1) CALL TO ORDER
Present:
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D., President
Commissioner Cecilia Chung Commissioner
Commissioner David Pating, M.D.
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

Excused:
Commissioner David B. Singer, Vice President
Commissioner Judith Karshmer, Ph.D, PMHCNS-BC
Commissioner Belle Taylor-McGhee

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

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2015

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Chow requested the following changes be made:
   a. Section 4, page 3, “SFPDH Public Health Roles, Mandates, and Budgeting.”
      Commissioner Chow commented commended Dr. Aragon for the creation and ongoing management
      of PHD and noted that under his organizational structure, he can manage a more unified Division.”
   b. Section 8, page 5, “Overview of Emergency Medical Services.”
      “Commissioner Chow noted that historically the San Francisco DPH managed the emergency services
      including ambulances and paramedics but it was transferred many years ago following a national
      trend.

Commissioner Pating requested the following changes be made:
   • Section 4, page 3, “SFPDH Public Health Roles, Mandates, and Budgeting.”
     “Commissioner Pating noted that federal and state mandates and funding often do not match local
     needs.”

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the minutes with the changes noted.
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

SFGH Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony
As construction of the new SFGH building is being completed and we prepare for transition into the new building, we are pleased to announce that the Ribbon cutting and Dedication Ceremony date has been set. On Saturday, Nov 21st, the Mayor will cut the ribbon and we will have a celebration of the delivery of the new hospital building. On that day we will also unveil the new name of the SFGH campus, in recognition of the gift by Dr. Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg.

SFDPH Physicians Granted Membership in the SF Medical Society
San Francisco Medical Society (SFMS) is one of the most progressive medical societies in the country. It has led efforts locally and state-wide on tobacco/e-cig regulation, sugar-sweetened beverage taxes, reimbursement for end of life counseling, promoting childhood vaccinations, and many other issues that are aligned with the SFDPH’s mission to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans.

In recognition of this alignment, starting this year, all SFDPH physicians will automatically receive a membership in the SFMS/CMA unless they choose to opt out. SFDPH will cover full dues for all of its employed physicians; there will be no out-of-pocket cost for the individual physician. On a leadership level, SFDPH has had a longstanding connection with SFMS: Commissioner Pating and Todd May, CMO for SFGH, are both current board members, and SFDPH regularly attends the annual SFMS Career Fair.

Starting next year SFHN will be contributing a regular column in San Francisco Magazine, SFMS’ bi-monthly publication that has a print circulation of 3,000 and 2,000-2,500 online reads.

Telematics on SFDPH Vehicles
The Department is moving forward with the installation of telematics on all existing SFDPH Vehicles. Telematics are commonly referred to as GPS devices. In the future, Central Shops will be installing the devices on all new vehicles before they are deployed and put into service.

Telematics is an electronic system utilizing the vehicle’s computer, GPS technology and the cloud to monitor data from vehicles in our fleet. It is in use by more than 60% of fleets in the US and can be a valuable management tool that has been shown to significantly improve fleet utilization, reduce operating costs, improve productivity, reduce risk and improve efficiency. After telematics is installed on a vehicle:

- Smog checks will become automatic
- Efficient electronic collection of odometer readings on most of the City vehicles will be done – eliminating the need for manual documentation
- Notification of trouble codes will indicate when the vehicle needs servicing
- Notification of excessive idle times, to increase awareness to save fuel and reduce emissions
- Quick and efficient locale of City vehicles anytime for any reason
- will report when City vehicles leave the City and County of San Francisco boundaries; this is practical and reasonable to assure that City resources are used for City purposes

Behavioral Health Clinicians Volunteer to aid Lake County Fire Victims
The Valley Fire was declared a FEMA disaster area by President Obama on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. Many local county agencies have sent staff to help victims of the fire, including Marin, Sonoma, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and San Francisco counties. San Francisco Behavioral Health Services sent nine volunteer disaster mental health workers September 17-18 to the Napa County fairgrounds in Calistoga, where Lake county residents were evacuated and sheltered from the wildfire. Volunteers conducted Psychological First Aid with individuals and couples. They set up mental health booths in areas surrounding the shelter tents in the fairgrounds, where they spoke with individuals and families who came by and had toys for children to play with. They provided educational workshops on the normal effects of trauma on adults and on children, and on coping with the fire, in both English and Spanish. In addition, three Behavioral Health volunteers have been
deployed to Middletown, where local assistance centers have been set up for residents coming back to the area. Clinicians have provided both behavioral health and medical care at the local assistance centers and at temporary shelters housing displaced residents.

**SF Health Network Primary Care Clinics providing Fluoride Varnish**

Last February, the Health Commission approved a resolution in support of the SF Health Improvement Partnership (SFHIP) Children’s Oral Health (COH), 3 year strategic plan to eradicate health disparities in childhood tooth decay, with the goal to make San Francisco's children cavity-free. One goal of the COH initiative is to implement fluoride varnish (FV) application in all SF Medi-Cal well-child visits for children 0 to 6 years old, starting in the SFHN Primary Care clinics. The SFGH Children's Health Center pioneered this recommended preventive treatment at over ten years ago. In early September, the SFGH Family Health Center became the first SFHN family medicine clinic to train Medical Assistants to apply fluoride varnish during well child visits. Chinatown Public Health Center then picked up the baton and has also started to provide this key preventive health measure, aiming to reduce childhood caries in Chinatown, which has the highest rate of childhood caries of any San Francisco neighborhood.

**ICD-10 Update from Dr. Colleen Riley, Chief Medical Officer of Laguna Honda**

The transition to ICD-10 occurred throughout the United States on October 1, 2015. The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) is a set of codes published by the World Health Organization and is used for classification of diseases and health related conditions. Laguna Honda Campus has been participating in a San Francisco Health Network-wide planning process and after many months of preparation and training, are transitioning to ICD-10. This will involve clinicians replacing ICD-9 codes with ICD-10 codes when documenting diseases and health related conditions or ordering lab tests. Additional departments including Health Information services (HIS), Patient Financial Services (PFS) and MDS will use ICD-10 codes in documentation review and for billing purposes. This transition to ICD-10 comes on the heels of the Laguna Honda implementation of eCW, our electronic medical record. These efforts represent positive changes that will ultimately result in enhancing our ability to continue providing exceptional care to our residents.

**CDPH Skilled Nursing Survey at Laguna Honda**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) conducted its annual skilled nursing facility (SNF) recertification and life safety code (LSC) surveys at Laguna Honda from September 14 to 24, 2015. Upon completion, the preliminary findings included no substandard care and medication pass error rate was less than 5%. Laguna Honda expects the statement of deficiencies from CDPH the week of October 5, with plans of correction to be submitted to CDPH by October 15; and completion of corrective action plans by October 21 and October 24 for the SNF and LSC surveys, respectively. Once the plans of corrections have been accepted by CDPH, they will be available for review at the hospital.

**John T. Grimes Appointed COO at Laguna Honda**

Prior to joining Laguna Honda, John was the DPH and Community Behavioral Health Services’ Adult Systems of Care Deputy Director, in that role he provided administrative and clinical oversight of over 300 employees, collaborated with the Operations and Facilities Teams, and managed projects for clinic remodels and relocations, supplies distributions, fleet management and vendor relations. In addition, John led the implementation of the African American Health Initiative’s Racial Humility trainings for the Department of Public Health. John’s other experiences include working for UCSF at San Francisco General Hospital as the Community Focus Assistant Director and the Kujichagulia Project Program Director (Kajuchagulia means “Self Determination” and is focused on during the second day of Kwanzaa). Altogether, John brings over 20 years of experience supervising both clinical and operations staff. John has received multiple outstanding performance awards from UCSF, assisted SFGH clinics preparation for their Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) surveys and monitored
compliance programs for the Department. John Grimes is a welcome addition to the Laguna Honda leadership team.

**Laguna Honda Celebrating 150 Years of Compassionate, Dedicated Service to the Community**
The San Francisco Arts Commission reached a motion to approve a mural painting project on the campus at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. This mural project will transform the entrance of the hospital, and a 200 feet section of the retaining wall which borders the campus across from the Forest Hill Muni station. The current monochromatic green wall will become a panorama of images representing Laguna Honda’s nearly 150 years of providing skilled, compassionate and dedicated healthcare to San Franciscans in need as well as the colorful story of the west side of the City of San Francisco.
Laguna Honda is partnering with Precita Eyes Muralists, who bring over 35 years of experience in creating art through collaboration with local communities, for this project. Artists will begin initial preparatory work in October and painting is expected to last through early December 2015. A community participation day is being planned for November 7 and more information about the event will soon follow. Once completed, the mural will serve as a centerpiece that kicks off the 150th year anniversary for Laguna Honda.

**Screen at 23**
Over half of all Asian Americans with diabetes remain undiagnosed. Of these, a significant portion of Asian Americans at risk for diabetes or prediabetes are at healthy BMI or Body Mass Index of 25 or lower and aren’t being tested. The American Diabetes Association, National Institutes of Health, and Centers for Disease Control have all recently acknowledged that Asian Americans are at risk for, and need to be screened at the BMI of 23.
On Tuesday, October 20th San Francisco Health Commission and the Department of Public Health will join with the American Diabetes Association, providers, community advocates and Asian health leaders to announce San Francisco County’s adoption of “Screen at 23”. The San Francisco Health commission and Department of Public Health will sign a resolution endorsing the Screen at 23 campaign and encouraging all public and private health providers and facilities to participate.

**New Health Classes at SFGH Wellness Center**
We are pleased to announce two new health education groups beginning at SFGH in October: Healthy Living for Adults and Movement & Nutrition for People with Diabetes. Healthy Living for Adults will focus on patients with obesity and address central topics such as healthy eating and physical activity and will be led by a dietician and physician. Movement & Nutrition for People with Diabetes is a partnership between General Medicine Clinic, Syzygy Dance Project and The Caregivers Table that aims to improve health outcomes for patients with diabetes.

**Annual Walk and Roll to School Day at Spring Valley Elementary**
On International Walk and Roll to School Day, October 7, over 100 Spring Valley elementary school students formed “walking school buses” with parents, Mayor Lee, Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, Supervisor Julie Christensen and other City and community leaders. They made their way through busy streets to reach school before the bell rang, simultaneously highlighting Vision Zero’s traffic safety initiatives, increasing their physical activity, and improving their concentration for better learning in school.
Almost one-third of the 350 students at Spring Valley Science School walked and rolled to school, demonstrating the school’s commitment to walking.
Health Officer Tomás Aragón joined the children, Principal Marlene Callejas and the Surgeon General representing the health department’s support of safer and healthier streets for the children of San Francisco. Walk and Roll to School Day is part of Vision Zero SF (http://www.visionzerosf.org), the City’s commitment to safer, healthier streets to reach the goal of zero traffic fatalities by 2024. To date, 17 out of 24 Vision Zero projects to improve our streets and sidewalks have been completed.

**National Disease Intervention Specialists’ (DIS) Recognition Day**

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Disease Intervention Specialists’ Day was Friday, October 2, 2015. Disease intervention specialists investigate cases of reportable communicable diseases, provide education and link patients to care, identify contacts and facilitate preventive treatment to interrupt disease transmission. Disease Intervention Specialists are based in the Population Health Division and serve a critical role in reporting and controlling the spread of diseases in San Francisco. They are critical to STD, HIV, TB and Communicable Disease Prevention and Control and interact with a diverse clientele with sensitivity and skill. Their work is often behind the scenes and we have had a number of staff throughout PHD who are not considered disease intervention specialists by job class, but who have played a crucial role supporting communicable disease activities over the last year.

**Family Health Fair in the Bayview-Hunters Point**

On Saturday, October 3rd, the SFGH Community Wellness Program participated along with community partners in a very successful Family Health Fair in the Bayview Hunters Point. The event promoted nutrition, fitness, treatment, mental health and prevention of chronic health conditions for families. This year’s fair featured senior and Kids’ zones, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, vegetable giveaways, raffle prizes and more.

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Edwin Batongbacal, LCSW, Director of Adult and Older Adult Systems of Care, presented the SFDPH response to the fires in Northern California. Director Garcia commended Mr. Batongbacal and the SFDPH mental health staff for their dedicated service.

**Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:**

Commissioner Sanchez commended the SFDPH for its effective response and impactful assistance in Lake county.

Commissioner Chow asked if the SFDPH provides room and board while they provide assistance Mr. Batongbacal stated that the SFDPH is responsible for arranging food and board with the assistance of Lake county.

Commissioner Pating thanked Director Garcia for ensuring that all SFDPH physicians have free memberships in the San Francisco Medical Society. He added that the organization is important for policy and public health issues. He also stated that he is an editor of “San Francisco Medicine, the organization’s journal, which is widely circulated throughout the state.

Commissioner Chow commended the SFDPH for its quick implementation to providing oral fluoride varnish in Chinatown after data showed the community was in need of this service for its children.
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## Health Commission - Director of Health Report
(September 3, 2015 Medical Exec Committee)

### New Appointments
- September: 1
- Year-to-Date: 9

### Reinstatements
- September: 0
- Year-to-Date: 0

### Reappointments
- September: 2
- Year-to-Date: 11

#### Delinquencies:
- September: 0
- Year-to-Date: 0

#### Reappointment Denials:
- September: 0
- Year-to-Date: 0

### Resigned/Retired:
- September: 0
- Year-to-Date: 5

#### Disciplinary Actions:
- September: 0
- Year-to-Date: 0

#### Administrative Suspension:
- September: 1
- Year-to-Date: 1

### Restriction/Limitation-Privileges
- September: 0
- Year-to-Date: 0

### Deceased
- September: 0
- Year-to-Date: 0

### Changes in Privileges
- Additions
  - September: 0
  - Year-to-Date: 0
- Voluntary Relinquishments
  - September: 0
  - Year-to-Date: 0
- Proctorship Completed
  - September: 0
  - Year-to-Date: 3
- Proctorship Extension
  - September: 0
  - Year-to-Date: 0

### Current Statistics – as of 9/1/2015
- Active Medical Staff: 36
- As-Needed Medical Staff: 13
- External Consultant Medical Staff: 44
- Affiliated Professionals: 9
- TOTAL MEMBERS: 102

### Applications in Process
- September: 9

### Applications Withdrawn this month
- September: 0
4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Jon Edmond Abraham requested group psychological services for long term survivors of AIDS. He noted that
the groups could be run by trained volunteers or professionals. He also stated that long-term survivors of HIV
who were diagnosed prior to the release of protease inhibitors in 1996, have distinct issues that warrant a
separate group.

5) ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT)
Angelica Almeida, Ph.D, Director, gave the presentation.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Pating noted that Nevada data shows that 80% of individuals are willing to voluntarily
participate in mental health services. He asked whether there is anything within the San Francisco service
system that leads SFDPH to expect different outcomes here. Dr. Almeida stated that San Francisco offers a
broader spectrum of care and already has established outreach throughout the city.

Commissioner noted that there has not been a large opposition to the implementation of this program in San
Francisco. Dr. Almeida stated that the SFDPH made an effort to outreach throughout the community to
provide education on the program. She noted that having peers involved in the process helped alleviate some
community members fear that the program would be implemented as a tool of punishment.

Commissioner Pating asked for information regarding the cost per program participant. Dr. Almeida stated that
the program is funded through the Mental Health Service Act and the SFDPH is hoping to eventually receive
some MediCal reimbursement for the program services which costs approximately $30,000 per year per
person.

Commissioner Pating requested to review data on quality of life indicators, economic feasibility, and the
impact of the program on the SFDPH budget. Dr. Almeida stated that the program is mandated to submit an
annual report in May each year. The SFDPH will send the draft report to the Health Commissioners as part of
this process.

Commissioner Pating asked whether the SFDPH anticipates that the participants will be primarily uninsured
and homeless. Dr. Almeida stated that the SFDPH expects that the participants will be a diverse mix. She
noted that in Orange County, the most frequent referral sources were family members and the second were
forensic settings.

Commissioner Sanchez commended Dr. Almeida for the presentation and impactful work. Director Garcia
commended Dr. Almeida and noted that her background includes work in the San Francisco jail system.

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification on the consequences if a participant does not follow a treatment
plan. Dr. Almeida stated that the program has no punitive component; it is a voluntary program. She noted that
the target population is at high risk for hospitalization and would benefit from the program's services.

Commissioner Chow requested that an interim report should be made to the Community and Public Health
Committee prior to the final annual report being sent to the state.
6) RESOLUTION: ENDORSING THE SCREENING FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS AT A BODY MASS INDEX OF 23 IN ASIAN AMERICAN ADULT RESIDENTS OF SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

Tomás Aragón, MD, DrPH, Health Officer and Director of Population Health Division, and Ben Lui, MD, MPH, Medical Director/Center Director, Chinatown Public Health Center, introduced the resolution.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Dexter Louie MD, National Council of API Physicians, stated that his organization is in favor of the resolution. He noted that the Asian Diabetes Coalition has advocated for screening the Asian population for diabetes at 23 body mass index (BMI).

Lawrence Kg, MD, Executive Director of the Chinese American Physicians Society and a pediatrician, stated that he is in favor of the resolution. He also stated that in the last twenty years of his practice, he has seen an increasing number of patients with Type 2 diabetes. Two to three percent of his teenage patients are pre-diabetic.

Ho Tran, MD National Council of API Physicians stated that screening Asian Americans at a BMI of 23 is an issue of equity and noted its premise is evidence-based.

Roxanna Bautista, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, stated that her organization is in favor of the resolution. She added that it is clear that Asians are not properly recognized as having a high risk for diabetes. She also stated that Asians need more education on screening.

Jessica Kuo, San Francisco Medical Society, stated that the organization supports the resolution and screening of Asian Americans at a BMI of 23. She also stated that physicians need screening tools to effectively assess patients for diabetes.

J Eric Leung MD, Vice President of the Chinese Community Health Association, stated that his organization is in support of the resolution. He also stated that Asian Americans are 30% more likely to develop diabetes than Caucasian Americans; over 50% of diabetes cases in Asian Americans are misdiagnosed.

Diana Lau, Asian Health Institute at UCSF, stated that she and her organization are in support of the resolution. She thanked Dr. Aragon and Dr. Lui for the presentation.

Dr. Ka’Ryn Holder Jackson, American Diabetes Association Director of Programs, commended the SFDPH for developing the resolution and recommended that the Health Commission approve the resolution.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:
Commissioner Chow thanked Director Garcia and the SFDPH for the resolution. He also stated that the resolution is a recommendation not a mandate for screening guidelines.

Commissioner Pating thanked Commissioner Chow for bringing this important health issue forward for the Health Commission to consider.

Commissioner Chung asked if the new SFDPH electronic medical record will have capacity to assist with BMI related screenings. Dr. Aragon stated that eClinicalWorks is currently the system the SFDPH uses to record patient information in its clinics. He noted that the resolution will help bring attention to this issue for physicians to keep in mind during their patient exams.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked all the speakers and for the comprehensive presentations.
Commissioner Chow stated that in his practice of over 40 years, there is a rising number of diabetes. The resolution includes recommendations based on international best practices. He noted that if the resolution is approved, San Francisco will be the first city in the United States to adopt the recommendation of screening Asian Americans for diabetes at 23 BMI. He thanked those who provided public comment for their advocacy work.

**Action Taken:** The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution.

7) **RESOLUTION: RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPT A GIFT OF $5,000,000 FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, AND APPROVE NAMING OF VARIOUS PLACES THROUGHOUT PRISCILLA CHAN AND MARK ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER’S NEW ACUTE CARE AND TRAUMA BUILDING IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR PHILANTHROPIC DONATIONS**

Roland Pickens, MHA, FACHE, Director of the San Francisco HealthNetwork

**Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:**

Commissioner Sanchez commended the Foundation staff and board for their extraordinary work to raise funds for the new hospital building. He also thanked the donors and Director Garcia, for her leadership.

Commissioner Chow thanked the SFGH Foundation and the many donors for the generous contributions to the new SFGH hospital building. He noted that this effort has brought together seasoned and new philanthropists to support SFGH.

Commissioner Pating asked for clarification of the “Further Resolved” statements on page 8 of the resolution. Greg Wagner stated that the first statement is a recommendation for the Board of Supervisors to approve the donations; he noted that Board of Supervisors’ approval is necessary any time a gift is tied to naming rights of a DPH building. Mr. Wagner stated that the second “Further Resolved,” statement gives the SFDPH Director of Health authority to approve minor changes in sign location or other similar issues. He noted this is helpful to prevent the Health Commission from having to consider these minor issues.

Director Garcia thanked Amanda Hope, SFGH Foundation Executive Director, for her work, along with the generous donors.

**Action Taken:** The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution.

8) **RESOLUTION: ENDORSING THE PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL PRACTICES OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Tomás Aragón, MD, DrPH, Health Officer and Director of Population Health Division, introduced the resolution.

**Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:**

Commissioners Chow and Pating requested that the resolution be revised to name the Principles of Ethical Practice as a clear list and the “Whereas” statements to better contextualize the reason the SFDPH is adopting them.

Commissioner Pating asked if the public health accreditation process requires that the SFDPH adopt these specific principles. Dr. Aragon stated that the accreditation process requires that each health department adopt a set of principles; the SFDPH has chosen a set of principles which adopted by the Public Health Leadership Society.
9) **SFDPH FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:**
Commissioner Pating thanked Mr. Wagner for a clear and well written report. He commended the SFDPH for the effective work.

Commissioner Pating noted that volatility in state revenues puts approximately $190M at risk. He asked if the SFDPH is advocating at the state level on these funding issues. Director Garcia stated that the SFDPH works with all of its associations to advocate at the state level. She noted that building its financial reserve enables the SFDPH to be prepared to respond to these state, and sometimes federal, budget issues.

Commissioner Chow commended Mr. Wagner on the transparent report.

10) **OTHER BUSINESS:**
This item was not discussed.

11) **JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
Commissioner Chow, SFGH JCC Chair, stated that at the September 22, 2015 meeting, the Committee discussed the following reports: Quality Management and Regulatory Affairs Reports, Quality Measures Report, Security Update, 340B Update, Rebuild/Transition Update, Hospital Administrator’s Report, Patient Care Service Report, and the Medical Staff Report. In closed session, the Committee approved the Credentials Report and PIPS minutes.

Commissioner Sanchez, LHH JCC member, stated that at the October 13, 2015 meeting, the Committee focused on closed session items including the Credentials Report, Medical Quality Improvement, Medical Staff Credentialing, and Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Reports.

12) **COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING**
Commissioner Chow thanked the Health Commissioners and the SFDPH staff for the 10/6 Planning session. He noted that the next planning session will include a Lean presentation.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.