1) **CALL TO ORDER**  
Present: Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D., President  
Commissioner Dan Bernal  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung Commissioner  
Commissioner James Loyce, Jr., M.S.  
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

2) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2018**

   Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

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

State Update

State Bill Introduced to Reform California Conservatorship Laws

State Senator Scott Wiener has proposed SB 1045, to reform California's conservatorship laws with the aim of better meeting the needs of individuals who suffer from chronic homelessness. Current conservatorship laws provide a procedure to appoint a conservator for people who are "gravely disabled" as result of a serious mental health disorder or an impairment by chronic alcoholism. SB 1045, which is supported by Mayor Mark Farrell, would expand conservatorships and provide another option to counties to address the needs of their most vulnerable residents. The bill allows counties to appoint a conservator for a person who is chronically homeless and incapable of caring for their own health and well-being due to serious mental illness or
substance use disorder. SB 1045 requires that individuals who are conserved through this process are appropriately placed in supportive community housing, a licensed health care or psychiatric facility, community-based residential care settings, or in supportive housing that provides wraparound services.

**DPH Marks World TB Day by Honoring North East Medical Services**

The Health Department’s Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program will celebrate World TB Day on March 22 by honoring North East Medical Services (NEMS) for their exemplary leadership in tuberculosis (TB) prevention. Following the ceremony, California Tuberculosis Controllers Association (CTCA) and Breathe California Golden Gate will lead a walk from NEMS to Vaillancourt Fountain near the San Francisco Ferry Building to raise TB awareness.

TB is one of the world’s deadliest infectious diseases, responsible for more deaths each year than HIV/AIDS. In 2016, nearly 1.7 million people died of TB disease, even though it is preventable and curable.

Nearly 2.4 million Californians have TB infection, representing 20 percent of cases in the United States. San Francisco reported 107 new cases in 2017, an increase from 2016 (100 cases) and 2015 (96 cases), which was the lowest rate in city history. People born outside of the U.S. continue to experience higher TB rates compared to their U.S.-born counterparts, with the highest rates among Asians / Pacific Islanders and Hispanics born outside of the U.S.

TB screening and treatment are essential to wipe out TB. If you have a risk factor for TB or are unsure, ask your health care provider about testing and treatment. A printable list of TB testing sites in San Francisco can be found [here](#).

SF City Hall will join the yearly global initiative “Light up the World for TB” and be lit red on March 24th, 2018 in observance of World TB Day

**DPH Gives State and Local Health Departments HIV Prevention Training**

Last month, the Center for Learning & Innovation (CLI) hosted 34 prevention program staff from 16 state and local health departments across the country at its first Public Health Detailing Institute—a new offering of CLI’s national CDC-supported Capacity Building Assistance program in High Impact HIV Prevention (getsfcba.org).

In order to scale up highly effective HIV prevention strategies like antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and RAPID initiation of antiretrovirals shortly after HIV diagnosis, clinical providers in the community need to be knowledgeable and prepared to prescribe them. Public Health Detailing is an evidence-based approach that engages trained detailers to visit provider offices and deliver key messages that aim to change provider behavior. The Population Health Division has gained significant experience with this strategy over the past two years. CLI partnered with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the National Resource Center for Academic Detailing (NaRCAD) to organize a highly interactive three-day agenda where Institute participants built skills in detailing as well as program development and evaluation with plans to implement their new programs in their jurisdictions in the next six months. For more details about the Institute and Public Health Detailing, visit [http://getsfcba.org/resources/](http://getsfcba.org/resources/)

**DPH in the News**

POZ, Mar 15 2018, SF’s drive to treat people with HIV immediately see progress

Selected coverage of the March 12 grand opening of the San Francisco Healing Center at St. Mary’s Hospital
Bay City News: [https://patch.com/california/san-francisco/san-francisco-adds-beds-homeless-mentally-ill]
UCSF: [https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2018/03/409976/san-francisco-partnership-launches-mental-health-center]
SingTao: [https://www.singtaousa.com/sf/446-%E7%81%A3%E5%8D%8D%E9%BA%A5%E6%B3%95%E6%81%A9%E5%87%BA%E5%B8%AD%E7%B2%BE%E7%A5%9E%E7%97%85%E6%B2%BB%E7%99%82%E4%B8%AD%E5%BF%83%E5%89%AA%E7%B6%B5/]

