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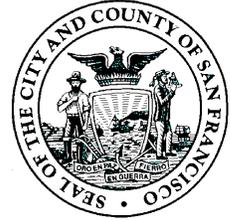
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**MINUTES  
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday April 17, 2018, 4:00 p.m.  
101 Grove Street, Room 300  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D., President  
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD  
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo  
Commissioner James Loyce, Jr., M.S.  
Commissioner David J. Sanchez Jr., Ph.D.

Excused: Commissioner Dan Bernal  
Commissioner Cecilia Chung

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 3, 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>

**Local News**

**Health Department's Puerto Rico relief mission reaching communities isolated by the storm**

The Health Department's team of 14 providers and staff departed for Puerto Rico on April 6 and have been at work every day since providing medical relief to communities hard hit by Hurricane Maria. They were warmly received upon arrival by the Mayor of Utuado and a representative of the Mayor of Hatillo. The DPH team has worked side by side with providers from [Corporacion Servicios Medicos](#), Federally Qualified Health Centers that include Clinica Hatillo and Clinica Utuado, serving communities where the storm damage and health impacts are still very present. On one mission, the DPH team crossed a river on foot in order to reach a family in need of medical care. The DPH and CSM teams saw 40 people in their homes in one day, reaching

communities that were isolated after the hurricane. The DPH team, led by Dr. Hali Hammer, brought suitcases full of medical supplies and donations with them, and will return with recommendations for San Franciscans who want to contribute to the relief effort. They will report out on their experience at a City Hall event Tuesday April 24 at 11am.

### **Regional measles outbreak a good reminder to be vaccinated**

Six cases of measles in unvaccinated patients have been confirmed in the Bay Area, with five cases in Santa Clara County residents and one in an Alameda County resident. One additional case has been confirmed in Nevada. All cases are linked to an unvaccinated traveler who was exposed in Europe and developed measles after returning to the Bay Area in March. San Francisco and other local health departments are conducting contact investigations, and have issued health advisories to providers alerting them to be on the lookout for measles. The risk to the general public is very low, but this is a good reminder to people to ensure that children are vaccinated and for adults who are unsure if they are vaccinated to check their immunity and get vaccinated if necessary. Vaccination for measles (2 doses of “MMR vaccine”) is the best protection against measles, and most people are vaccinated routinely as children. Measles is very infectious, and airborne transmission can occur in settings with large numbers of people like health care facilities, schools, childcare, shopping centers, public transportation, airports and amusement parks.

### **DPH staffer gives CDC Grand Rounds on eliminating Hep B and Hep C**

Katie Burk, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator for the Health Department, gave a presentation today at the CDC Public Health Grand Rounds live webcast on San Francisco’s leading efforts to become Hepatitis B free, and to end Hepatitis C in our city. She represented the many DPH staff and community partners who have given their time, energy and passion to this work over the last several years. Find more information here <https://www.cdc.gov/grand-rounds/pp/2018/20180417-eliminate-hepatitis.html>

### **DPH in the News**

SF Examiner, Apr 11 2018, SF may create new subacute beds at St. Mary’s, Chinese hospitals  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-may-create-new-subacute-beds-st-marys-chinese-hospitals/>

SF Examiner, Apr 7 2018, London Breed claims she secured \$500K grant to open SF’s first safe-injection site  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/london-breed-claims-secured-500k-grant-open-sfs-first-safe-injection-site/>

CIDRAP, Apr 6 2018, San Francisco officials report measles cluster, plus related case in Nevada  
<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2018/04/news-scan-apr-06-2018>

East Bay Times, Apr 6 2018, Measles outbreak reported in Santa Clara  
<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2018/04/06/measles-outbreak-reported-in-santa-clara-county/>

KQED, Apr 6 2018, Trauma surgeon who treated YouTube victims  
<https://www.kqed.org/stateofhealth/363159/trauma-surgeon-who-treated-youtube-victims-every-day-there-are-people-who-are-getting-shot-and-hurt>

SF Business Times, Apr 5 2018, New mental health center doubles conservatorship beds in city for seriously ill  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/news/2018/04/05/san-francisco-healing-center-doubles-beds.html>

SF Weekly, Apr 4 2018, A radical reversal  
<http://www.sfweekly.com/topstories/a-radical-reversal/>

SF Gate, Apr 4 2018, Growing voice against gun violence: trauma surgeons  
<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Growing-voice-against-gun-violence-trauma-12806508.php>

Selected coverage of the April 3 press briefings after YouTube shooting:

ABC: <http://abc7news.com/video-surgeon-treating-youtube-shooting-victims-speaks-out-on-gun-violence/3298347/>

SF Gate: <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/YouTube-Shooting-Doctor-treating-victims-laments-12803413.php#item-85307-tbla-5>

Daily Mail: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5576663/Doctor-treated-YouTube-shooting-victims-blasts-gun-violence-update-conditions.html>

Yahoo: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/surgeon-treating-youtube-shooting-victims-134646693.html>

WRAL: <http://www.wral.com/doctor-says-gun-violence-is-a-real-problem-in-the-united-states/17462467/>

NY Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/03/technology/youtube-shooting-suspect-headquarters.html>

CBS: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/04/03/sf-general-surgeon-outrage-youtube-mass-shooting/>

ABC, Apr 3 2018, Needle, drug use epidemic prompts action from BART  
<http://abc7news.com/needle-drug-use-epidemic-prompts-action-from-bart/3298988/>

ABC, Apr 3 2018, San Francisco health workers travel to Puerto Rico in Hurricane Maria relief effort  
<http://abc7news.com/san-francisco-health-workers-travel-to-puerto-rico/3284566/>

US News and World Report, Apr 3 2018, To Fight Addiction, Cities Want Safe Spots for People to Shoot Up  
<http://www.cetusnews.com/news/To-Fight-Addiction--Cities-Want-Safe-Spots-for-People-to-Shoot-Up.rk5wlfWjf.html>

ITE Talks Transportation Radio Podcast, Mar 27 2018, Health, Transportation and Vision Zero with Megan Wier  
<https://transportationradio.wordpress.com/2018/03/27/health-transportation-and-vision-zero-with-city-of-san-franciscos-megan-wier/>

#### **4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Loyce stated that there was not quorum to hold the Community and Public Health Committee. An information session was held in which two presentations were shared: Public Health Laboratory update and San Francisco Health Network Hummingbird Place update.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding the program's 108 unduplicated clients. Commissioner Loyce stated that the clients of the program are high utilizers of multiple services and often do not have an effective connection to the San Francisco service system.

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification of the “Blank” discharge data category. Director Garcia noted that the program is very new; staff are still cleaning and organizing its datasets.

Commissioner Guillermo asked for more information about discharging clients to the street. Director Garcia stated that clients participate voluntarily and can leave at any time. Clients are encouraged to participate in the day program to stay connected.

Commissioner Chow asked when the SFDPH lab will move to ZSFG. Commissioner Loyce stated that the planned move date is 2021.

## **6) VISION ZERO UPDATE**

Megan Wier, Director, Program on Health, Equity, and Sustainability, gave the presentation.

### Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Loyce thanked Ms. Wier for the informative presentation and asked why there was such staunch opposition to California bill AB 342. Ms. Wier stated that one of the California Highway Patrol’s core functions is to respond to accidents so automation is a potential threat to jobs.

Commissioner Loyce asked if motorcycle-related crash data is available. Ms. Wier stated that the SFDPH receives crash data within several months of the incidents. The SFPDH assists with data analysis and recommends a harm reduction model for motorcycle safety.

Commissioner Guillermo asked for more information regarding evolving modes of transportation such as the new scooters. Ms. Wier stated that medical coding to category modes of transportation involved in accidents are being updated to include new transportation modes so relevant data can be tracked.

Commissioner Guillermo requested that the SFDPH consider adding the newer modes of transportation to safety education. She is concerned that the City provides appropriate safety information to tourists. Ms. Wier stated that the SFDPH works with the MTA on education programs and will suggest the addition of newer modes of transportation evolving in the City to MTA education programs.

Director Garcia acknowledged the importance of Ms. Wier’s leadership in the Vision Zero initiative. Ryan Reeves, MTA Vision Zero Coordinator, stated that she will suggest adding new modes of transportation to the MTA Communications staff as they design future safety education messages.

Commissioner Green asked if there is a correlation with the number of ride-sharing (e.g. Uber) drivers with the number of accidents. She also asked if Vision Zero is working with media to address the issues of driving while texting. Ms. Wier stated that the issues of double-parking and self-driving vehicles are a policy priority of Vision Zero. She added that the City just completed its first media campaign to discourage distracted driving and is now evaluating its effectiveness.

Commissioner Sanchez noted that the technology (e.g. Google) buses had been using the same stops as MUNI buses and this caused congestion on 24<sup>th</sup> Street. However the tech buses now have their own stops. He noted that the community requested appropriate crosswalks and there are now flashing lights on crosswalks that can be activated by a button. He congratulated the City for responding to evolving issues and making progress in these areas. He also noted that ride-share cars often block pathways for MUNI and school buses and looks forward to continued positive outcomes on these issues.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information on the activities that have resulted in positive outcomes for the Vision Zero initiative. Ms. Wier stated that Vision Zero has focused on a high injury network and made improvements with targeted investments.

**7) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE UPDATE**

Naveena Bobba MD, Deputy Director, gave the update.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green asked if the SFDPH is reviewing the report on the Sonoma fires to learn and evolve the City's prevention and response practices. Dr. Bobba stated that San Francisco continues to evolve its information management and communications systems. She noted that the report helps San Francisco learn about its evacuation and shelter processes and illuminates issues with long-term care facilities. She also added that many Sonoma County patients were transferred to San Francisco during the fires.

Commissioner Chow asked how private physicians, not associated with hospitals, could be used in crises. Dr. Bobba stated that medical volunteer management is important during a crisis. San Francisco has a 24 hour medical credentialing system in place to quickly utilize volunteers. She added that the SFDPH works with the San Francisco Medical Society and other professional groups to recruit volunteers.

Commissioner Guillermo asked how the City focuses on outreach to children during emergencies. Dr. Bobba stated that during emergencies, the City relies on organizations that serve children such as the Unified School District and Department of Children, Youth, and their Families.

Commissioner Guillermo asked if these organizations are trained to participate in emergencies. Dr. Bobba stated that the City focuses on training non-profits but all City Departments are welcome in the trainings.

Commissioner Loyce asked if there are any City employees who are considered non-essential during a crisis. Dr. Bobba stated that in an emergency, all CCSF employees are considered essential disaster workers.

Commissioner Chow asked how the City outreaches to vulnerable populations in which English may not be spoken. Dr. Bobba stated that training and response materials are translated in many languages.

Commissioner Chow encouraged the SF Medical Society to post volunteer information in its monthly magazine for private physicians who are unaffiliated with a hospital.

Commissioner Sanchez noted that ZSFG is the only Level 1 Trauma Center in the area but has no air access, which could be useful in a major crisis.

Commissioner Loyce asked how Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams are activated during an emergency. Dr. Bobba stated that the Fire Department activates these groups during an emergency.

**8) PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Edward Chow MD, Health Commission President, introduced the revisions and noted that the Health Commission will vote on this item at its May 15, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Comments:

There were no comments made by other Commissioners.

**9) OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Morewitz noted that he will be sending out an email to the Health Commissioners seeking their availability for the annual community meeting. He also noted that he will be inquiring about availability for the July 3, 2018 meeting to ascertain if there will be any quorum issues for that date.

**10) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Sanchez, LHH JCC Chair, stated that at its April 10, 2018 meeting, the Committee honored Max Chikere, LHH Environmental Services Director, on his retirement. The meeting was primarily a closed session to review quality and credentials reports.

**11) 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 consider 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.)

1. Settlement of Litigation: Angel Nguyen, City to Pay \$ \$1,350,000.00

Angel Nguyen, an individual, vs. San Francisco General Hospital, a Public Entity; San Francisco General Hospital Medical Group, a Public Entity; City and County of San Francisco, a Public Entity; Board of Regents, an Entity; and Does 1 through 100, Inclusive. (San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-15-549555

2. Settlement of Litigation: Arthur Moss and Dakehia Hall as Administrators of the Estate of Nicole Moss , City to Pay \$300,000.00 and Co-Defendant Kindred Healthcare Operating, Inc. to pay \$200,000.00

(a) Arthur Moss and Dakehia Hall as Administrators of the Estate of Nicole Moss vs. Kindred Healthcare Operating, Inc.; THC-Orange, County, Inc., dba Kindred Hospital-San Francisco Bay Area; Ventas Realty, L.P.; San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center; City and County of San Francisco; and Does 1-20, Inclusive. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 16-CV-0657-YGR ) and

(b) Arthur Moss and Dakehia Hall as Administrators of the Estate of Nicole Moss vs. San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center; City and County of San Francisco; and Does 1-20, Inclusive. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 16-CV-0072 KAW)

- 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)

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

**12) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm.