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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, February 21, 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 James Loyce, Jr., M.S.
Commissioner David Pating, M.D.
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Judith Karshmer, Ph.D., PMHCNS-BC

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioners Sanchez and Chow requested that the Health Commission receive a copy of the February 9, 2017 Planning Commission minutes of the joint session between the Planning Commission and Health Commission. Mr. Morewitz stated that he would send the minutes to the Health Commissioners when they are completed by the Planning Department staff.

Action Taken: The minutes of February 7, 2017 and February 9, 2017 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>

City's Administrative Code Modified to Include List of Banned City-Funded Travel

On October 14, 2016, the Board of Supervisors passed an Ordinance (file No. 160425) which places a ban on City-funded travel to and City contracts involving states with anti-LGBT laws. This Ordinance under Administrative Code Section 12X.5(a) was enacted February 11, 2017. Under the Ordinance, a State list is to be published and maintained by the Office of the City Administrator. After review, the following States have been placed on the list and posted on the website of the Office of Contract Administration.

- Kansas
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- Tennessee

The State list will be reviewed on a regular basis. If or when a state is removed or added, the Office of the City Administrator will make that information public and update all necessary documentation.

New DPH policy on Immigration Status and Interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents

DPH has created a new policy and procedure detail on “Immigration Status and Interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents.” The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all staff members are providing services in alignment with DPH’s mission and San Francisco’s Sanctuary City Ordinance. The policy provides procedures for staff to use in interactions with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The policy is available on the SFDPH Website in the Policy and Procedures Library linked here. The policy states that DPH staff must:

- Provide services to patients and clients regardless of immigration or documentation status at all DPH facilities.
- Comply with San Francisco’s Sanctuary City Ordinance, which prohibits the use of City funds or resources to assist ICE with arrests and/or the gathering or dissemination of information regarding the release status or the personal or confidential information of an individual, unless it is mandated by federal or state law, warrant, or court decision.
- Review the San Francisco Department of Human Resources’ “Reminder about Sanctuary City Obligations,” dated January 19, 2017.
- Review the procedures outlined in the policy that provide guidance on how DPH employees should interact with federal immigration authorities.

Mayor Signs Legislation Allowing UCSF Research Building at Zuckerberg San Francisco General

Mayor Edwin M. Lee joined physicians, researchers and patients on Monday, Feb 13th for the signing of an ordinance that will allow UC San Francisco to proceed with construction of a new research and academic building at [Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center \(ZSFG\)](#). The planned \$188 million building – to be paid for by UCSF at no cost to city taxpayers – will provide much-needed research space for more than 800 physician-scientists, trainees and staff who work at ZSFG and are currently dispersed among several old buildings on the campus. The on-site presence of a robust research program is critical to maintaining top-quality patient care at ZSFG, one of the nation’s premier community hospitals. It’s one of the key factors in the hospital maintaining its designation as the City’s sole Level 1 Trauma Center, a rank reserved by the American College of Surgeons for the highest-quality, most comprehensive trauma treatment centers. ZSFG trauma specialists treat more than 4,000 patients with critical injuries each year. It’s also key for retaining and recruiting the world-class physicians who choose to work at ZSFG because of its public mission.

Golden Compass, a New HIV clinic catering to geriatric AIDS patients opens at Zuckerberg San Francisco General

Thirty five years after Ward 86 opened, in response to the first wave of the AIDS crisis, it is adding a remarkable new addition: a geriatric clinic. As patients grow older, and as AIDS is no longer an imminent death threat, patients’ medical needs are changing. Instead of worrying primarily about HIV and its related infections, patients are now facing heart disease, cognitive decline, bone weakness and hearing and vision problems. “This is all still new. We’re still figuring out how to think about the chronic conditions people are facing and not just their viral load or T-cell count,” said Dr. Meredith Greene, associate director of the geriatric clinic. “We’re starting to recognize that things have changed.” The new clinic, called Golden Compass, started in January and is growing, with classes, consultations and support groups for people with HIV age 50 and older. It opened with a \$100,000 donation made last year by AIDS Walk, which recently committed another \$75,000. Ideally, clinic

leaders hope to get permanent funding from the city. Greene, a UCSF physician who specializes in geriatric care and HIV and has been consulting part-time at Ward 86 for more than a year, said the project is among the first of its kind in the United States. In the weeks since it opened, she said, people have been calling from around the country to express interest in launching similar programs. (Excerpted from SF Chronicle article- for full article click here: <http://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/New-SF-General-clinic-treats-older-HIV-patients-10904711.php>)

CityHealth Medal Rankings Released

On February 15, 2017, The de Beaumont Foundation's CityHealth project team released a first-ever assessment of how the 40 largest US cities stack up when it comes to a set of nine policies that can significantly improve health and quality of life as identified by city leaders, national experts and community organizations.

