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**MINUTES**

**HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 4:00 p.m.  
Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital  
1001 Potrero Avenue, Carr Auditorium  
San Francisco, CA 94110**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D., President  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung  
Commissioner Judith Karshmer, Ph.D, PMHCNS-BC  
Commissioner James Loyce, Jr., M.S.  
Commissioner David Pating, M.D.  
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

Excused: Commissioner David B. Singer, Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm. Commissioner Chow stated that the Health Commission is pleased to be at the ZSFG campus for its meeting.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2016.**

Action Taken: The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3) DIRECTORS 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>

**A Letter from Mayor Ed Lee to all City and County of San Francisco Staff**

**Dear Staff of the City and County of San Francisco:**

I know that many of you are feeling anxious, nervous, and sad following this divisive and polarizing presidential election. It seems hard to believe that after so many months of ugliness that our country will find a way to come together and move forward.

But in many of the conversations I've had over the last 24 hours, one thing has been abundantly clear.

San Francisco will always be San Francisco. We will continue to fight for what we believe is right, we will continue to lead on the tough issues that many shy away from, and we will continue to be a city that values every single one of its residents. Nothing will ever change this.

I am confident that we will come together bound by the values we cherish and are known for across the nation. Values of inclusiveness, diversity, collaboration, integrity, serving the public, and compassion for one another. These values are what will carry us forward.

This is not the time to lose hope. Our work is not done. In fact, it's far from it. There is so much left to do to better the lives of San Franciscans, and it's up to us to do it. We've done it before – as a Sanctuary City, leading on marriage equality, and providing affordable health care to all.

Our City will continue to lead on Human Rights, Immigrant Rights, Anti-Racism, LGBT rights, affordable health care for all, environmental stewardship, and more. Strong cities, focused on our values can help inspire the future. Together, let us push San Francisco to be that strong city.

We must roll up our sleeves, come together, and get to work so we can accomplish exactly what we set out to do – ensure that San Francisco is a place where our residents and families thrive; where our communities are safe and livable; where we offer excellent city services; where we prepare for the future; and where we create a City that is diverse, equitable and inclusive. Your work every day makes this vision real for all San Franciscans and gives me hope and inspiration.

**Sincerely,**

**Mayor Ed Lee**

### **Election Impacts**

The results of last week's election could have significant impacts on the Department of Public Health (SFPDH). Below is a summary of the voting at the national, state, and local level on the issues most likely to impact SFPDH. While the details of the anticipated changes are not yet known, we will be working closely with the Mayor's Office in the months to come to project the potential impact that Tuesday's election will have on our department. We will keep the Commission updated.

### **Presidential Election**

During the campaign, President-elect Trump and House Republicans expressed positions on several issues with the potential to impact SFPDH:

#### **Repeal/Rollback of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)**

Medicaid: The ACA expanded Medicaid to insure low-income Americans. If the ACA is repealed, the expansion could be completely reversed, returning this population to uninsured status. If the Medicaid expansion portion of the ACA is retained, it is possible that the federal government may repeal only the enhanced matching rate (90% federal/10% state), requiring states to cover the non-federal share at their normal matching rate (50% federal/ 50% California). In addition, as a federal cost-saving measure, the federal funding methodology for Medicaid could shift to block grants or per capita caps, limiting the amount available statewide. Finally, it is likely that future consideration of Medicaid waivers, such as California's current 1115 waiver, would become more stringent.

### **Private Insurance**

The Individual mandate is likely to be repealed. Without the individual mandate, the federal health insurance exchange would be eliminated and state health insurance exchanges, like Covered California, may not be financially feasible. Additionally, federal subsidies for low income individuals purchasing insurance on the exchange would likely be eliminated and potentially replaced with an advanceable tax credit.

### **Defunding Sanctuary Cities**

While the details of how this might be implemented are not known, this could affect the receipt of federal funding Citywide.

### **State Ballot Measures**

Last Tuesday, California also voted on 17 statewide ballot propositions as well as elections for California's Senate and Assembly districts. Outcomes on ballot measures of interest to SFDPH are noted below:

#### **Proposition 52 – Private Hospital Fees for Medi-Cal: PASSED**

Extends the existing hospital quality assurance fee, initially enacted by the State legislature in 2009, and requires that the \$3 billion private hospitals pay for the fee be used as Medi-Cal matching funds reimbursing hospitals or children's health programs.

#### **Proposition 55 – Tax Extension for Education and Healthcare: PASSED**

Extends to 2030 the temporary personal income tax increases on earnings over \$250,000 (for single filers) and allocates these tax revenues to education and Medi-Cal, which could receive up to \$2 billion per year.

