



City and County of San Francisco
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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of June 7, 2016

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco
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Zuckerberg San Francisco General Completes Successful Move into New Building

It is with great pride and admiration that we congratulate all involved for a successful move into the City's newest and most seismically safe hospital on Saturday, May 21st. Many people have worked hard to bring us to the moment we shared with patients that day. The entire hospital staff prepared for months and did a fantastic job. We would like to acknowledge Terry Saltz and the Rebuild Team, Iman Nazeeri-Simmons, Terry Dentoni, Roland Pickens, Susan Ehrlich, Sue Carlisle, Jim Marks, Margaret Damiano, Tim Greer, Bill Kim, Troy Williams, Brent Andrew, Greg Wagner and Mark Primeau. The San Francisco General Hospital Foundation played a tremendous role in raising support to furnish and equip the new building. Our dedicated partners at UCSF and San Francisco Public Works helped turn our shared vision into reality. Kudos to the entire hospital executive team, the nursing staff, facilities, materials management, environmental services, IT, medical staff, administrative staff, security, porters, respiratory therapists, communications, food services... hats off to every single member of the Zuckerberg San Francisco General team!

The new hospital is a significant accomplishment, and the future is bright for our patients who will be served there for generations to come. It strengthens the San Francisco Health Network to be able to offer our primary care patients a state-of-the-art hospital when they need it. And, providing the entire City with a new hospital for emergency and trauma services helps the Health Department meet its mission. Congratulations to all.

Mayor Lee presents Proposed Balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 & 2017-18

On May 31st, Mayor Lee presented his proposed two year balanced budget for FY 2016-17 and 2017-18. The budget is \$9.6M and 9.7 billion, respectively. Half of the budget consists of self-supporting activities at the City's Enterprise departments (Port of SF, MTA, Airport, PUC and others) while the remaining half goes toward the General Fund which supports core services such as Police, Fire, Rec and Parks and the Department of Public Health. The Mayor's proposed

budget includes the new Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (DHS), which will launch July 1 at a proposed budget of \$221 Million for 2016-2017. The new department will combine key homeless-serving programs currently housed across several City departments, including Human Services Agency, SF HOPE, and the Department of Public Health's Homeless Outreach Team and Direct Access to Housing. Other items in the budget include Violence Prevention, Police Reforms, Public Safety, Neighborhood Quality of Life, assistance for small businesses, capital funding, IT, and equipment purchases. The complete budget proposal can be found here: <http://sfmayor.org/index.aspx?page=880>.

Memorandums of Understanding Negotiated for SEIU Local 1021 Nurses, and Teamsters Local 856 Supervising Nurses

After months of negotiations a new MOU has been negotiated with SEIU Local 1021 Nurses (Staff and Per Diem). The new Local 1021 Nurses agreement is effective July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017. The agreement is pending ratification by the union members and approval by the Board of Supervisors. The agreement includes:

- Wage increase of 3.25% on July 1, 2016, equivalent to the wage increase scheduled for the majority of other city employees
- Maintenance of health benefits coverage
- Additional staffing
- New life insurance benefit
- Tuition reimbursement process improvements

At the same time, a Memorandum of Understanding has been negotiated with Teamsters Local 856 representing Supervising Nurses.

The new agreement will be effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019. The agreement includes

- a wage increase of 3.25% on July 1, 2016, equivalent to the wage increase scheduled for the majority of other city employees
- maintenance of health benefits coverage

Our nursing staff and supervisors are important partners and vital to the success of the Department in fulfilling its mission to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans. We appreciate the hard work that was put in by both sides in reaching these agreements.