SF Examiner, Mar 12, 2018, SF Supe calls for more aggressive efforts to treat, suppress HIV [http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-supe-calls-aggressive-efforts-treat-suppress-hiv/]


SF Chronicle, March 9 2018, Laura’s Law is helping many – but still only making a dent in SF [https://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/Laura-s-Law-is-helping-many-but-still-only-12742813.php]

KGO, Mar 8 2018, New at-home kit promises to be the Amazon of STD testing [http://abc7news.com/health/new-at-home-kit-promises-to-be-the-amazon-of-std-testing/3192363/]


Dr. Tomas Aragon, SFDPH Health Officer and Director of the Population Health Division, gave an update about a SFDPH contact investigation regarding an active-Tuberculosis (TB) case in a San Francisco middle school. He noted that several hundred students were potentially exposed and so need to be screened twice. Several students had skin or blood tests that showed positive results and are being closely monitored. He added that the incident has been a productive opportunity for the SFDPH and the San Francisco Unified School District to work together.
Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Sanchez stated that San Francisco has always had an ongoing TB issue. He noted that the SFDPH has always had outstanding TB prevention and treatment programs. He is glad to hear that the SFDPH and San Francisco Unified School District continue to work collaboratively together towards the health of San Franciscans.

Commissioner Chow asked if there were additional active cases found. Dr. Aragon stated that several individuals had positive tests; the SFDPH is closely monitoring these cases.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no general public comment.

5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Commissioner Loyce, Chair, stated that the committee discussed presentations from Jail Health Services and the Applied Research, Community Health, Epidemiology & Surveillance (ARCHES) branches. He noted that the average census in the San Francisco Jail is 1,300 individuals per day; there is an overrepresentation of people of color in the jail. He added that racial data is derived from the Sheriff Department staff often deciding how best to classify an individual’s race. He also added that 59% of the San Francisco jail population spends less than 7 days incarcerated. Jail Health Services is attempting to make the best use of the short time they have to work with the individuals.

Commissioner Loyce also stated that the ARCHES branch’s core functions include TB surveillance, TB detection, clinical management, contact investigation, data analysis, and reporting.

6) HEALTH COMMISSION OFFICER ELECTIONS

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Loyce, noting that Commissioner Chow has served as Health Commission President for four consecutive terms, made a motion to suspend the Health Commission rule limiting the tenure of a Health Commission President to four consecutive years, until the 2019 Health Commission officer elections. He noted that due to upcoming transition to a new mayor, upcoming departure of Commissioner Karshmer, and anticipated appointment of two new Commissioners, the Health Commission needs a proven leader for the next year. He added that he feels strongly that this suspension of the rule should only be for one year. Commissioner Chung seconded the motion.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the suspension of the following Health Commission Rule until the 2019 Health Commission Officer election:

The President and Vice President shall not serve in their respective office for more than four consecutive years

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously elected Edward Chow, MD as President.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously elected James E. Loyce, Jr. as Vice President.

Commissioner Chow thanked the Health Commission for electing him president and stated that he looks forward to working with the Health Commission and Director Garcia in the year ahead.
7) **SFDPH ANNUAL GIFT REPORT FY2016-2017**

Anne Okubo, Deputy Financial Officer, presented the report.

**Commissioner Comments:**
Commissioner Chow asked for clarification regarding the reporting period for the report. Ms. Okubo stated that donations are reported on the SFDPH fiscal year; expenditures are reported on a rolling basis.

Commissioner Loyce noted that he is currently on the Public Health Foundation Board of Directors.

Commissioner Sanchez noted that since the reporting period ended on 6/30/17, some of the board membership may have changed.

Commissioner Chow suggested that the reporting of the foundation board of directors should correspond with the fiscal year to ensure the lists are correct for the relevant time period.

**Action Taken:** The Health Commission unanimously approved the FY2016-2017 SFDPH Gift Report.

8) **ZSFG GOVERNING BODY BYLAWS**

Susan Ehrlich MD, ZSFG CEO, presented the item.

**Commissioner Comments:**
Commissioner Chow asked for clarification of what categorical changes were made to the document. Troy Williams, ZSFG Chief Quality Officer, stated that the name of the hospital and list of positions associated with ZSFG JCC membership was updated. Dr. Erlich added that the document also reflected the integration of the Quality Council into the PIPS Committee.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked Dr. Ehrlich for the impactful changes to the Bylaws.

Commissioner Chung stated that she appreciates the addition of values and leadership because it reflects the organization’s values.

Commissioner Chow added that the Health Commission clarified its authority as Governing Body to make future survey processes more efficient for ZSFG staff.

Commissioner Loyce stated that he appreciates the table showing the changes made to the document. Director Garcia thanked Arnulfo Medina, Deputy City Attorney, for this work on this document.

**Action Taken:** The Health Commission unanimously approved the ZSFG Governing Body Bylaws.

9) **UPDATE: ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT)**

Angelica Almeida PhD, SFDPH Behavioral Health Services, gave the presentation.

**Commissioner Comments:**
Commissioner Bernal noted that the data for the first year is a 14 month period and the second year is 12 months; the data shows a decline in patient referrals in the second year. Ms. Almeida stated that in the first month of the program, approximately 30 referrals were made by family members eager to help their loved ones. This early rush skews the referral data.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked Ms. Almeida for the excellent report, which shows the program is making a difference. He asked for more information of the addition of the social worker to the team. Ms. Almeida stated that the social worker helps connect participants to resources and provide clinical support.
Commissioner Loyce asked how family members contact the program and how someone can access services. Ms. Almeida stated that the program conducts extensive outreach to community and private practices. Through this community education, families/providers find out about the program and make a referral. She stated that the initial screening includes gathering basic information to enable the staff to investigate if the program may be a good fit for the individual.

Commissioner Chow asked how the program fits into the SFDPH organizational chart. Ms. Almeida stated that the program is within the San Francisco Health Network Behavioral Health Branch.

10) **OTHER BUSINESS:**
Commissioner Chow noted that two new Commissioners are expected to be appointed in the next several weeks. At that time, new committee assignments will be made.

11) **JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
Commissioner Sanchez, LHH JCC Chair, stated that at the March 13, 2018 meeting, the Committee discussed the following items: Administrator’s Report which included LHH Gift Fund Report and LHH survey findings; Lean updates on discharge planning; LHH efforts to reduce pressure ulcers; and approval of hospital-wide policies and procedures. In closed session, the Committee approved the credentials report.

12) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) **CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY**

    Convene in Closed Session - Existing Litigation - Motion that the Health Commission convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding the following existing lawsuit in which a proposed settlement is being considered by the Commission, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) and California Government Code Sections 54956.9 and 54956.9(e)(3) permit this closed session. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending lawsuits listed below.

    (After a closed session, if one occurs, the Health Commission shall adopt a motion either to disclose or not to disclose.)

    **Settlement of Litigation:** Fabio Petrolino, City to Pay $100,000.00 and Co-Defendant HealthRight 360, a California nonprofit to pay $500,000.00

    Fabio Petrolino; M.P., a minor, through her guardian ad litem, Ana Petrolino; Andrelina Silva; Angela Petrolino; and Alex Petrolino vs. City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation; Eve Zeff, Registered Nurse, San Francisco Department of Health; Kevin O’Shea, Andrew Martinez, Michael Mohn and Rudy Zamora, Sheriff’s Deputies, San Francisco Sheriff’s Department; HEALTHRIGHT 360, a California nonprofit; Lauren Erickson, Mental Health Provider, HealthRight360; Nick Crispino, Associate Social Worker, HealthRight 360; DANIEL MITCHELL, Officer, California Highway Patrol; and DOES 1, 2 and 5 through 50, inclusive.

    (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 16-cv-02946-RS)
D) Reconvene in Open Session:

Action taken: The Health Commission voted not to disclose the discussions held in closed session.

13) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm.