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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday November 17, 2020 4:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal President
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm. Commissioner Bernal stated that usually the annual ZSFG takes place at a packed Carr auditorium filled with ZSFG staff and community. He noted that although the mode in which the Commission is meeting may differ this year but the focus remains on highlighting the incredible and important work of all ZSFG staff.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian noted that the word "out" was misspelled on page 11 of the minutes.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the November 3, 2020 meeting minutes with the revision noted.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grant Colfax, Director of Health, gave the report, which can be viewed at:
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

NATIONAL UPDATE:

US Supreme Court Begins Consideration of Case on the Affordable Care Act's Constitutionality

The Affordable Care Act's (ACA) future remains uncertain as the US Supreme Court began hearing oral arguments on November 10, 2020 in *California v. Texas*, a court case concerning the constitutionality of the

individual mandate, and possibly the entire ACA. In 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) eliminated the financial penalty for Americans without health coverage which was required under the ACA's individual mandate. In 2018, the judge in *Texas v. United States* ruled that the individual mandate was now unconstitutional since it no longer "produces at least some revenue" for the federal government and could not stand as a tax, as the US Supreme Court ruled it was in 2012. The judge in *Texas v. United States* further ruled that the individual mandate is so essential to the ACA that it cannot be severed from the rest of the law, which would mean the entire ACA should be struck down.

As a result of efforts by California, 17 other states and the US House of Representatives, the US Supreme Court agreed to review an appeal of the judge's ruling in *Texas v. United States* in the current case, *California v. Texas*. While the ACA remains in effect until the Court makes its ruling, if all or most of the law ultimately is struck down, it may result in far-reaching consequences for the nation's health care system and impact nearly everyone to some degree. Many significant ACA provisions could be eliminated, including:

- protections for people with pre-existing conditions
- cost-sharing protections
- expanded eligibility for Medicaid
- essential health benefits, including coverage of preventive care with no patient cost-sharing
- premium subsidies to make individual health insurance more affordable
- coverage of young adults up to age 26 under their parents' insurance policies
- closing of the doughnut hole under Medicare's drug benefit

The Department and City will continue to monitor this case and potential impacts for the City and County of San Francisco.

LOCAL UPDATE:

San Francisco to adjust its businesses reopening as COVID-19 case rates increase

Today, there are over 13,700 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 156 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

On November 10, Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced the City will adjust its reopening due to a significant and rapid increase in COVID-19 case rates in San Francisco, coupled with the current increase in cases and hospitalizations in California and across the United States. San Francisco will temporarily roll back the reopening of indoor dining and will reduce the capacity of fitness centers and movie theaters. Additionally, San Francisco will pause the reopening of indoor instruction at high schools that have not already opened. These changes went into effect at 11:59 pm on Friday, November 13, 2020.

San Francisco is rolling back these activities in an effort to contain the spread of the virus by focusing on higher risk indoor activities and other behaviors that increase the concentration of aerosols. The Department of Public Health will continue to closely monitor the City's case count, infection rate, and hospitalization rate in order to determine how quickly we can flatten the curve and determine when we can resume safe reopening.

Since October 2, San Francisco has experienced a 250% increase in COVID-19 cases. The rolling back of certain businesses and activities is necessary to mitigate the aggressive growth of the virus that would cost lives and threaten the capacity of our health care system. This step is aimed to minimize the activities that are known to be of higher risk for increasing the spread of the virus – particularly indoor activities, high traffic activities, and those that allow for mask removal or increase the production of aerosols, such as physical activity and eating. San Francisco is reducing the capacity at which fitness centers and movie theaters are allowed to operate. Indoor dining will need to close at this time. High schools that have not yet opened will remain closed for any

indoor instruction, though DPH will work with high schools that want to reopen educational programming in an outdoor setting.

One of the [key indicators](#) of COVID-19 prevalence in the city, the number of new cases per day per 100,000 people, has more than doubled over the last three weeks from a low of 3.7 cases per 100,000 people to 9 cases per 100,000 people. The rate of increase in hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients is also a key indicator that affects the pace of reopening. San Francisco recently hit a low of 21 people in the hospital with COVID, but expects that number will increase in the coming weeks.

DPH will continue to monitor the City's COVID-19 Key Public Health Indicators and other information to determine whether the infection rate is stabilizing and when the City can resume reopening.

The following activities will halt indoor operations until further notice:

- Indoor dining at restaurants or bars serving meals in any context including standalone restaurants, food courts in shopping centers, and dining establishments in hotels, museums or other venues.

The following activities will pause until further notice:

- High schools that are not already open with approved plans. (Switching to outdoor instruction within certain parameters).

The following activities will be required to reduce capacity to a maximum of 50 people indoors:

- Fitness centers may remain open to the lesser of 25% capacity or 50 people (down from 100).
- Movie theaters may remain open to the lesser of 25% capacity or 50 people (down from 100).

All other businesses and activities that are currently allowed may continue operating at this time, including outdoor dining and take-out, elementary and middle schools, offices, retail shopping, personal services, and cultural and family activities such as museums and aquariums.

San Francisco is taking this action in order to prevent further rollbacks of businesses and activities that have reopened and to support elementary and middle schools, community hubs and other learning and development activities to continue to open as safely as possible.

San Francisco's increase in cases is significant but not unique. California has seen a 29% increase in new positive cases over the last week and many counties have been re-assigned to more restrictive tiers on the State's system. Other Bay Area counties, such as Contra Costa, are also seeing a significant increase in cases and have started considering similar measures to curtail activities in order to slow the spread of the virus, despite what they are allowed by the State.

DPH will monitor the Health Indicators, the risk of specific activities, the estimated reproductive rate of the virus, the regional data and the State's actions in determining when and how to move forward, pause, or dial back reopening.

Chinese Community Pop up Testing Site Reports

On Friday, October 30, SFDPH and COVID Command Center, in partnership with Chinese Hospital and community-based organizations, hosted the first City-sponsored free pop-up mobile test site at Portsmouth Square in Chinatown and tested a total of 392 people. The majority of tests were administered to members of the API community. Of the 392 tests conducted, all were negative for the COVID-19 virus. In addition, on October 27, SFDPH also tested 124 people in the Portola District at 25 Felton Street. All those tested were also negative for the COVID-19 virus. We want to thank the API community for their diligence and practicing the safety precautions to protect themselves and the community.

Moreover, we are grateful for our community partners' collaboration, especially Chinese Hospital, Chinatown Community Development Center, Self Help for the Elderly, Chinese Six Companies, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Gum Moon Women's Resource Center, NICOS, Chinese Newcomers Services Center, Chinatown YMCA, Community Youth Center for the 10/30 Chinatown pop-up testing site, and to NEMS for the Portola pop-up testing site.

The free mobile pop-up testing sites took place again:

- Wednesday, November 4, 9-4pm – 1601 Geary Blvd, Japantown Peace Plaza
- Friday, November 6, 9-4pm – Portsmouth Square
- Tuesday, November 10, 9-5pm – 25 Felton Street, Portola District

We must stay vigilant and continue to keep the virus out of our community. We are seeing a surge across the nation and state and San Francisco is showing an increase in cases. Testing is a part of the response, but we must also focus on prevention. San Franciscans need to continue masking and face covering, continue social distancing, and frequently washing your hands. All these behaviors will help slow the spread of the virus.

City Mobile COVID-19 Testing Sites to Offer Free Low Barrier Flu Vaccines

SFDPH and COVID Command Center began making low barrier flu vaccines available at mobile testing sites, in partnership with community partners, to supplement flu vaccine access gaps beginning November 2. The testing sites include the Excelsior site beginning today, November 2; the Mission hub beginning on Thursday, November 5; and the Ocean View-Merced Heights-Ingleside (OMI) site beginning on Friday, November 6.

In addition to offering flu vaccines at community mobile testing sites, DPH San Francisco Health Network clinics are offering many flu vaccination opportunities for vulnerable and uninsured San Francisco residents as a part of the larger effort to get more people vaccinated this flu season.

DPH strongly recommends that every individual ages six months and older to receive a vaccination for influenza. With COVID-19 and the upcoming flu season overlapping, health officials say it is more important than ever to get vaccinated against influenza this year. The flu vaccine protects everyone's health. When you are vaccinated against flu, you protect yourself and lower the chances of infecting others, including people at high risk of developing potentially serious flu complications.

The flu vaccine provides protection starting about two weeks after receiving the vaccine – the time needed for your body to develop the antibodies that protect you. The flu season generally starts in November, peaks in December through February, and remains through April. While the season has already begun this year, it is not too late get the flu shot. It is best get it whenever you can to protect yourself during the rest of the flu season.

For those with insurance, a flu vaccine is widely available without cost to the patient as a preventive service from their regular doctor or most pharmacies. Call your doctor, clinic or pharmacy to schedule your flu shot in advance. To find a flu vaccine at a location near you, visit the Vaccine Finder at vaccinefinder.org.

SFDPH plans to continue its vaccination efforts through existing sites and new flu vaccination sites throughout the 2020-2021 flu season. For more information about flu shots, visit sf.gov/flu-shots.

In addition to protecting yourself with a flu vaccine this year, keep your family and community healthy by:

- washing your hands often and thoroughly with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- wearing a face covering and practicing social distancing.
- covering your cough and sneezes with your elbow or arm.
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- staying home when you are sick.