SB 75 (Full Scope Medi-Cal for All Children) and Healthy Kids

In October 2015, Senate Bill 75 (SB 75) was approved, allowing individuals under the age of 19, without satisfactory immigration status, and who are below 266% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to become eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits. Between May 16, 2016 and June 1, 2016, children with restricted Medi-Cal automatically transitioned to full-scope Medi-Cal without reapplying, with a retroactive effective date of May 1, 2016. As of April, approximately 850 Healthy Kids enrollees were also concurrently enrolled in restricted Medi-Cal. With the assistance of the San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA), outreach to Healthy Kids children was conducted to increase concurrent enrollment into restricted Medi-Cal in order for them to automatically transition by June 1. A total estimate of 75% (~1,500) of Healthy Kids enrollees are expected to transition to full-scope Medi-Cal before the end of FY2016-17. These new enrollees will have until September 2016 to select a health plan; otherwise, they will be defaulted into a

health plan according to the county's current default algorithm. More information on SB 75 can be found here: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/sb-75.aspx>.

California End of Life Option Act

The San Francisco Department of Public Health has convened a group of representatives from San Francisco Health Network's Primary Care, Zuckerberg San Francisco General, Laguna Honda Hospital, Behavioral Health, and Pharmacy to develop a policy for the implementation of California's End of Life Option Act. The End of Life Option Act allows a terminally ill patient to request a drug from his or her physician that will end the patient's life. Physician participation in End of Life Option Act activities is voluntary.

To be qualified for this option, patients must have a terminal illness with a life expectancy of 6 months or less, be 18 years or older, be a resident of California, and able to self-administer an aid-in-dying drug. If a patient wishes to receive an aid-in-dying drug, the patient's attending physician determines that the patient is qualified, takes the primary responsibility for counseling the patient about this option and other alternatives, writes the prescription, and ensures compliance with the law. Physician participation is voluntary. The Department's policy will be presented to the Health Commission in late summer/early fall. The California End of Life Option Act takes effect on June 9, 2016.

Electronic Health Record Update

The Mayor and Board of Supervisors took action in March to authorize the Public Health Department to enter negotiations with UCSF to join their Epic electronic health record system called APeX. Since then, Bill Kim, Albert Yu, Winona Mindolovich and Eric Shaffer have been working actively with our consultants and UCSF on the feasibility of adopting its APeX for our organization, as "DPH-APeX." That determination requires a complex multi-faceted analysis on clinical, revenue cycle, technical, governance and contractual fronts.

Our goal is to reach a point by the end of September where both DPH and UCSF are confident we have a path forward. We hope to have a contract signed near the end of this calendar year. DPH leadership is engaged and deeply committed to the success of this organization-wide project. We will be holding an inaugural meeting in early June to get the team oriented and ready to work.

Laguna Honda Patients and Staff featured in "Our Health California" Story

Our Health California is an advocacy group that is invested in advancing access to quality care in California. This May, their popular blog featured the stories of two individuals, Sandra and David who, with the help of Laguna Honda Rehabilitation Center staff, were able to get back on their feet and back into life again. Said David about his experience: "Laguna Honda and San Francisco General Hospital gave me so much, including the strength to move forward. They're family now. So whenever I can, I'm back here volunteering two or three times a week so I can give something back. I just hope I can help other patients in the same way."

Laguna Honda to continue Precita Eyes mural with help of \$25,000 in funding

Participatory Budgeting is a process in place in District 7 in San Francisco where residents are able to vote on how a portion of the budget will be directed. This year, the ballot contained

proposals from three categories: safety, culture and neighborhood services. Among these were a \$25,000 proposal to extend the Precita Eyes mural at Laguna Honda. We are happy to report that the mural funding was passed by District 7 residents and design work is anticipated to begin in Fall of 2016.

Join the Department of Public Health at the Annual LGBT Pride Parade

We invite you to march with the Department of Public Health contingent in the 2016 Pride Parade. This year's theme is "For Racial and Economic Justice." We will have participants from all over the department including Zuckerberg San Francisco General, Laguna Honda, Population Health, Clinics and Central Administration. Bring your family and friends. If you are planning on attending please contact travis.touhey@sfdph.org.

Occupational Health's Vickie Wells given the William Steiger Award

The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) gives the William Steiger award to honor occupational health professionals whose efforts have contributed to advancements in occupational safety and health. This year The Department of Public Health's Vickie Wells was among the five awardees. Vickie served on the ACGIH Board of Directors from 1999 to 2005 and was its chair in 2004. She was a public member of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health from 2002 through 2008.