#### **Proposition 56 – Cigarette Tax: PASSED**

Increases the cigarette excise tax by \$2 per pack with an equivalent increase on other tobacco products and e-cigarettes containing nicotine with revenues to fund existing healthcare programs, tobacco use prevention and tobacco control programs, tobacco-related disease research, law enforcement, physician training, dental disease prevention programs, and administration.

#### **Proposition 60 – Adult Film Condom Requirements: FAILED**

Would have required the use of condoms and other protective measures in adult films and required adult film producers to pay for certain health requirements and checkups.

#### **Proposition 61 – State Prescription Drug Purchase Standards: FAILED**

Would have prohibited state agencies from paying more for a prescription drug than the lowest price paid by the US Department of Veterans Affairs for the same drug.

#### **Proposition 64 – Marijuana Legalization: PASSED**

Legalizes marijuana and hemp under state law for recreational use for individuals aged 21 and over and allocates the state tax revenue largely to support youth programs, environmental protection, and law enforcement. Personal recreational use and growing provisions became effective immediately and the state has until January 1, 2018 to implement the remaining provisions.

The Mayor has issued an executive order (copy attached) directing Planning and SFDPH to draft legislation by September 2017 to regulate cannabis in San Francisco. In addition, SFDPH has been supporting the Cannabis Legalization Task Force, established by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors in July 2015.

### **Local Ballot Measures**

San Franciscans voted on 24 local ballot propositions as well as for members of the Board of Supervisors in odd numbered districts. Outcomes on ballot propositions of interest to SFDPH are noted below:

**Proposition I: Fund for Seniors and Disabled - PASSED**

Establishes a fund to support seniors and adults with disabilities, paid for with an annual set-aside from property taxes.

**Proposition J – Funding for Homelessness and Transportation: PASSED**

Creates fund for housing and homeless services. (Spending mechanism for funds raised by Prop. K)

**Proposition K – Funding for Homelessness and Transportation: FAILED**

Prop. K raises city sales tax by 0.75 percent to raise \$50 million a year for homeless services and \$100 million a year for transportation. (Raises money to be spent through Prop. J)

**Proposition Q – Tent Camps: PASSED**

Gives the city the power to close tent camps if it gives 24 hours' notice and has shelter beds for those evicted.

**Proposition V – Sugar Tax: PASSED**

Taxes sugary beverages at 1 cent per ounce.

**Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project Update**

The Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project concluded its work on Friday, October 28th. As a reminder, on January 12, 2016, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution urging the Director of the Department of Public Health and the Sheriff to convene a work group to plan for the permanent closure of County Jail Nos. 3 and 4, and any corresponding investments in new mental health facilities and current jail retrofits needed to uphold public safety and better serve at-risk individuals. The Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project, co-chaired by Sheriff Hennessy, Roma Guy, and me, brought together a variety of criminal justice and mental health experts from the City and community. The Work Group’s charge was to plan for the permanent closure of County Jails 3 and 4 by:

1. Identifying strategies for reducing the jail population including alternatives to incarceration and other programs or policies;
2. Identifying effective and humane investments in behavioral health programs for those that may otherwise find themselves incarcerated;
3. Reviewing the current state of the City’s facilities and identifying what new facility or facilities are needed; and
4. Seeking to maintain San Francisco’s eligibility to use state financing to fund the construction or renovation of these facilities.

At its final meeting, the Work Group prioritized facility, service, and policy recommendations for the City’s consideration. These recommendations included increasing the supply of behavioral health treatment services and low-income housing, increasing the use of collaborative courts, and expanding opportunities for pre-arrest and pre-trial release. The Board of Supervisors’ Government Audit & Oversight Committee will hold a hearing on the Work Group on December 1, 2016. A final Work Group report will follow in early 2017. More information on the Work Group process can be found on the DPH website (<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/jrp/default.asp>).

**Director of Behavioral Health Services**

It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Mr. Kavous Ghane Bassiri as the San Francisco Health Network's Director of Behavioral Health Services. Mr. Ghane Bassiri will be responsible for providing effective clinical leadership, vision, direction and expertise in the oversight and operations of behavioral health services with a focus on access, quality and cost of care; client satisfaction; and strategic initiatives and programs for enhancing clinical effectiveness. The Director oversees 11 programs administered through the City and County

of San Francisco Mental Health Plan, Mental Health Services Act, and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems.

Many of you know Mr. Ghane Bassiri has been at Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc. (RAMS) since 2003 as President and CEO. Prior to RAMS, Mr. Ghane Bassiri served as Director of Operations, in the UCSF Department of Psychiatry at San Francisco General Hospital. Mr. Ghane Bassiri is a highly regarded expert and thought leader in behavioral health policy and advocacy as noted by his membership and involvement in several state and national leadership forums, most notably the 2013 White House Mental health Conference, hosted by U.S. President Obama and Vice-President Biden.