The CityHealth team worked with the nation's leading issue experts to score each policy—gold, silver, bronze, or no medal—based on the best practices of the day. Their partner organizations include the American Heart Association, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, the National Partnership for Women and Families, and the National Institute for Early Education Research, among others. San Francisco scored an overall silver medal, with 5 or more gold and silver rated policies. Links to full report can be found here: www.cityhealth.org

Heroes & Hearts

Each year, the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation joins the public health community to honor those within the community who go above and beyond to care for San Francisco's people. The Heroes demonstrate exceptional and inspirational expertise in health care and they are honored by sharing their stories at the annual Heroes & Hearts luncheon in February. This year's heroes included Peggy Knudsen, Professor of surgery, UCSF, attending trauma surgeon, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.

Dr. Knudson was recognized for her emergency intervention, surgery, and recovery care of 6-year old Zachery Vines. On September 30, 2016, Zachery was rushed to the ZSFG trauma center with life-threatening injuries. Dr. Knudson quickly assessed his dire condition and immediately had him prepared for surgery. Her quick thinking and expert surgical skills saved Zachery's life and he has now fully recovered and is back in kindergarten.

Dr. Dean Schillinger, Professor of Medicine, UCSF; Chief, UCSF Division of General Internal Medicine; Director, Health Communications Program at the Center for Vulnerable Populations at Zuckerberg San Francisco General. Dr. Schillinger was recognized for his numerous contributions in research and programming related to health literacy, diabetes, and public health, as well as his transformative role in setting standards for relationship-centered care. He has also channeled his dedication to primary care and patient well-being at ZSFG into impactful programs that foster greater community health outside of ZSFG and clinics.

Also recognized were Anais Amaya and Jia-Min Cheng who work to connect patients at ZSFG with resources that help them overcome legal obstacles in their lives. Anais Amaya, program manager ZSFG Health Advocates and Jia-Min Cheng, staff attorney of the San Francisco Medical-Legal Partnership at the Children's Health Center at ZSFG were awarded for improving the quality of life for ZSFG patients and helping advance the health outcomes of patients seeking care.

Vision Zero Press Conference

On February 8, 2017, AB 342 - the Safe Streets Act of 2017 - was introduced by State Assemblymember David Chiu. It will allow a pilot program for Automated Speed Enforcement in San Francisco and San Jose. When implemented, Automated Speed Enforcement has been demonstrated to have significant benefits for slowing speeds and saving lives, and is a key policy tool for Vision Zero's goal of eliminating traffic deaths.

The legislation was announced at a press conference at Zuckerberg San Francisco General, with a gracious welcome by Dr. Susan Ehrlich and trauma surgeon Dr. Lucy Kornblith who spoke about the magnitude, severity and costs of transportation-related injuries seen at ZSFG's trauma center. Speakers also included Mayor Ed Lee, Assemblymember David Chiu, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, San Francisco Supervisor Norman Yee, SFPD Chief William Scott, SFMTA Board Chair Cheryl Brinkman, and Bay Area Families for Safe Streets members who shared their heartbreaking stories of family members lost or severely injured in traffic collisions on SF streets.

The ongoing strong showing of medical and public health professionals, standing with our community members, elected officials, and transportation and law enforcement colleagues, is what brought us to where we are today, and we thank all who have helped in this effort to prevent these preventable traffic injuries and deaths.

City Collaborates to get syringes off the street, provide street medicine and more

On Thursday February 2, 2017, staff from several city departments led by DPH staff Eileen Loughran, piloted an outreach event at two encampments. This was their second event, and involves a collaboration of multiple City departments and DPH-funded Community Based Organizations. The City partners include: DPH Street medicine, SFHOT, DPH Community Health Equity & promotion Branch, the Encampment Resolution Team, and our funded providers from Glide and San Francisco Syringe Access Services. The goal is to go to encampments to provide street medicine, HIV & Hep C Testing, Narcan trainings, Harm Reduction Supplies, and Syringe Clean-up.

Avon Breast Center partners with Tom Waddell Urban Health for Clothing Drive

The Avon Breast Center at Zuckerberg San Francisco General is working with Tom Waddell Urban Health Center to celebrate Woman's Health Day on March 11, 2017. Avon would like you to donate your new and gently used clothing for their outreach program and for free distribution to those in need. Bring your donation to Avon Breast Center Bldg. 4, from now until March 1, 2017, between the hours of 8 am – 2 pm.

Behavioral Health Center Staff Assist Displaced Residents in Fire Incident

On February 3rd, a devastating fire in Chinatown displaced 20-25 elderly Chinese-speaking residents. DPH Behavioral Health Staff, including two Cantonese speaking psychiatric social workers were able to assist displaced residents at the American Red Cross Shelter set up to temporarily shelter the victims. Thanks to Edwin Batongbacal for organizing the response.

Public Health Hero Awards

The Public Health Hero Award recognizes the outstanding work of individuals working within and outside the Department of Public Health to advance the health and well-being of the residents of San Francisco and surrounding communities. A person can nominate a public health hero by completing the following form: https://dphhumanresourcesdotcom.files.wordpress.com/2017/01/public-health-hero-award_nomination_form-final.pdf and submitting it to Elaine.Lee@sfdph.org. Nominations will be accepted on an ongoing basis and Public Health Heroes will be recognized during the DPH Integration Steering Committee meetings.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow requested that the DPH Policy, "Immigration Status and Interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents Policy," highlighted in the Director's Report be sent to the Commissioners. Mr. Morewitz stated that he would send the link to all the Health Commissioners.

Commissioner Sanchez noted that former Health Commissioner, Roma Guy, is featured in an upcoming ABC miniseries on LGBTQ activism. He stated that Ms. Guy has worked tirelessly for decades to improve San Francisco and her work has included serving on the Health Commission.

Commissioner Loyce stated that he previewed the miniseries entitled, “When We Rise” at the Castro Theater with many other community members and stated that it features Commissioner Chung in addition to former Commissioner Guy. He added that the series is very worthwhile and highlights the importance of community involvement.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that he attended the recent “Hearts and Heroes” fundraising event for the SFGH Foundation and added that the event raised the largest amount of funds in its history. He also noted that several former San Francisco Mayors were present to support the effort.

Commissioner Chow thanked Commissioner Sanchez for his role on the board of the SFGH Foundation and asked if the nighttime “Hearts and Heroes” event was also held this year. Commissioner Pating stated that the nighttime event was not held this year.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Commissioner Pating, Chair, stated that the committee heard an update from Jail Health Services (JHS) and Center for Learning and Innovation. Dr. Lisa Pratt, Director of JHS, has been in her role for less than a year and has been doing a wonderful job. JHS sees approximately 12,500 unique individuals per year. He added that JHS has developed True North Metrics regarding the provision of Narcan; linking HIV infected inmates to community services; and ensuring effective transfers from jails to hospitals and other specialty services. He also stated that there is especially strong physician-to-physician communication regarding HIV infected patients; this includes warm hand-off techniques when these inmates are discharged to the community. In addition, he stated that the jails continue to see a decrease in its annual census.

Regarding the Center for Learning and Innovation update, Commissioner Pating stated that the unit of the Population Health Division helps to implement Trauma Informed Systems, Cultural Humility, Collective Impact, and Continuous Improvement trainings. He noted that there similar units within LHH, ZSFG, and the San Francisco Health Network.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding the goal of 80% of HIV positive inmates will receive discharge packets. Commissioner Pating stated that a huge portion of inmates are released within 24 hours without notice to the Jail Health Services staff; it is not possible to successfully assess or provide non-urgent medical care or discharge planning in this timeframe. He noted that that for the 60% of inmates who stay longer than 72 hours, Jail Health Services is able to provide assessment, medical care, and discharge planning.

6) SFDPH FY17-19 BUDGET UPDATE

Greg Wagner presented the SFDPH FY17-19 Budget.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thanked Mr. Wagner and the SFDPH fiscal staff for making the presentation and materials so clear to read. He informed the Health Commission that their task is to review and discuss the proposed budget with the goal of approving and sending it to the Mayor’s office.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked the SFDPH fiscal staff and Director Garcia for the work conducted with integrity over the last few years that have led to this budget review.

Commissioner Pating asked if the SFDPH expects to expand Emergency Medical Services (EMS) when it is transferred to the SFDPH; he also asked how the transfer will impact the unit’s budget. Director Garcia stated

that the Mayor has agreed to add seven positions to the EMS base budget to ensure the infrastructure is intact for the transfer.

Commissioner Pating asked for clarification regarding the two-year budget process. Mr. Wagner stated that the Mayor requested several years ago that Departments develop two-year budgets in order to balance the City Budget within the two-year period. Mr. Wagner stated that the City's 5-Year Financial Plan projects possible deficits. He noted that the SFDPH 5-year plan will have to be reconciled with the actual budget numbers. He also stated that the SFDPH is in alignment with the previous and current budget goals set by the Mayor. He also added that the SFDPH is very conscious of the next budget cycles as it plans its current cycle.

Commissioner Loyce thanked Mr. Wagner for the clear budget presentation. He is pleased with the clarity in documentation of proposed program changes.

Commissioner Chow stated that the brevity of the Health Commission discussion of this item reflects the effective work done by the SFDPH on its budget process in the last several years. He added that the two-year budget planning process has enabled the SFDPH to increase its fiscal efficiencies. He also stated that the Health Commission may wish to focus on the budget for the next five years in its next planning session.

Commissioner Pating asked if the SFDPH has improved its revenue collection. Mr. Wagner stated that some revenue increases are due to rate increases but other increases are due to the increased Waiver reimbursement that the SFDPH can draw down. He noted that the increases in Waiver reimbursement is due to the changes made in operations to meet the metrics required by Waiver programs.

Director Garcia thanked Mr. Wagner and Jen Louie, SFDPH Budget Director, for their effective work. She noted that the SFDPH staff is concerned about the next two budget years and will continue to work together to plan effectively.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the FY17-19 Budget.

7) 2016 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY BOND UPDATE

Mark Primeau, SFDPH Capital Planning, gave the update.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification of the term "Project Control." Mr. Primeau stated that this term means that the Department of Public Works (DPW) provides support services to manage the project which includes the architect, engineer, construction management, quality assurance, quality control, and the OSPHPD onsite inspections.

Commissioner Chow asked if the bond covers equipment. Director Garcia stated that the bond does not cover costs of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE). Mr. Wagner stated that the SFDPH is working on projections for FFE and have allocated some FY17-18 budget funds for these items. He added that in last year's budget, there was allocation for these FFE and the SFDPH 5-year financial plan includes \$5 million for these items. He also stated that additional funds will have to be found to pay for the remainder of the FFE. He also stated that a consultant will be used to list every piece of equipment that will be needed so an accurate FFE budget can be developed.

Commissioner Pating stated that the SFDPH clinic spaces do not currently reflect the excellent work being provided to patients. He requested that the Health Commission have an opportunity to review final plans for these buildings to better understand the process. Director Garcia stated that as the designs are completed, they will be presented to the Health Commission.

Commissioner Loyce thanked Mr. Wagner for the presentation. He asked for clarification of the GO Oversight Committee fee. Mr. Primeau stated that there are voter approved measures that the Controller office worked closely with SFDPH to develop fees; the monitoring fee is the amount of money necessary for the Controller's Office to monitor city construction projects funding by bond money to ensure vendors are not overcharging any aspect of the project. The Controller's Office may also review a special problem and work with the SFDPH to help determine solutions for the issue.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked the team for the presentation and effective work on this project. He also added that he appreciates the uniform monitoring and planning efforts. Director Garcia stated that the SFDPH takes bond-funded projects very seriously. She also stated that the SFDPH has added internal monitoring mechanisms in its effort to manage their projects effectively and efficiently.

8) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

9) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sanchez, Chair of the LHH JCC, stated that at its January 24, 2017 meeting, the Committee approved its minutes in open session and held a closed session to review quality reports and approve the Credentials report.

10) COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING

Commissioner Chow noted that Director Garcia suggested Sunnydale as the neighborhood for the Health Commission's annual community meeting. He stated that he is in agreement that this neighborhood may be a good option and invited other Commissioners to give input on other possible neighborhoods.

11) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm.