MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday June 19, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300
San Francisco, CA  94102

1) CALL TO ORDER
Present:   Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D., President
Commissioner Dan Bernal
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo
Commissioner James Loyce, Jr., M.S.

Excused:   Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 5, 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

Federal Update
HHS Releases Proposed Rule Revising Regulations of Title X Family Planning Program

On June 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) introduced a proposed rule revising the regulations governing the Title X family planning program. Under the proposed rule, health care providers receiving Title X funds would not be allowed to perform abortions or refer patients to abortion services. These providers are already barred from using government funds for abortion, but can currently use other funding sources to subsidize these types of services. The rule also makes other changes to Title X that could further undermine family planning services, such as making it optional for providers to provide complete and accurate information to patients about their health care options.
The Title X family planning program is the sole federal program dedicated to funding family planning services. The program focuses on helping low income individuals affordably obtain health services such as cancer screenings, birth control, STD/STI screenings, pregnancy tests, and well-woman exams. If the rule is implemented as drafted, it could threaten access to these critical preventive health services. Several health clinics in San Francisco receive Title X funding, including as Planned Parenthood’s San Francisco Health Center and the Women’s Community Clinic. In response to the proposed rule, San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution (File No.180626) denouncing the proposed rule and affirming San Francisco’s commitment to protect and maintain an individual’s choice to receive access to critical women’s health services.

Local News

Extreme Weather Media Workshop
On June 18, 2018, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and San Francisco Department of Emergency Management (SFDEM) will be hosting a media-focused extreme weather workshop. This invite-only workshop will bring together members of the media and government officers to develop partnerships and support each other’s efforts in communicating before, during and after a major weather event.

Due to climate change, major weather events such as extreme heat, heavy storms and wildfires are going to increase in frequency in San Francisco and the Bay Area. While government and media currently reach out and communicate with the public during these events, key messages do not always reach those most at risk, such as the elderly, people with chronic health conditions, people who are housebound, and the homeless.

Speakers include Brian Garcia, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service; Cyndy Comerford, Deputy Director for Climate/Sustainability, City of San Jose; Naveena Bobba, MD, Deputy Director of Health/Deputy Health Officer, SFDPH; Francis Zamora, Director of External Affairs, SFDEM; Teri Dowling, Community Planning Manager, Emergency Preparedness and Response, SFDPH; Holly Quan, Reporter and Anchor, KCBS radio; Mark Ryle, Chief Executive Officer, Project Open Hand; and Dan Laufer, Director of Growth and Partnerships, Nextdoor. Media members and government officers will leave with a better understanding of the role and value of the National Weather Service in communicating extreme weather events. Attendees will also have the chance to explore new approaches to improve and expand practices for reaching those most at risk.

San Franciscans pass Prop E and reaffirm flavored tobacco ban
On June 5, 2018, Proposition E, which bans the sale of flavored tobacco, was affirmed by more than 68 percent of San Francisco voters. This public health legislation had been unanimously adopted by the Board of Supervisors one year ago and enthusiastically signed by late Mayor Ed Lee. The new law bans the local sale of flavored tobacco products including e-cigarette liquids and menthol cigarettes. The law only affects retailers and does not criminalize the use of these products by individuals. Since the tobacco industry has historically targeted sales of flavored products to youth and communities of color, the law represents an important step in reducing health disparities and smoking incidence rates in San Francisco. Education and enforcement of the new law will be a collaboration among programs in the Population Health Division of DPH including Environmental Health and the Tobacco Free Project. These efforts will include working with local retailers and community based organizations to support the transition. A planned educational campaign will focus on bringing awareness to the new law, the harms of flavored tobacco, and expanded resources for cutting back and quitting smoking. [www.sfquits.org](http://www.sfquits.org)

Primary Care’s Care Experience Team presents in Baltimore, MD
In June, 2018 representatives from San Francisco Health Network Primary Care presented at the International Conference on Patient- and Family-Centered Care in Baltimore, MD. Primary Care’s Care Experience Team, Robin George and Southeast Health Center Patient Advisor Alonzo Menelik Walker led a poster presentation highlighting Primary Care’s partnership with patient advisors to design communication tools for discussing
disparities and racism with Black/African American patients during a two-day communication training to enhance hypertension control and health outcomes.

Strategies of focus included “simulated-patient” case scenarios with an equity lens, “personas” for role-play during the training’s for nurses and pharmacist and the development of ICARE Customer Service Framework for chronic care visits. Leaders from Primary Care’s Hypertension Equity Team, Sarah Cox, LaKisha Garduño, and Alonzo Menelik Walker, facilitated a 60-minute oral presentation on Primary Care’s multidisciplinary approach to hypertension equity through partnerships with patients, clinical staff, and community allies. This presentation highlighted key partnerships, interventions, best practices, challenges, tools, and outcomes since 2015. Interventions of focus included messaging equity as a priority, nurse or pharmacist chronic care visits, Food Pharmacies, patient self-management through home blood pressure monitoring, and prioritized outreach to Black/African American patients, all designed in collaboration with patient advisors. As we continue to build a culture of equity, it is important to strengthen partnerships with patients and integrate equity into future quality measures, specifically focused on improving health care disparities and addressing social determinants of health.

**Department of Public Health supports rescan and retest of Hunters Point Shipyard land to answer community health and safety concerns**

The Hunters Point Shipyard development has been the subject of recent media reports and community concern, due to two major issues. The first is the rescanning of Parcel A, to ensure residents of the hilltop area overlooking the rest of shipyard are safe and free from exposure. The second is the retesting of Parcel G, a portion of the shipyard development that was affected by the fraudulent testing of Navy sub-contractor Tetra Tech. The Department of Public Health supports plans announced last week to rescan and retest the land. The Parcel A rescan will be conducted by the California Department of Public Health. The Parcel G radiological retesting will be conducted by the Navy, and is the first step in a complete retesting of all areas touched by Tetra Tech.

These actions are necessary in response to concerns raised by the community about whether there is a risk to the health and safety of current and future residents and workers. The Health Department encourages people who are interested to participate in the [comment period](#) for the Navy’s work plan on the Parcel G retesting. It is essential to have a credible process for presenting scientific evidence that the community can trust.

The Hunters Point Shipyard is a federal project involving the cleanup by the Navy of its former shipyard to prepare the site for an ambitious new development that will add approximately 12,000 housing units to San Francisco. The Navy is the lead agency for the cleanup, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing regulatory oversight. The Department of Public Health has been involved in this project for many years, reviewing documents and working with the Navy and the EPA.

The Shipyard housing development is being overseen by the City’s Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure and carried out by developer Lennar.

The community deserves to be 100 percent certain of the safety of the shipyard environment throughout the project. We appreciate the support of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi in calling for the rescanning of Parcel A and retesting of the site impacted by the Tetra Tech fraud.

We look forward to the results of the tests and will provide Commissioners with an update when they are released.
Separating immigrant families is inhumane and poses health risks
The Department of Public Health today joins with San Francisco Mayor Mark Farrell, Mayor-Elect London Breed, California Senators Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein, public health and child welfare experts and many others in condemning the practice of separating children from their families along the United States border with Mexico as an anti-immigration enforcement policy.
More than 2,300 children have been separated from their families since early May. From the public health standpoint, this practice is inhumane. Such separations have the distinct possibility of leading to significant short and long term problems for the children as well as the parents. Attachment science is well established and clearly demonstrates the broad and detrimental impacts of child separation, abuse and neglect on the health and wellbeing of children into their adulthood.
San Francisco is a sanctuary city and our elected leaders have reaffirmed their commitment to protecting the rights of our immigrant community. The Health Department will continue to care for all San Franciscans, including immigrants, and to support our patients, clients and caregivers during this traumatic time.
San Franciscans may call their members of Congress to voice their opinions at (202) 224-3121.

DPH in the News (May 31-Jun 14)
Bay City News, Jun 14, 2018, City plumber killed vehicle slipped off tow truck
http://www.sfexaminer.com/city-plumber-killed-vehicle-slipped-off-tow-truck/
Infosurhoy, Jun 13, 2018, Doctor’s street-level views could change the course of the opioid crisis
Courthouse News, Jun 11, 2018, Opioid overdose antidote available statewide
http://comptonherald.org/opioid-overdose-antidote-available-statewide/
Mission Local, Jun 7, 2018, Man fighting for life after Wednesday night fight in the Mission
San Francisco Chronicle, Jun 4, 2018, As opioid crisis grows, medical schools bolster
San Francisco Chronicle, Jun 3, 2018, Hunters Point shipyard soil scandal widens
San Francisco Examiner, Jun 2, 2018, Increased oversight coming of SF agencies use of prepaid gift cards
http://www.sfexaminer.com/increased-oversight-coming-sf-agencies-use-prepaid-gift-cards/
KQED Forum, May 17, 2018, San Francisco voters to consider banning flavored tobacco
https://www.kqed.org/forum/2010101865274/san-francisco-voters-to-consider-banning-flavored-tobacco

Commissioner Comments:
Greg Wagner, SFDPH CFO, gave a brief update on IT activities. He noted that Winona Mindolovich is Acting Chief Information Officer due to the recent departure of Bill Kim. He added that Ms. Mindolovich had previously overseen the electronic health record (EHR) project. Ms. Mindolovich will report directly to Mr. Wagner. The SFDPH will soon be initiating a national search to hire a permanent CIO and is currently recruiting for several key SFDPH IT management positions.
Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Guillermo asked for more information regarding recruitment for the key management positions. She noted that the local hiring market for IT staff is very competitive. Mr. Wagner stated that the recruitment for the EPIC Program Management is at the interview phase. The SFDPH IT Department is working with the City and County of San Francisco Department of Technology to recruit for other key management positions.

Commissioner Guillermo asked if the SFDPH is competitive in the IT job market. Mr. Wagner stated that the SFDPH is competitive and has been successful in the past in its IT recruitment efforts.

Commissioner Chow stated that he is pleased that Mr. Wagner will be directly supervising Ms. Mindolovich in her interim role. He noted that only a portion of the EHR-related contracts have been brought to the Health Commission for consideration of approval; the remaining contract requests will be brought to the Finance and Planning Committee for review and discussion.

Commissioner Chow noted that the clean-up of the Hunters point Shipyard has been in process for many years. He added that it is important to build confidence in the process by retesting and rescanning to assure the community that the area is safe. The Navy and California Department of Health are responsible for mitigating any issues that arise from the retesting and rescanning of the area. He noted that the SFDPH and Health Commission will review the results once the retesting has been completed.

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

5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Commissioner Loyce, Chair, stated that the Committee heard a presentation from Jonathan Fuchs, Director of the SFDPH Center for Public Health Research. The Population Health Division section provides technical assistance to public health programs throughout the United States. He also stated that the Committee discussed a presentation on the San Francisco Health Network Primary Care Lean activities.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Bernal, a member of the Committee, stated that the Center has provided technical assistance to programs in more than half the states in the country.

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification regarding whether some SFDPH clinics are not using Lean. Dr. Alice Chen, San Francisco Health Network Deputy Director and Chief Medical Officer stated that all clinics are using varying elements of Lean processes. Commissioner Chow asked whether it may be beneficial to compare data from clinics who are using Lean more heavily to those that are not. Dr. Chen stated that there are cultural and qualitative differences at each of the clinics that led to different phasing in timelines of Lean; she added that these differences would not make a comparison of data effective.

Commissioner Guillermo stated that she is pleased that the DPH primary care clinics are using Lean. She added that other counties and cities could benefit from the best practices being developed by the SFDPH.

6) VOTE TO HOLD THE AUGUST 7, 2018 HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING AT THE RICHMOND RECREATION CENTER LOCATED AT 251 18TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA 94121
Edward A. Chow, MD, Health Commission President, noted that the recently revised Health Commission Rules and Regulations require the Health Commission to vote to move its regular meetings to another location.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to hold its August 7, 2018 meeting at the Richmond Recreation Center located at 251 18th Avenue, San Francisco California 94121.
7) **2016 PUBLIC BOND UPDATE**
Mark Primeau, SFDPH Capital Projects, Joe Chin, Department of Public Works Project Manager, and Michael Bade, UCSF Vice Chancellor of Capital Programs, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:
**NOTE: ITEMS #7 AND #8 WERE PRESENTED TOGETHER. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS FOR BOTH OF THESE ITEMS ARE INCLUDED BELOW:**

Commissioner Chow asked if the two month lag in some of the planning will not impact the overall timeline of the project. Mr. Bade stated that the overall timeline remains intact.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information on the “Governing Bodies Approval” step in the process. Mr. Primeau stated that the UCSF Board of Regents and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have authority over the final approval process. However, the SFDPH will bring the item to the Health Commission prior to the BOS for feedback and input.

Commissioner Chow asked for assurance that the SFDPH and UCSF projects on the ZSFG campus are being coordinated. Mr. Primeau stated that the SFDPH and UCSF teams are working closely together to coordinate the two independent projects.

Commissioner Guillermo asked if expected delays have been built in to the project timeline. Mr. Primeau stated that potential delays and costs were built into the project timeline and budget.

Commissioner Guillermo asked for more information regarding any known issues that may cause complexities in the timeline of either project. Mr. Primeau stated that for the SFPDH project, OSPHD-related delays could delay the project by several months. In addition, some SFDPH staff will have to be moved temporarily (e.g. Lab/Dialysis Unit) during some of the smaller phases of the project. Mr. Bade stated that the UCSF Building is a very larger scale project which can impact hiring construction resources in the San Francisco competitive market.

8) **UCSF RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC BUILDING AT ZSFG UPDATE**
Michael Bade, UCSF Vice Chancellor of Capital Programs, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:
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9) **LHH GIFT FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET FY2018-19**
ChiaYu Ma, LHH Chief Finance Officer, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Bernal asked for more information regarding the decreases in two LHH Gift Fund budget line items. Ms. Ma stated that there was a program under the “Activity Therapy Programs” line item called “Neighborhood Money” that was previously supported directly by the Friends of Laguna Honda. However, the organization discontinued its participation. William Frazier, LHH Gift Fund Program Manager, stated that there is also a reduction in the “End of Life Programs” because the previous budget included a one-time donation from an individual. He added that LHH overestimated how much would be spent in this line time.
Commissioner Chow asked if LHH plans on spending the remainder of its Gift Fund budget by the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Ma stated that the delay in spending is due to the new fiscal system implemented by the City and County.

**Action Taken:** The Health Commission unanimously approved the LHH Gift Fund FY2018-19 Budget.

10) **REVISED LHH 45-01 GIFT FUND MANAGEMENT POLICY**
ChiaYu Ma, LHH Chief Finance Officer, presented the item.

**Commissioner Comments:**
Commissioner Bernal requested that on page 6, the term “AIDS” be capitalized.

**Action Taken:** The Health Commission unanimously approved the LHH Gift Fund Management Policy.

11) **OTHER BUSINESS:**
Mr. Morewitz stated that the Health Commission will hold its August 7, 2018 meeting in the Richmond district and will conduct a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on September 6, 2018 to discuss the CPMC 2017 Annual Compliance Statement.

12) **JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
Commissioner Chow, LHH JCC member, stated that the June 12, 2018 meeting was primarily a closed session to review quality and credentials reports.

13) **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 lawsuits in which a proposed settlement is being consider by the Commission, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) and California Government Code Sections 54956.9 and 54956.9(d)(1) 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.)

1. Settlement of Litigation: Rita Kae Restrepo and Cheryl Randolph, $195,000.00

Rita Kae Restrepo and Cheryl Randolph vs. City and County of San Francisco, Mark White, Gerard Padilla, and Does 1-20 (San Francisco Superior Court, Case No.)

D) **Reconvene in Open Session:** Motions and vote on whether to disclose any or all of the closed session discussions, San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)

14) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.