Mr. Ghane Bassiri will formally assume the role in January 2017, but over the next 2 months will begin to acclimate to and engage in the many issues and challenges facing the organization. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Ghane Bassiri to his new role with the Department of Public Health.

### **Laguna Honda recognizes their veterans in honor of Veterans Day**

A team from Laguna Honda's administration, made up of volunteer Gary Speer and Health at Home Administrator Maggie Rykowski made rounds throughout the hospital on Thursday, November 10th to visit all of Laguna Honda's identified veteran residents to recognize and thank them for serving our country. Maggie, in addition to managing Rehabilitation services for DPH, Health at Home, and Compliance at Zuckerberg San Francisco General is herself a retired U.S. Navy Admiral. The team left the veterans with a small gift: butter cream mints and pinwheel pins adorned with the U.S. flag, and a short tribute written by Maggie and IT staffer Gemma Deocampo, also an Air Force veteran. Volunteer Gary Speer has been recognizing veterans at Laguna Honda for the past 5 years and even though it's a small gesture, the residents love it. Gary has also posted signs throughout the neighborhoods, recognizing Laguna Honda veterans.

### **FACES for the Future Update**

FACES for the Future is a career pathway program for underserved, minority students interested in health professions and careers in public health, behavioral health, and environmental health. The San Francisco Department of Public Health welcomed 42 new FACES Health Scholars from John O'Connell High School this fall. The students are being placed in 24 different internship sites including placements at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, Laguna Honda Hospital, the Call Center, and at several neighborhood clinics.

### **SF Health Plan recognizes providers at Award Ceremony**

On September 15th, San Francisco Health Plan held a Provider Appreciation Dinner and Award Ceremony. The End HEP C group was recognized for "Innovations and Collaboration" for their work in bringing partners together from all over the city to eliminate hep C in San Francisco. Their work combines preventive measures like outreach & education, syringe access for IV drug users, with making best use of treatment advances in primary and specialty care settings, directly-observed therapy and other strategies. Our Transgender Health Services was recognized for "Diligence and Ingenuity in Case Management." They have been a leading community in trans care for many years. Navigation and coordination of health insurance, providers, and treatment are essential to meet the needs of trans clients. Transgender Health Services' research, advocacy, and expertise have shaped and continue to shape services for trans members to the benefit of all. The Positive Health Program was recognized for "Patient Experience Excellence." Using the Clinician and Group Consumer Assessment (CG CAHPS), the Positive Health Program improved their patients' experience access composites by 25% (more than any other clinic in the network). And lastly, Kristina Hung, CNS, was given the "Excel and Lead" award for her work as a Lactation Specialist at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Over the past year, Kristina identified quality and supply issues with breast pumps that were keeping new moms from meeting their breastfeeding goals. Due to Kristina's hard work and advocacy, patients discharging from ZSFG in need of breast pumps are now receiving timely delivery of high-quality pumps that help ensure the healthiest start for their newborns. We are proud to work with these amazing individuals who are true trailblazers in their fields.

**SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK  
ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL  
HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

November 2016

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary  
(11/14/16 MEC)

	11/2016	07/2016 to 07/2017
<i>New Appointments</i>	23	162
Reinstatements		
<i>Reappointments</i>	29	246
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	18	131
<i>Disciplinary Actions</i>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		
<i>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</i>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<i>Changes in Privileges</i>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	8	46
Additions	5	47
Proctorship Completed	25	99

<b>Current Statistics – as of 11/2/16</b>		
Active Staff	559	
<i>Courtesy Staff</i>	523	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	257	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,339</b>	

<i>Applications in Process</i>	32
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of November 2016</b>	0
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 12/2016 to 2/2017</b>	132

**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

NOVEMBER 2016

**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**  
(November 3, 2016 Medical Exec Committee)

	<b>November</b>	<b>(FY 2016-2017) Year-to-Date</b>
<i>New Appointments</i>	1	7
Reinstatements	0	0
<i>Reappointments</i>	4	21
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired</b>	1	9
<i>Disciplinary Actions</i>	0	0
<i>Administrative Suspension</i> <i>(for month of October)</i>	0	6
<i>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</i>	0	0
<b>Deceased</b>	0	0
<i>Changes in Privileges</i>		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	2	4
Proctorship Extension	1	1

<b><i>Current Statistics – as of 10/31/2016</i></b>		
Active Medical Staff	35	
As-Needed Medical Staff	11	
<i>External Consultant Medical Staff</i>	46	
<i>Courtesy Medical Staff</i>	2	
<i>Affiliated Professionals</i>	15	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	109	

<b><i>Applications in Process</i></b>	1
<b><i>Applications Withdrawn this month</i></b>	0

Director Garcia stated that the SFDPH completed two days of public health accreditation site visits and that she is very proud of Dr. Tomas Aragon and the Population Health Division staff for its effective preparation.

