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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300 or Room 302
San Francisco, CA 94102**

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.

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

Commissioner Chow noted that former Health Commissioner, David Singer, resigned from the Commission in mid-January for personal reasons. He acknowledged the hard work and dedication that Mr. Singer devoted to his role as a Health Commissioner since his appointment in 2013, and wished his well in his future endeavors.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2017

Commissioner Comments:

Action Taken: The minutes were unanimously approved ~~with the revision noted above.~~

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>

Mayor Edwin M. Lee response to the Executive Order on immigration

Shortly the recent immigration ban was announced, Mayor Ed Lee sent this email to all city departments. Here's what he said "I commend the judge that granted the emergency stay today, allowing Muslim immigrants with valid visas to enter the United States. As the son of Chinese immigrants, I am disgusted by the President's Executive Order to target the Muslim community and ban immigrants from entering the United States. Our country was built by immigrants in search of religious freedom and a life free of persecution and violence. These actions are a direct betrayal of those American values. We cannot turn our backs on those

looking for a better, safer life for themselves and their children. Now is the time to be firm in our values of inclusion, compassion and liberty for all. In San Francisco, we stand shoulder to shoulder with our Muslim and immigrant communities and promise to continue to lift the lamp for all those in search of a better life.”

City Attorney files federal lawsuit to protect Sanctuary City Policies

On Wednesday, Jan 31st, City Attorney Dennis Herrera filed a federal lawsuit against President Donald Trump and his administration for his Executive Order directing enforcement action against sanctuary cities and threatening to withhold federal funding from these cities. The suit claims that the order is unconstitutional and exceeds the president’s power.

“The president’s executive order is not only unconstitutional, it’s un-American,” said Herrera. “That is why we must stand up and oppose it. We are a nation of immigrants and a land of laws.” We are all safer when everyone, including undocumented immigrants, feel safe reporting crimes,” Herrera said. “We are all healthier when every resident has access to public health programs. We are all smarter and economically stronger when every child attends school.” A copy of the case can be seen here: <http://www.sfcityattorney.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Complaint.pdf>

Response to ICE appearance at Good Samaritan Family Resource Center

On Thursday, January 26th, agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) appeared at Good Samaritan Family Resource Center in the Mission District. According to news reports, immigration officials said it was not a raid, but that they were attempting to find a convicted sex offender wanted for deportation at an address nearby. We don’t know all the details of what happened, and why. But we do know that the visit was very rattling to the staff at Good Samaritan and to the broader community based organizations and immigrant community. Coming on the heels of President Trump signing executive orders to set in motion building a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and to strip federal funding from sanctuary cities, this brief visit by ICE sounds an alarm for many members of our community. At the Health Department, our mission has not changed. We are dedicated to serving all those in need of care, without regard to immigration or insurance status. The Mayor has pledged that San Francisco always will be a sanctuary city.

We are working with community organizations, the Mayor’s office and other city agencies to ensure that all San Franciscans, including immigrants, continue to access services in their communities. On January 31st City Attorney Dennis Herrera brought suit against President Trump and his administration for his order directing enforcement action against sanctuary cities and threatening to withhold federal funding. We are consulting with the City Attorney to make sure we have the strongest legal advice moving forward. We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. We will be collecting your questions and concerns and continuing to support you. Please refer any questions to post-election@sfdph.org.

SFDPH Social Worker Responds to Fears of Immigrant Families

Shauna Riley is a Social Worker with San Francisco Department of Public Health and works with families enrolled in California Children’s Services (CCS). CCS is a state program for children with complex medical conditions and other special health care needs. Through this 90 year old program, children from birth to 21 years old can get the health care and services they need. The staff of CCS have received several comments and telephone calls from our immigrant families expressing concern regarding the newly elected President’s immigrant policies. Families still express worry even knowing that we live in a sanctuary city and are fearful for their family’s future. When clients call in, Shauna reassures them our mission has not changed. We are dedicated to serving all those in need of care, without regard to immigration or insurance status. The Mayor has pledged that San Francisco always will be a sanctuary city. Shauna provides the staff and families she works with resources such as the hand-out from the National Immigration Law Center.

<https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Rights-No-Matter-Who-Is-Pres-2016-11-10.pdf>

Health Department Supports City Priorities

The Health Department is fully committed to many of the City's major initiatives, as outlined January 26 by Mayor Ed Lee in his State of the City address. Our mission is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans. We do that in many ways, including tackling today's priorities in the arenas of mental health, active drug users and homeless health. We will be working with the Mayor's office, other city agencies and community partners this year to make our streets and sidewalks safer and healthier for all San Franciscans. To accomplish that, we are expanding services and capacity in many areas -- adding hours and beds and expanding outreach and response activities.

In terms of mental health, we are continuing to expand capacity throughout the city. We will soon open the City's newest navigation center at Hummingbird Place with 15 beds for homeless clients with mental health and substance abuse issues. Our Assisted Outpatient Treatment program (aka Laura's Law) has shown great success in its first year, helping connect people to needed treatment by collaborating with families and the courts. Next, we propose to extend that collaborative approach to the Conservatorship Court in order to help keep people in care until they are on solid footing on a path to wellness and recovery.

For the overlapping issues of active drug users, syringe litter and homeless health, several activities are underway and expanding. We will add more syringe disposal boxes and boost the response to complaints about discarded needles. We will expand services for active drug users, to promote safety and provide alternatives to the streets. We are increasing services for this group by adding 40 hours per week at the Harm Reduction Center. We are expanding the Medical Respite for homeless patients by 30 new beds. Our street medicine team will continue to pilot working directly with active drug users, providing urgent care, access to treatment and making it easier for them to start breaking the cycle of addiction. We will continue to monitor the possibility of legal supervised injection services.

Board of Supervisors unanimously approves UCSF research building at ZSFG

On Tuesday, January 31st, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted 11-0 to allow UCSF to build their research building on the campus of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. The lease agreement allows UCSF to build the 175,000 square foot, \$200 million facility in the space that is now the parking lot outside the former Emergency Room. The research and academic building will replace the seismically unsafe buildings that currently house UCSF offices and labs, which must be evacuated by 2019 under UCSF policy. UCSF has agreed to pay \$10 million dollars toward the \$28 million dollar cost of reestablishing the 130 parking spaces that will be demolished for the building. UCSF will also vacate 130 spaces in the current multi-level parking structure to allow for patient parking. UCSF employees will be asked to park offsite and will instead be shuttled to ZSFG. SFPD will work with SFMTA to manage parking plans going forward and will report back to the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis.

Medical Clown Project at Laguna Honda featured on Smithsonian Institution website

The Smithsonian Institution Folklife Website features the work of the Bay Area Medical Clown Project at Laguna Honda (<http://www.festival.si.edu/2017/circus-arts/profiles/smithsonian>). The Medical Clown Project provides medical clown services at hospitals, long-term care facilities and elder day programs throughout the Bay Area. The medical clowns have specialized training in therapeutic medical clowning, and clowns are able to connect with patients/residents through music, humor, acrobatics and more.

The Medical Clown Project began providing services on dementia focused units at Laguna Honda Hospital in 2013. Over the past couple of years, Laguna Honda has successfully hosted two Medical Clowns shows - in May 2015 and November 2016 respectively.

Electronic Health Record Request for Proposal Update

Our Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Electronic Health Record went out on January 17, 2017. We expect to have demos in July and to make an award by August 31, 2017. We hope to start January 2018 with a new Electronic Health Record. Staff have been informed of the very strict guidelines that exist for the RFP process

and were cautioned not to discuss specifics or vendors in order to maintain a fair and ethical RFP process. FAQs are being developed to inform and guide the staff in the RFP process, and how review panels will be selected.

Addressing overdose by Increasing Naloxone Availability

California's Assembly Bill AB1535 allowed pharmacists to furnish naloxone to any person at risk of experiencing or witnessing an overdose. In the fall of last year, the Behavioral Health pharmacy staff hosted a public event to announce the pharmacy's ability to furnish naloxone without a prescription. Since that event, the pharmacy's monthly distribution of naloxone has quadrupled. Since the implementation of pharmacists furnishing naloxone without a prescription 50 percent of the naloxone being dispensed is to consumers not connected with our substance use treatment programs, indicating the expansion has been successful. The pharmacy staff looks forward to continuing to expand its role in community safety and substance use services.

Environmental Health and Policy & Planning honored at City Data and Innovation Awards

SFDPH staff from Environmental Health and Policy & Planning, as well as their partners from Planning and OEWD, are being honored by the Mayor at a lunch on February 16th as a part of the first City Data and Innovation Awards for their innovative work on the Central Market/Tenderloin Data Portal, winning the "Bridge Builder" category. The project involves advancing health and equity utilizing data in partnership with city and community stakeholders. Staff who will be recognized include Environmental Health staff Megan Wall Shui, Mimi Tam, and Max Gara; Policy & Planning staff Andrea Nelson and Paolo Ikezoe, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development staff, Juan Carlos. Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership staff including Will Douglas, Abbie Yant, Jennifer Kiss, and Jennifer Lacson have been instrumental in bringing this project about.

This project is in collaboration with St. Francis Memorial Hospital and its Foundation and was funded in part by the Centers for Disease Control Healthy Community Design grant.

Black History Month Celebration

Laguna Honda will be hosting this year's DPH-wide Black History celebration on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 8:30am-5:00pm. Speakers include Dr. Kenneth Hardy, Dr. Joy DeGruy and Harriet Washington. Speakers will discuss the impact of the health care system on African Americans in this post-hope and post-change era and will address the aftermath of historical trauma and today's societal need for racial humility. Register today at www.tinyurl.com/laguna-honda-hospital

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow stated that he is pleased that the BOS approved of the UCSF Research Building. He asked if there are still discussions occurring about parking issues. Director Garcia stated that 138 parking spaces have already been approved. The next steps are to strategize how best to provide transportation options for patients and employees; in the future, there will be an exploration of expanding the garage capacity. She also acknowledged the effective work of Mark Primeau, Colleen Chawla, and Greg Wagner in the UCSF Research Building negotiations.

Commissioner Pating requested an update on winter shelter openings due to the rain. Director Garcia stated that she can provide this information in future Director Reports.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chung, Chair, stated that the Committee recommended that the full Health Commission approve each item on the Consent Calendar. She noted that there is a correction on the Contracts Report for

the San Francisco Unified School District contract; the correct amount of the total contract amount is \$761,600, the priori annual amount without contingency is \$355,000, the annual difference is \$83,000, and the percentage of annual difference is 24%.

Commissioner Pating thanked the SFDPH Fiscal staff for providing the Commissioners with more information regarding the UCSF Citywide Employment Program contract.

Commissioner Sanchez noted that in regard to the two nursing registry contracts, he suggested that the SFDPH consider investing in links within local nursing master's degree programs in order to create new pathways to nurses within the San Francisco Health Network.

Commissioner Karshmer thanked ZSFG and LHH for providing local nursing students with broad clinical experience.

6) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action Taken: The following items were unanimously approved by the Health Commission:

- FEBRUARY 2017 CONTRACTS REPORT (With correction noted in item 5.)
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$295,120 FOR REVENUE CYCLE CURRENT STATE PROCESS MAPPING IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2017, THROUGH JULY 31, 2017 (6 MONTHS).
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP (PCG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,880, FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST IN PREPARING FOR THE NEW ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD PROJECT, FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2018 (1 YEAR).
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH PSG 340B SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$622,720, FOR 340B SPLIT BILLING SOFTWARE, FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022 (5 YEARS).
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH POWER PERSONNEL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,120,000 TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED SUPPLEMENTAL TRAVELING NURSE PERSONNEL, BACK-FILL AND SURGE STAFFING FOR THE TERM OF MAY 1, 2017, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020 (3 YEARS).
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,120,000 WITH PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE ENTERPRISES, INC. DBA UNI TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED SUPPLEMENTAL TRAVELING NURSE PERSONNEL, BACK-FILL AND SURGE STAFFING FOR THE TERM OF MAY 1, 2017, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020 (3 YEARS).

7) **SFDPH NON-HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Edward A. Chow, Health Commission President, introduced the awards, which were distributed to the following individuals/teams:

Tracy Shaw-Senigar

Eileen Loughran

Field Public Health Nursing Unit:

- Aline Armstrong
- Diane Beetham
- Helen Chen
- Susan Yu

San Francisco Health Network Dental Services Staff:

- Steven Ambrose
- Martin Chee
- Evan Filler
- Elaine Fok
- Irene Hilton
- Ron Lee
- Sieow Limisco
- Josephine Ng

- Elisabeth Chicoine
- Amit Shaham
- Elizabeth Foy
- Mayela Gutknecht
- Nelda Malilay
- Michelle Salas
- Linda Woo-Lim
- Bernice Huey
- Erma Riley
- Leigh Rossi
- Nadia Navarro
- Jennifer Acosta
- Jodi Acosta
- Jodi Stookey
- Ameerah Thomas
- Alecia Marin

- Lillian Quan
- Marco Reyes
- Doreen Toy
- Warren Wong
- Mercedes Keeney
- Ana Serrano
- Claire Sit
- Heidi Almarc
- Karina Arrospide-Barillas
- Lorena Davila
- Nancy Gao
- Annie Huang
- Kitman Ho
- Terri Lam
- Zoraida Leandro
- MaryAnn Market
- Jennepher Pascual
- Cirila Perez
- Michelle Ponce Lingle
- Herminia Repiedad
- Shirley Yim
- Winnie Zeng
- Anthony Lin

Healthy Housing and Vector Control Program:

- Mario Oblena
- Nader Shatara
- Marisol Cuevas, REHS
- Manny Barretto, REHS
- Irene Sanchez
- Roberto Arevalo
- Carolyn Lam
- Joanna Pong
- Patrick Wood
- Amy Johnson
- Luisa Garfil
- Jade Shek
- Yoonjung Kim
- Carrie Amato
- Kevin Eng
- Kristine Der

8) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S 2017 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLANS

Cyndy Comerford, Office of Policy and Planning, presented the resolution.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thanked Ms. Comerford for revising the plans with the Commissioners' comments from the January 17, 2017 meeting.

Action Taken: The resolution was unanimously approved. (See Attachment A)

9) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA END OF LIFE OPTION ACT IN THE SAN FRANCISCO NETWORK

Sneha Patil, Office of Policy and Planning, presented the resolution.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow requested an update on lessons learned through the implementation of the End of Life Act in approximately one year.

Action Taken: The resolution was unanimously approved. (See Attachment B)

10) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND RETROACTIVELY A GIFT OF \$80,000.00 TO THE LAGUNA HONDA GIFT FUND FROM MOLLY FLEISCHNER

Mivic Hirose, LHH Executive Administrator, presented the resolution.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Pating asked for clarification on how the gift can be used for patient-related technology. Ms. Hirose gave several examples of patients with special needs including a resident who can only communicate using one toe and others who are unable to speak without assistance from devices.

Action Taken: The resolution was unanimously approved. (See Attachment C)

11) SFDPH FY17-19 BUDGET UPDATE

Greg Wagner, SFDPH CFO, gave the presentation. The Health Commission will vote on the SFDPH budget at its February 21, 2017 meeting.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Pating asked if the budget had changed substantially since the Health Commission had received an update in November. Mr. Wagner stated that the overall budget is very similar; however, the final rate of employee growth will be adjusted based on the Mayor's current budget instructions. He added that in November the SFDPH had projected 3% growth in staffing. He also noted that in November the safety net waiver funds were uncertain but now the SFDPH has that information. Director Garcia stated that she has asked SFDPH managers to plan for other budget crises to prepare for possible impact of federal funding changes but noted this was not included in the Mayor's budget instructions.

Commissioner Pating asked if the SFDPH has other reserves in addition to the electronic health record (EHR) fund. Mr. Wagner stated that the SFDPH has a revenue reserve fund that enables it to defer revenues to a reserve fund when there are surplus amounts within a year; this fund currently has approximately \$100 million. As the SFDPH books revenues from the CMS waiver, it reserves funds on the general ledger from take backs from the federal government. He noted that at present it is not possible to anticipate future changes in federal budget policies.

Commissioner Pating asked if the Lean process is being applied to the SFDPH financial systems. Mr. Wagner stated that Lean will be applied to areas with the SFDPH that impact revenue such as the ZSFG patient flow process.

Commissioner Pating asked if the SFDPH has already posted all medical staff vacancies in an effort to protect itself from a city-wide hiring freeze. Mr. Wagner stated that the CCSF has never stopped the SFDPH from hiring necessary medical staff during past hiring freezes.

Commissioner Loyce asked for an explanation of the footnote on slide 4. Mr. Wagner stated that he will check with the Controller's Office to find out more information on the incomplete footnote.

Commissioner Karshmer asked if the Mayor issued a directive for the SFDPH not to increase its staffing amount. Mr. Wagner stated that the SFDPH is using last year's approved budget as its baseline. Director Garcia

stated that all SFDPH managers have been fully cooperative in analyzing current staffing needs and open requisitions.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked Mr. Wagner for the presentation. He encouraged the SFDPH to examine its current partnerships to maximize resources and urged CCSF to convert existing buildings into multiservice centers to utilize the City's resources at minimum cost.

12) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

13) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow, ZSFG JCC Chair, stated that at its January 24, 2017 meeting, the committee:

- Discussed a presentation on the ZSFG Strategic Director for fiscal year 2016-2017 which included the five True North Goals and related metrics: Workforce Care and Development, Financial Stewardship, Care Experience, Quality, and Safety.
- The Committee also reviewed and discussed the following standard reports including: Quality Management and Regulatory Affairs, Hospital Administrator's Report, Human Resources Report and
- The Patient Care Services Report. Under the Chief of Medical Staff Report, the Committee approved the following:
 - New CPC Service Chief
 - New Lab Service Chief
 - Medicine SP Revisions
 - End of Life Physician Opt In Form
 - Community Primary Care Clinical Service Rules and Regulations
- In closed session, the Committee approved the PIPS Minutes and the Credentials Report.

14) COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

Commissioner Chow reminded the Commissioners of the joint meeting with the Planning Commission on February 9, 2017 at 10am at City Hall, room 400.

15) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.

Attachment A

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 17-1**

**APPROVING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
2017 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLANS**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health's (SFPDH) Strategic Plan prioritizes engagement in State and federal advocacy in order to ensure that health policy changes are consistent with Department priorities; and

WHEREAS, SFPDH's advocacy activities are coordinated in the Office of Policy and Planning, which, through legislative analysis, participation in statewide coalitions, and collaboration with community partners and colleagues from other counties, reviews and analyzes health-related legislation for the Department and the City; and

WHEREAS, A number of important issues that will have a significant impact on achievement of SFPDH's budget priorities and the citywide Community Health Improvement priorities will likely be considered by state and federal legislative bodies in 2017, including behavioral health, forensic health, health care reform, Medi-Cal, climate change and justice, maternal, child and adolescent health; hospital and county health funding; and population health and prevention.

WHEREAS, SFPDH participates in a number of statewide associations representing various county health professionals, including health executives, health officers, public hospital executives, and behavioral health directors, to ensure that San Francisco positions are represented in coalition positions on legislation; and

WHEREAS, SFPDH coordinates engagement in State and federal policymaking and legislative advocacy through the Mayor's Office of Legislative and Government Affairs to advocate for health policy that is consistent with SFPDH and citywide priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains lobbyists in Washington, DC and Sacramento, with whom SFPDH staff works to ensure that health policy positions approved by the Mayor's Office and consistent with SFPDH priorities are represented in federal and State advocacy; and

WHEREAS, SFPDH's 2017 state and federal legislative plans reflect SFPDH's health policy priorities, and are an important tool for the City to advocate for health policy and legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Health Commission approves SFPDH's 2017 federal and state legislative plans.

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 7, 2017 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

Attachment B

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 17-2**

**IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA END OF LIFE OPTION ACT IN THE SAN FRANCISCO
HEALTH NETWORK**

WHEREAS, With the passage of AB 15, which became effective on June 9, 2016, California became the fifth state to legalize “aid-in-dying”, after Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and Montana; and

WHEREAS, the California End of Life Option Act permits “aid-in-dying” which enables terminally ill adults with the capacity to make medical decisions, to request a prescription for an aid-in dying drug to end their life in a humane and dignified manner; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) recognizes the diversity of perspectives on end-of-life decisions; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH supports the advancement of end of life care, including palliative care practices as expressed in Health Commission Resolution 14-18; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors previously passed a resolution (File No. 150629) in support of SB 128, an earlier version of AB 15; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH respects that the end of life is a complex time for individuals with terminal illness and recognizes that the practice of “aid-in-dying” provides another option for patients to consider; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that appropriate San Francisco Health Network patients who wish to access this option have a pathway to do so, SFDPH convened a multi-disciplinary Advisory Committee with representation from across the San Francisco Health Network to develop a policy for implementation of the California End of Life Option Act; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH’s policy supports the provision of a spectrum of end-of-life care for San Francisco Health Network patients, which has long included hospice and palliative care, and, now includes the End of Life Option Act; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission supports the rights of patients to have the opportunity to make medical decisions for themselves in alignment with “California AB 15;” and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission commends SFDPH’s proactive and system-wide approach to provide end of life care for its patients;

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 7, 2017 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

Attachment C

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 17-3**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND RETROACTIVELY A GIFT OF \$80,000.00 TO THE LAGUNA HONDA GIFT FUND FROM MOLLY FLEISCHNER.

WHEREAS, Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (Laguna Honda) is part of the San Francisco Health Network operated by the Department of Public Health and is a safety net and community hospital, with a mission to provide a welcoming, therapeutic, and healing environment that promotes the individual's health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Molly Fleischner has made a gift to the Laguna Honda Hospital Gift Fund in the amount of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) for the purchase of assistive technology equipment and services for residents at Laguna Honda who are otherwise unable to obtain them; and

WHEREAS, this is the second major donation from Ms. Fleischner in as many years to the Laguna Honda Gift Fund for this purpose.

WHEREAS, assistive technology equipment and services enables Laguna Honda residents to increase their independence and quality of life by being able to control their environment and interact more freely with others; and

WHEREAS, the Laguna Honda Hospital Gift Fund is used to benefit the residents at Laguna Honda, including providing comfort and support for all hospital residents; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisor accept and expend retroactively a gift of cash in accordance with the intent of Molly Fleischner – a gift in the value of up to eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) donated to the Laguna Honda Hospital Gift Fund for the purchase of assistive technology equipment and services for residents at Laguna Honda who are otherwise unable to obtain them; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the donation will be accepted and expended consistent with San Francisco Administrative Code Sections governing the acceptance of gifts to the City and County of San Francisco, including San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 10.100-305 and 10.100-201.

FURTHER RESOLVED That the San Francisco Health Commission is deeply grateful to Ms. Fleischner for her generous donation to Laguna Honda in support of its mission within our community.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on February 7, 2017, adopted the foregoing resolution

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary