



City and County of San Francisco
London N. Breed, Acting Mayor

San Francisco Department of Public Health

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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of December 19, 2017

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

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Statement on the Passing of Mayor Ed M. Lee

Mayor Edwin M Lee died early last Tuesday morning at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Please join me in sending heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. Mayor Lee was a dedicated, compassionate leader who truly cared about our city and always worked on its behalf. He was a champion of many health department programs and a tremendous supporter of the work that we do every day. He often visited patients at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, spent time at Laguna Honda Hospital and visited our clinics throughout the city. He was a world leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS, funding San Francisco's efforts even in the face of federal cuts.

Most recently, I worked closely with Mayor Lee on the issues of homelessness, mental health and substance use. He cared deeply about the people impacted by these problems and sought humane and lasting solutions. I appreciated his open mindedness, his thoughtfulness and his determination to make progress. Mayor Lee touched the city in many ways. Before joining city government, he served as a civil rights attorney, representing low-income tenants in Chinatown. He held many city positions over the past 20 years, including Director of the Human Rights Commission, Director of the Department of Public Works, City Administrator, Interim Mayor and finally Mayor. Throughout it all, his devotion to his family, and his friendly manner never wavered. He was a positive person, and it was an honor to work for him.

Mayor Lee arrived at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital shortly after 10pm on Monday, Dec 11. He was in critical condition, and we attempted life-saving measures for several hours. He died at 1:11am on the morning of Tuesday, Dec 12. We expect the medical examiner to determine the cause of death.

London N. Breed was sworn in as Acting Mayor of San Francisco in the early hours of Tuesday, Dec 12th. City code dictates that the Board of Supervisors can choose to elect an alternative and would need 6 votes to do so. There will be a special election in June of 2018 to determine the next Mayor of San Francisco.

Appointment of Dr. Naveena Bobba as Deputy Director of Health

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Naveena Bobba as Deputy Director of Health. Dr. Bobba will also supervise our Policy and Planning Section. Dr. Bobba will replace Colleen Chawla, who is leaving the San Francisco Department of Public Health to become the Health Care Services Agency Director for Alameda County. Dr. Bobba currently serves as the DPH Director of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, where she leads multi-disciplined teams that coordinate public health and medical disaster planning, preparedness, response and recovery within DPH as well as with other city departments.

Dr. Bobba did her medical training at Harbor UCLA in internal medicine. She completed a fellowship in Allergy and Immunology and worked for Kaiser Permanente before returning to get her MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to joining DPH, she worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts in the Medical Innovation and Leadership Section. Dr. Bobba continues to provide clinical care in allergy and immunology at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and at Kaiser San Francisco.

Dr. Bobba has been instrumental in the city's responses to Ebola, Zika, Hepatitis A, extreme weather and many other events. She is a strategic leader in planning for natural and man-made disasters and health emergencies, and she has brought the department, and the City, to a new level of readiness. Please congratulate Dr. Bobba and welcome her to this new role. I am confident that Dr. Bobba's leadership skills, experience citywide and clinical expertise will be a great benefit to our department's executive team, to our staff, and to the patients and clients we serve.

President Signs Two-Week Stopgap Measure to Keep Government Funded

On December 8th, President Trump signed a two-week "continuing resolution" to fund the federal government and avoid a government shutdown. The measure pushes the deadline for passing a catch-all spending bill for the 2018 fiscal year to December 22. While the fiscal year began last October 1, two stop-gap bills have now been passed to extend funding into December. Leaders in Congress are continuing to negotiate overall spending levels with an agreement on a long-term spending still far away. There are multiple items that may be addressed in the final spending bill, including the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding, bipartisan legislation to stabilize health insurance markets under the Affordable Care Act, defense and non-defense spending levels, and appropriations for this year's hurricanes and wildfires. Any spending bill will need 60 votes in the Senate, and therefore requires bipartisan support.

On December 13th, a second "continuing resolution" was introduced in the House to fund the federal government through January 19th. This measure also extends the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for five years and community health centers for two years. However, this legislation uses a portion of the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) to offset the cost by cutting the PPHF by \$6.35 billion over eight years.

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Funding Update

While Congress is still working on how to provide long-term funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the two-week “continuing resolution” to fund the federal government contains a rule change that allows the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide reserve CHIP funds to states most in need. The previous rule required CMS to evenly distribute leftover funds to each state. As of last week, the government had given \$1.2 billion of its almost \$3 billion in reserve to keep CHIP programs running. Funding for CHIP, which provides health insurance to about nine million children nationwide, expired September 30th, 2017. While the House passed legislation to fund CHIP, the Senate has yet to take up the issue. CHIP funding could be attached to a second continuing resolution bill that would temporarily continue funding the government.

California officials project the state will run out of money for the CHIP program around the end of the year, and doesn’t yet have a plan to replace the \$2.7 billion in federal funding it receives. California is legally obligated through the ACA to continue providing coverage for almost all of the children who qualify through 2019. California would need to pass legislation to determine how it would continue to meet this requirement in the absence of federal CHIP funding.

Short-term Funding to be provided to Community Health Centers

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced it will provide two months of additional funding for community health centers for January and February 2018 in order to make up for critical funding losses that expired September 30th, 2017. Community Health Centers provide comprehensive care to millions of people, and about 25 percent have grant periods starting January 1st and 17 percent have grant periods starting in February. While health centers have historically had bipartisan support, congress has yet to renew their expired federal funding, jeopardizing their long term stability. Community Health Center funding could be attached to a second continuing resolution bill that would temporarily continue funding the government.

Agreement Reached on Tax Bill Reconciliation

On December 13th, House and Senate Republicans reached an agreement, in principle, that would reconcile the tax bills passed separately by the House and Senate. Republican leaders are aiming to complete a consensus bill and release its text by Friday, December 15th. Legislators have not widely discussed what elements of two previously passed bills the final tax bill will keep. Reports indicate that the negotiated bill will repeal the ACA’s individual insurance mandate, but would allow taxpayers to continue to deduct high out-of-pocket medical expenses, and it would retain a provision allowing graduate students who receive tuition stipends to avoid paying taxes on that benefit. If released by Friday, the Senate could take the bill up on Monday and the House could follow on Tuesday or Wednesday. The Senate and House are aiming to pass the compromise bill by the end of the year.

The deficit created by this tax plan may trigger concerning automatic spending cuts that would lead to the complete elimination of the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) and other mandatory health-related spending. The PPHF currently makes up 12 percent of the entire Centers for Disease Control and Prevention budget, and its elimination would impact public

health. Cuts to other essential public health programs like Medicare and Medicaid would harm older adults and those who depend on government-funded health programs. Congress could pass additional legislation to waive these budget rules to avoid significant impacts for the health of all Americans.

Southern California Fires

A massive wildfire in southern California's Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties continues to spread and is now the fifth-largest wildfire in the state's history. The fire has destroyed more than 750 buildings and resulted in one fatality. Officials report the fire to be ten percent contained as of Monday December 11. Air quality in the affected areas is extremely unhealthy and authorities have issued health alerts warning people in Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties to stay indoors, avoid vigorous outdoor activities and not do anything to stir up ash. On December 8th, the president declared a federal state of emergency in California enabling agencies to coordinate relief efforts in southern California. Forecasters predict that by the end of the week conditions will shift and bring relief to firefighting efforts. Other major fires in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties are reported to be mostly contained. High fire risk is expected to last into January for the region.

Drug Companies Sue to Block New California Drug Price Law SB 17

On December 8th, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America filed a lawsuit in federal court to block California's new drug price transparency law, SB 17, which is scheduled to take effect January 2018. The law was approved this year and imposes a required 60-day notice to health plans and other providers when drug makers intend to raise their prices beyond a certain threshold. The law also requires health insurance plans to submit annual reports to the state about which drugs are most frequently prescribed, those which are most expensive and those with the largest year-to-year price increase. If successful, the lawsuit could either delay or derail implementation of the law. The City and County of San Francisco officially supported the bill following the Human Services Agency's referral for support to the State Legislative Committee.

Board of Supervisors vote Unanimously to Approve Epic Contract

On Tuesday, December 5th, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a contract with Epic for an Electronic Health Record. An enterprise electronic health record (EHR) will improve the patient experience for San Francisco Health Network's more than 100,000 patients per year, who visit us more than 550,000 times annually. It is an essential tool for the organization to function as a unified network so that patient care and experience is consistent and of the highest quality, wherever the patient may be. By unifying our data sources, we will have access to information across the system that will allow us to measure quality and outcomes better than we can today to drive health care improvements. We are really excited about taking this major step forward for patient care.

The EHR project represents a major investment by the City and County of San Francisco, which has authorized a \$377 million budget over the next 10 years to accomplish the contracting, staffing, training, infrastructure and equipment required to bring our public health care system up to the highest standards that today's technology has to offer. This exciting news is the result of many people's hard work. I greatly appreciate the time, talent and expertise of so many who have contributed to this project. Thanks to the leadership of **Bill Kim, Albert Yu, Winona**

Mindolovich, Greg Wagner and many others for keeping us on track. The new EHR is slated to go-live in August 2019. Meanwhile, we are continuing to prepare DPH for the new enterprise EHR system through a wide variety of organizational readiness activities.

Annual Turkey Giveaway

Glide Memorial, Community Living Campaign and The San Francisco Public Health Foundation once again partnered with the Department of Public Health and other community agencies to provide holiday turkeys to Bayview and OMI Residents this year. Recipients were identified by the partnering organizations and faith-based groups and each received a turkey and trimmings. Partnering community organizations helped to organize the donations and coordinate deliveries.

Food Insecurity is a significant public health issue. It is a risk factor for chronic diseases and clinically significant hypoglycemia, and is a barrier to diabetes self-management. Food Insecurity is associated with adverse health outcomes including increased stress and depression, incomplete viral suppression among HIV positive urban poor, higher rates of hospitalization, and acute care utilization. We know that poverty has a direct impact on food security; Bayview Hunters Point and OMI has one of highest percentage of low-income residents.

Turkeys were distributed out to more than 19 community organizations and faith-based organizations including: Southeast Health Center, SFUSD, Bayview YMCA, Reducing Stigma in the Southeast (RSSE), Bayview Home Delivery, Imani Breast Cancer Group, Rafiki Health & Wellness Coalition, George Davis Senior Center, Samoan Solutions, Young Community Developers, Omega Boys Club/ Alive & Free, Joseph Lee Clients, Latino Mother's Group, Olivet Baptist Church, Double Rock Baptist Church, Calvary Hill Community Church, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, St. Marks institutional Missionary Baptist Church, All Hallows & Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Paul of the Shipwreck, New Life Fellowship Church, True Hope Church of God in Christ, New Providence Baptist Church, United House of Prayer, Without Walls Christian Fellowship, St. Paul's Tabernacle Baptist Church, Providence Baptist Church, Cornerstone Baptist, and Union Spring Missionary Baptist Church.

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<p>December 2017 Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary (12/11/17 MEC)</p>

	12/2017	07/2017 to 07/2018
New Appointments	6	151
Reinstatements		
Reappointments	48	320
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	7	109
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	5	48
Additions	19	90
Proctorship Completed	13	126

Current Statistics – as of 12/1/17		
Active Staff	562	
Courtesy Staff	532	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	268	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,362	

Applications in Process	23
Applications Withdrawn Month of December 2017	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 1/2018 to 3/2018	130

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December 2017
Health Commission - Director of Health Report
 (November 30, 2017 Medical Exec Committee approval)

	December	(FY 2017-2018) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	1	11
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	7	34
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired	1	7
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Administrative Suspension	1	7
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	2
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 11/01/2017	
Active Medical Staff	37
As-Needed Medical Staff	9
External Consultant Medical Staff	44
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Health Professionals	15
TOTAL MEMBERS	107

Applications in Process	4
Applications Withdrawn this month	0