



City and County of San Francisco
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San Francisco Department of Public Health

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Director of Health

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30, 2016

TO: Dr. Edward Chow, Health Commission President, and Members of the Health Commission

THROUGH: Barbara A. Garcia, MPA, Director of Health

FROM: Krishna Patel, Health Program Planner, Office of Policy & Planning
Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Policy & Planning

RE: Resolution: Equipment for Paging and Cellular Services at ZSFG

The Department of Public Health (DPH) and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG) require strong paging and cellular services for daily and emergency communications for staff, physicians, nurses, and patients/visitors. Since the new ZSFG Building 25 was constructed with materials that hinder radio and cellular signals from reaching portions of the building such as the basement surgical areas, it is imperative that the necessary equipment be installed to enhance reception for paging and cellular services. This equipment is essential for daily and emergency clinical communications. Insufficient paging and cellular services limit the staff's ability to provide the highest quality care for San Franciscans.

The equipment necessary to improve paging and cellular services includes antennae, satellite dishes, and racks on the roof or inside the building, as determined necessary by ZSFG facilities staff. A lease agreement with the City is required to allow the companies to install their equipment on or in ZSFG Building 25.

The Real Estate Division is negotiating terms of these lease agreements, on behalf of DPH, with the vendors that provide these paging and cellular services. We will need lease agreements with multiple vendors, including SPOK, American Messaging Services LLC, and Verizon. Attached is a draft Health Commission resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the lease agreements to install the necessary equipment for paging and cellular services.

The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans.

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~ Educate the public and train health care providers ~ Provide quality, comprehensive, culturally-proficient health services ~ Ensure equal access to all ~

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**Health Commission
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 16-13**

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR PAGING AND CELLULAR SERVICES AT ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG), and their respective doctors, nurses, and staff, rely upon paging and cellular services for daily and emergency communications at ZSFG and around the City; and

WHEREAS, the new ZSFG Building 25 is designed and constructed with materials that hinder radio and cellular signals from reaching portions of the building, including basement surgical areas; and

WHEREAS, limited paging and cellular services could pose a major safety or health concern if doctors, nurses, staff or patients/visitors are unable to communicate, especially during times of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, to provide sufficient reception, cellular and paging service providers must install additional antennae, boosters, and other equipment on or in Building 25; and

WHEREAS, lease agreements with the City will be required to allow cellular and paging services companies to install this needed equipment in or on Building 25; and

WHEREAS, the Real Estate Division, on behalf of DPH, is negotiating the lease agreements with the appropriate vendors for the installation of necessary equipment for paging and cellular services at ZSFG; now, therefore, be it resolved

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve leases negotiated by the Real Estate Division, on behalf of DPH, to allow the installation of the necessary equipment on Building 25 at ZSFG to ensure adequate paging and cellular services.