Regarding the recent presidential election, Director Garcia stated that the SFDPH is strategizing to protect its patients and clients. She asked Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of the SFDPH Office of Policy and Planning to give the Health Commission an update.

Ms. Chawla stated that two issues may impact San Francisco: the replacement of the Affordable Care Act(ACA)and San Francisco’s status as a sanctuary city. She noted that the incoming administration has proposed that it will defund sanctuary cities although it is not clear which federal funds may be at stake.

Regarding the ACA, the incoming administration has claimed it will repeal and replace the initiative. The president-elect has shown support for some provisions of the ACA: pre-existing conditions and dependent coverage up to age 26. It is not clear if these provisions will be kept if the ACA is repealed or replaced.

It is possible that MediCaid expansion may be reversed but it is more likely that it will stay in place with states and counties responsible for maintaining its cost. She added that Healthy San Francisco will remain in place to enable the SFDPH to continue to serve its clients and patients.

Ms. Chawla also stated that the SFDPH Integration Steering Committee will receive updates on these issues every two weeks and will continue to update SFDPH and the Health Commission regularly.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thanked Ms. Chawla for the quick analysis and summary. He asked if any changes will take impact until the new president takes office. Ms. Chawla stated that Congress could take action at any time to begin some of the changes. She added that there is not consensus within the Republican Party on many of these issues.

Commissioner Chow stated that he participated in the accreditation site visit. It was clear that an enormous amount of work went into the preparation to show the comprehensive range of services the SFDPH offers through its programs.

**4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Pating, Chair, stated that the Committee heard a presentation on SFDPH Dental Services. The San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) is exploring moving dental services to building 5 on the ZSFG campus. The benefit of having dental services here is that many SFHN patients receive care at this location and it would be convenient and easily accessible. He noted that the SFDPH Dental Service providers are dedicated and serving the diverse San Francisco communities effectively.

**6) ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL (ZSFG) EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Commissioner Edward A. Chow, MD SFGH JCC Chair, introduced this item and thanked all ZSFG staff for their ongoing dedication and hard work. The following ZSFG employees/teams were recognized for their contributions to the hospital:

- Daisy Aguallo, Materials Management
- Environment Services Team
- Medical Emergency Response Team Nurses
- Quality Management Building 25 Licensing Team

**7) FY 2015 - 2016 ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL (ZSFG) ANNUAL REPORT**

Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, ZSFG Chief Executive Officer, gave the presentation.



Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thanked Dr. Ehrlich for her leadership and looks forward to working with her in the years ahead.

Commissioner Pating congratulated ZSFG for the many accomplishments of the past year including opening the new hospital building, adjusting to a new CEO, and successfully completing its many surveys.

Commissioner Karshmer thanked the ZSFG staff for their commitment to making the hospital reflective of San Francisco's values and dedication to serving its most vulnerable residents.

Commissioner Loyce stated that as part of his orientation, he spent time with Dr. Ehrlich and is impressed with her humility and kindness. He thanked the ZSFG staff for their hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that he is proud that ZSFG is ready to meet the challenges ahead. He added that the hospital is a vital part of the City's safety net services. In times of crisis, ZSFG plays a greater importance to ensure effective care is delivered.

Commissioner Chung stated that she has a special relationship with ZSFG because her life was saved twice at the hospital. She added that she previously worked doing discharge planning at ZSFG when working for SFDPH substance abuse services. She thanked the staff and leadership for its continued dedication to offering healing and safety.

Commissioner Chow stated that it has been a privilege to work with so many dedicated and effective ZSFG staff during his many years serving as a Health Commissioner. He added that ZSFG has always been at the heart of the City's safety net.

**8) ENVIRONMENT OF CARE ANNUAL REPORT**

Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, ZSFG Chief Executive Officer, presented the report.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the Report.

**9) ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL (ZSFG) PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY POLICY**

Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, ZSFG Chief Executive Officer, presented the policy.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the policy.

**10) ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL (ZSFG) HOSPITAL PLAN FOR PROVISION OF CARE POLICY**

Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, ZSFG Chief Executive Officer, presented the policy.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the policy.

**11) OTHER BUSINESS**

This topic was not discussed.

**12) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

This item was deferred to the December 6, 2016 meeting.

**13) COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING**

This item was not discussed.

**14) CLOSED SESSIONS**

- A) Public comment on whether to convene in closed session and all matters pertaining to the closed session.
- B) Vote on whether to hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)
- C) Closed Session Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1156, 1156.1, 1157, 1157.5 and 1157.6; Health and Safety Code Section 1461; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1.
- D) Closed session.

Consideration of Credentialing Matters

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

1. Possible report on action taken in closed session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)
2. Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Health Commission voted to not disclose the discussion held in closed session.

**15) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm.