MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300
San Francisco, CA 94102

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

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

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2018
Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the April 17, 2018 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

Health Department and Mayor Launch Major Needle Disposal Initiative
Mayor Mark Farrell and Health Director Barbara Garcia recently announced the creation of a dedicated team of public health professionals hired specifically to address the syringe litter epidemic on San Francisco streets. The Health Department is committed to cleaner streets in San Francisco. For the last five years we have made an extra effort to improve the pickup of needle litter. This is an environmental health issue that affects everyone in the city, and it is a problem for cities all over the world. By increasing our response capabilities we expect to see a significant reduction in needles on the streets.

Ten additional workers will be hired specifically for syringe cleanup duties, significantly increasing San Francisco’s focused, coordinated response to the issue of needle litter. The 10 will add to DPH’s four-person
rapid response team to do needle cleanup and respond to resident complaints — this measure will more than triple existing efforts.

The new hires—who will be contracted through the San Francisco AIDS Foundation—will conduct targeted sweeps of hot spots based on complaint data collected from 311, the City’s one-stop center for reporting information on municipal services. Along with increasing staffing, the City will add an additional three disposal boxes for used needles, reaching a total of 22 citywide. The initiative will improve data and measuring capabilities, while also ensuring that workers are on the ground seven days a week, including weekends and early mornings.

The additional resources devoted to cleanup duties will bolster existing efforts. The Department of Public Health (DPH) and its partners, including the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, collect more than 275,000 used needles per month. In addition to the disposal boxes, all 13 syringe access sites in San Francisco are disposal sites as well and all the City’s 18 Pit Stops—portable public toilets—are needle disposal sites. In addition, every Walgreens in San Francisco is a disposal site.

**Health Department’s Puerto Rico Relief Mission Honored by Mayor**

Mayor Mark Farrell honored the team from the Department of Public Health that took part in a medical relief mission in Puerto Rico by awarding the group Certificates of Honor from the City.

“This group of individuals epitomize the best of San Francisco,” said Mayor Farrell in an April 24 ceremony. “In San Francisco, we do not look the other way when confronted with suffering—we pour our heart into helping those in need.”

The DPH team comprised a group of 14 Spanish-speaking doctors, nurses and mental health providers who spent eight days in April the northwestern part of Puerto Rico, in Hatillo and Utuado, where the damage from Hurricane Maria has left residents without water and power, seven months later. Emergency response is part of the responsibilities of Health Departments, and responding to Puerto Rico was a humanitarian effort from San Francisco. Recovery will be a long process for Puerto Rico, and we sent the team to help both patients and the providers who are central to the response.

The San Francisco team worked side by side with the staff of the local Corporacion Servicios Medicos (CSM), Federally Qualified Health Centers that include Clinica Hatillo and Clinica Utuado. The DPH team saw about 100 patients from April 6 – 14, by going out into the community and accompanying the CSM teams that have been doing this work daily since the storm.

Together, they trekked up mountains, waded through rivers and knocked on doors every day in tiny rural communities to ask people if they wanted to be seen by a medical team. They delivered care and medications, brought water and food, and even generators to help people who were still living without these basics of modern life. Most of the patients were elderly people with poorly controlled chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and sleep apnea. These conditions were exacerbated by the storm, which kicked up dust and created mold, knocked out power used to refrigerate medications and cut off safe drinking water. San Franciscans who want to contribute to this life-saving work can make donations to the Corporacion Servicios Medicos (CSM) through the San Francisco Public Health Foundation.

**BAAHI hosts Black Health Forum: Supporting a Healthy Black Community**

On April 19th, the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Black African American Health Initiative (BAAHI) hosted a discussion forum called Uplifting Health: Bringing Together the Resources to Support a Healthy Black Community. The intention of the forum was to start a greater conversation on these issues in the community. The event was cosponsored by The Human Rights Commission and The NAACP. Roughly 100 people attended,
with about 40 percent from within DPH and the remainder from community-based organizations and city agency partners.

The conference was a huge success by nearly every measure. Fully 100 percent of attendees agreed that they enjoyed the forum and stated as a result of this event, they have a better understanding of the health of African Americans in San Francisco. Ninety-six percent stated they gained greater insights into the links between racism and health and reported that the information was relevant to their work. The forum was opened by Roland Pickens, Director of the San Francisco Health Network. This was followed by an overview of Black African American Health by Dr. Ayanna Bennett, Director of Interdivisional Initiatives who provided a historical perspective to the current health of Black San Franciscans. To complement the Black Health presentation, Dr. Jonathan Butler from NAACP spoke about research evidence that experiences of racism are a cause of heart disease in the black population.

The roundtable discussion topics were Maternal Health, Chronic Diseases, Behavioral Health, HIV/Sexual Health, and Food/Economic security and were led by staff from Population Health, the San Francisco Health Network, UCSF and City Treasurer’s Office of Financial Empowerment. The event ended with an amazing panel discussion on city-wide initiatives supporting the Black/African American community. The panel included Sheryl Davis, Director of the Human Rights Commission on the My Brother’s Sister’s Keeper project; Theodore Miller from the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development on Hope SF, Lauren Bell from Juvenile Probation for the IPO (Interrupt, Predict and Organize) program, and Dr. Zea Malawa from MCAH, director of SF Collective Impact to Prevent Preterm Births.

In response to the enthusiasm of participants, the BAAHI team is looking at what future events might be most relevant, including a repeat of this event in 2019. For information about the forum or future events, please contact Gavin Morrow-Hall to be added to the BAAHI listserve and receive announcements about BAAHI activities and relevant resources and events in the community.

**EMS Holds Regional Cardiac Resuscitation Training for Continuous Improvement**

The Public Health EMS Division sponsored two regional cardiac resuscitation classes in April as part of our initiatives to improve cardiac response. Our goal is for San Francisco to reach a hospital cardiac arrest survival rate of 50 percent by 2050, up from 30 percent today. The successful classes were attended by a total of 50 hospital providers and paramedics from San Francisco, Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Evaluations after the class exceeded our expectations and all participants learned and networked, strengthening the region’s emergency response teams.

The class used a lean design approach by reducing “waste” in a cardiac arrest. Science and patient outcomes have proven that high quality chest compression, rapid defibrillation and a coordinated approach increase the patient’s chance of survival to hospital discharge. The classes opened and closed with an exercise to measure CPR performance of all participants in a blinded setting, where each student did two minutes of CPR. Their performance was measured and recorded. At the end of the day, performances improved significantly, showing the value of the new information, theories and feedback gained during instruction. Studies show the higher the CPR performance the better chance of patient survival.

**New website to improve health for Tenderloin residents by sharing data and resources**

DPH’s Environmental Health Branch program on Health, Equity and Sustainability (PHES) has been supporting the planning and evaluation projects of two large community improvement efforts in the Tenderloin neighborhood. The [Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership (TLHIP)](https://tenderloinhealthimprovementpartnership.org), led by...
St. Francis Memorial Hospital and its foundation, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development’s (OEWD) Central Market/Tenderloin Strategy. Together they have taken on the immense task of coordinating non-profit and city efforts and investments to achieve meaningful change in a neighborhood struggling with poverty, environmental and housing hazards, and poor health outcomes.

With the support of a CDC Health Impact Assessment grant, PHES staff collaborated with TLHIP, OEWD, and the Planning Department to merge the two initiatives and create an interactive, online data portal for neighborhood residents: the Central Market/Tenderloin Data Portal (http://cmtldata.org). DPH with the support of TLHIP held a Data Day event on March 28 providing hands-on instruction to use the site and answer questions about the neighborhood.

The project was awarded the “Bridge Builder” award for outstanding interagency collaboration at the Mayor’s first San Francisco Data and Innovation Awards in February 2017 and more recently, was recognized as a “Model Practice” by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO). We expect the portal to help elevate data as a starting point for conversation and prioritization, facilitating a collective impact approach to the challenges that the Central Market/Tenderloin area faces.

EHR Update
The SF Health Network, operated by the SF Department of Public health, provides the highest quality primary and preventive care to children, adults, and pregnant women, regardless of ability to pay. Part of that mission involves implementing an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system to ensure that our care teams have the most accurate, up-to-date and complete information about patients in the moment they are providing care.

The process of implementing a single EHR systemwide began many months ago with the selection of a platform to best meet the needs of our unique organization. Leaders from throughout SFHN collaborated to identify Epic as the EHR of our future, and in January of this year the implementation process began in preparation for an Aug. 3, 2019, go-live. This project will impact every care provider in our network and each patient we treat, making it one of the most critical projects in our history. Hundreds of the best and brightest from throughout the network are involved in the implementation, ensuring that our patients remain at the center of every decision made.

With a single record system, our providers will be able to access patients’ latest health information, which is especially important for those seeing multiple care providers, receiving treatment in emergency settings, or making transitions between care settings. This will perhaps most profoundly benefit some of our most vulnerable patient populations, ultimately helping us provide the level of care to our community that is at the heart of our mission. The implementation process will be a time of growth through change for everyone involved, making this a very exciting time to be a part of the San Francisco Health Network!

DPH in the News

April 25, SF Examiner, Board divided on conservatorships to treat chronically homeless

April 24, SF Chronicle, SF to get team dedicated to clearing used needles from city streets
April 23, KRON4, SF Mayor to hire workers to clean up needles littering streets  

April 23, US News & World Report, San Francisco to hire needle cleanup team  

April 23, SF Examiner, Mayor, Department of Public Health to fund new needle cleanup team  

April 19, SF Chronicle, St. Mary’s hospital finally gets OK to open beds for mentally ill  

April 19, SF Examiner, SFSU moves to expand free HIV and STD testing services  

April 18, KQED Radio, SF’s newest tool to prevent opioid overdoses tests drugs, starts conversations  

April 18, SF Gate, City officials seek to mitigate trash, traffic  
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**Current Statistics – as of 3/28/18**

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| Active Staff                   | 558    |                    |
| Courtesy Staff                 | 524    |                    |
| Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians) | 277 |                    |
| **TOTAL MEMBERS**              | 1,359  |                    |

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| Applications in Process        | 30     |                    |
| Applications Withdrawn Month of April 2018 | 1 |                    |
| SFGH Reappointments in Process 5/2018 to 7/2018 | 195 |                    |
Dr. Naveena Bobba, Deputy Director of Health, stated that the following UCSF unions will be striking on May 7-10: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, which includes custodians, food and hospital service workers, and shuttle bus drivers; University Professional and Technical Employees, which includes health care professionals, research support professionals and technical employees; and the California Nurses Association. She

**Commissioner Comments:**
Commissioner Green asked if there are anticipated patient diversion issues that will impact SFDPH hospitals. Dr. Bobba stated that there may be inpatient diversions from the Parnassus campus.

4) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no general public comment.
5) **FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**
Commissioner Chung, Committee Chair, stated that the Committee reviewed and recommended that the full Health Commission approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

6) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Action Taken:* The Health Commission unanimously approved the following items:

- **MAY 2018 CONTRACTS REPORT**
- **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE ANNUAL ACCESS TO CURRENT PROCEDURAL TERMINOLOGY (CPT®) CODES PRODUCED BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR USE IN THE NEW ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD IN THE AMOUNT OF $598,315, WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY. THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 31, 2018 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2023. (60 MONTHS).**
- **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH HEALTHCARE IT LEADERS LLC, TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED IT BACKFILL, SUPPLEMENTAL STAFFING, CONSULTANTS, PROJECT MANAGERS, OR PROJECT LEADS FOR APPLICATIONS, ACTIVE DIRECTORY, SERVICE DESK, AND/OR SERVICE DESK TECHNICIANS IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,300,000. THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH JULY 31, 2020 (27 MONTHS).**
- **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC. TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED IT BACKFILL, SUPPLEMENTAL STAFFING, CONSULTANTS, PROJECT MANAGERS, OR PROJECT LEADS FOR APPLICATIONS, ACTIVE DIRECTORY, SERVICE DESK, AND/OR SERVICE DESK TECHNICIANS IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,300,000. THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH JULY 31, 2020 (27 MONTHS).**
- **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH OPTIMUM HEALTHCARE IT, LLC, TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED IT BACKFILL, SUPPLEMENTAL STAFFING, CONSULTANTS, PROJECT MANAGERS, OR PROJECT LEADS FOR APPLICATIONS, ACTIVE DIRECTORY, SERVICE DESK, AND/OR SERVICE DESK TECHNICIANS IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,300,000. THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH JULY 31, 2020 (27 MONTHS).**

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

James Loyce, Jr., Health Commission Vice President, introduced the awards and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The following individuals and groups were recognized:

- Douglas Obana, Environmental Health Inspector
- Kwok Wah “Sunny” Ho, SDFPH Facilities Porter
- Kelly Hiramoto, San Francisco Health Network Transitions Director
- SDFPH Medical Repite and Sobering Center Management Team and Staff
- Public Health Accreditation Team
- PRIME Team

*Commissioner Comments:*
Commission Sanchez congratulated all the award recipients. He noted that many of the SDFPH employees have been acknowledged for contributing to special projects in addition to their standard work. He commended all SDFPH employees for their dedication and hard work.
8) **2018 AND BEYOND TRANSITION OF CANNABIS PERMITTING FROM THE SFDPH TO THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS**

Israel Nieves-Rivera, Cannabis Policy Lead, gave the presentation.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Chung noted that many members of the HIV community benefit from medical marijuana. She asked for clarification regarding which entity regulates and tests the strains of cannabis sold in San Francisco. Mr. Nieves-Rivera stated that the state regulates all cannabis products. Cannabis must be tested to verify the potency. The state has a track and trace system which will be shared with the City in the future. He noted that only four micro-businesses in San Francisco have been given permission to grow, cut, and sell their product.

Commissioner Chung asked how San Francisco can ensure that medical cannabis pricing will continue to be affordable and accessible to all patients. Mr. Nieves-Rivera stated that the City is developing a compassion program to assist low income individuals to have access to medical cannabis.

Commissioner Chung asked for a future update on the compassion program after it is developed.

Commissioner Loyce asked for recommendations regarding driving after consuming cannabis. Mr. Nieves-Rivera stated that it is against the law to drive while under the influence of cannabis or alcohol. Commissioner Loyce suggested that a public education campaign focus on cannabis use and driving.

9) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Morewitz noted that the Health Commission will hold a community meeting on August 7, 2018.

10) **JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Sanchez, member, noted that at the April 24, 2018 ZSFG JCC meeting, the Committee reviewed the Regulatory Affairs Report, Hospital Administrator’s Report, Patient Care Services Report, and Human Resources Report. The Committee discussed presentations on the ZSFG Way Improvement Plan and the ZSFG True North Scorecard. During the Medical Staff Report, the Committee approved the Medicine Cardiology Privileges List. In closed session, the Committee approved the Credentials Report and PIPS Minutes.

11) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 4:51pm.