community coordination and advocacy for the most underserved and vulnerable residents in San Francisco; and
WHEREAS, SFDPH Primary Care Section provides full scope dental care to children and adults in our Primary Care dental clinics, with 8,847 patient visits in FY13/14.

WHEREAS, Oral health improvements are most successful when oral health providers, medical providers, policy makers, and other stakeholders coalesce around a common ground of basic preventive strategies, health literacy, and quality of care principles in order to improve the oral health of our community; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Health Improvement Partnership (SF HIP) brought together over 50 health experts and community stakeholders who spent 18 months in a systematic process, assessing need, evaluating solutions, and prioritizing strategies and steps to improve the current status of children’s oral health in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The process resulted in the SF HIP Children’s Oral Health Strategic Plan, which includes strategies, indicators, tactics and performance measures for improving the oral health of San Francisco children; and

WHEREAS, The SF HIP Children’s Oral Health Strategic Plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Population Health Division of the San Francisco Department of Public Health Strategic Plan (June 2014); and

WHEREAS, SFDPH supports the goals of the SF HIP Children’s Oral Health Strategic Plan, and is committed to planning for:
- Increasing the institution of fluoride varnish application in DPH Primary Care clinics;
- Integrating oral health messaging into existing DPH health promotion efforts; and
- Assessing the ability to increase access to dental care in non-traditional settings with sustainable funding; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission is concerned about the chronic epidemic of childhood caries and resultant health disparities in San Francisco and is committed to improving the oral health of San Francisco children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission recognizes as a priority the work of the SF HIP Children’s Oral Health workgroup and endorses the recently developed SF HIP Children’s Oral Health Strategic Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission supports the collaborative work necessary for successful implementation of this Strategic Plan by all stakeholders, including but not limited to: SFDPH, community health centers, private medical and dental clinics, university medical and dental schools, Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans, community-based organizations, schools, policymakers, city and community leaders, and advocates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission requests that SFDPH support the SF HIP Children’s Oral Health Strategic Plan goal of reducing caries experience in San Francisco’s Kindergarteners from 37% in 2012 to 27% in 2017, including SFDPH’s efforts to:
- Increase the institution of fluoride varnish application in DPH Primary Care clinics
- Integrate oral health messaging into existing DPH health promotion efforts; and
- Assess the ability to increase access to dental care, especially sealants, in non-traditional settings with sustainable funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission requests that SF HIP provide periodic updates to the Health Commission.
I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 17, 2015 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

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