San Francisco Department of Public Health Awarded Grant for Vision Zero Education and Outreach with People with Disabilities and Multilingual Residents

On November 11, SFDPH announced that it has received a \$100,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). This grant will aim to increase safety for some of the city's most vulnerable residents who walk and bike in the coming year. San Francisco's [Vision Zero SF](#) – a City initiative to build better and safer streets with the goal to eliminate traffic fatalities – will use grant funds to focus on community outreach to multi-lingual communities and people with disabilities, as well as service providers.

SFDPH co-chairs San Francisco's Vision Zero Task Force with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Pedestrians accounted for 62% of the 29 traffic deaths in 2019 with 1 person killed while biking. Educational efforts funded by the OTS grant will leverage the ongoing Vision Zero SF partnerships and activities to promote safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers, with more targeted outreach to vulnerable communities.

Grant funds will be used for a variety of activities promoting bicyclist and pedestrian safety:

- Collaborating with community-based organizations and health care providers to promote walking and biking to people with disabilities and multi-lingual residents.
- Developing traffic safety educational materials.
- Education workshops geared toward youth and older adults.
- Community outreach events, including traffic safety fairs, community events, and Open Streets events.

The grant program runs from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

California Home Visiting Program Innovation Grant Award

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division, California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) released a Request for Supplemental Information (RSI) for home visiting services with an annual fiscal year basis, up to \$5 million in State General Fund and a maximum award of \$1 million per fiscal year.

MCAH Field Public Health Nurse Home Visiting Program is leading a regional Trauma Informed Approach-Public Health Nursing (TIA-PHN), innovative practice along with Sonoma and Napa County Field PHN programs (San Francisco Consortium) with an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) intervention as a primary intervention strategy for families from pregnancy through kindergarten. The TIA-PHN model will address the unique needs of families where children are most likely to encounter toxic stress leading to suboptimal brain development and future poor health outcomes. This model design incorporates ACE education in a self-reflective approach with parents to increase family resilience and reduce the risk for future childhood trauma.

The San Francisco Home Visiting Consortium's trauma-informed approach serves pregnant women and or/families with children up to age 5 years old, who screen positive for one or more of the following risk factors: 1) current homelessness/housing insecurity; 2) past or current substance use; 3) past or current intimate partner violence; 4) past or current mental health concerns; and/ or 5) medical fragility (complex medical needs requiring nurse case management). Many families within this target population would be excluded from the multiple positive benefits provided by home visiting services because of ineligibility or difficulty adhering to program requirements and this is why the Field PHN Home Visiting program was selected as primary program for implementation of the model.

MCAH and UCSF Host Special Needs Dental Care Summit

Across California, lack of access to dental care is a health crisis for children and adults with special health needs. And, despite having two world renowned Dental universities, San Francisco is no exception. The SFDPH division of Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH) has made improving access to Special Needs Dentistry a priority goal and, in February 2020, our CCS Medical Director, Dr. Ben Meisel, worked with UCSF School of Dentistry to bring critical state and national stakeholders together for a Special Needs Dentistry Summit aimed at kicking off the collective impact efforts necessary to successfully address this problematic health inequity. Congratulations to MCAH on leading in this effort. A synopsis of the Special Needs Dentistry Summit can be viewed [here](#).

Bill Blum, Director of HIV Health Services, Elected as the Chair of the Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition

Bill Blum, Director of HIV Health Services, a unit of Ambulatory Care, was elected as the Chair of the Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition. Formed in 1991, CAEAR Coalition is the oldest national organization with a primary focus on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Program. CAEAR Coalition is a membership organization which advocates for federal policy, legislation, regulations, and appropriations to serve the Part A, Part C, Ending the HIV Epidemic (ETE) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). CAEAR Coalition responds to community mandates to meet the care, treatment, supportive, and prevention service needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and the organizations that serve them.

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ABC7, Nov 13 2020, EXCLUSIVE: Bay Area residents get injected for AstraZeneca's phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial

<https://abc7news.com/health/exclusive-inside-astrazenecas-phase-3-covid-19-vaccine-trial/7942856/>

KPIX, Nov 13 2020, 2 mystery assault victims at San Francisco General Hospital; help sought in identifying patients

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/11/13/san-francisco-general-needs-help-identifying-patient/>

SF Examiner, Nov 13 2020, As COVID spikes, neighborhood testing sites near capacity

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news-columnists/as-covid-spikes-neighborhood-testing-sites-near-capacity/>

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<https://abcnews.go.com/US/sending-mental-health-responders-police-save-black-lives/story?id=74210488>

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Lake County Record, Nov 12 2020, Coronavirus: California's cases, hospitalizations continue to rise

<https://www.record-bee.com/2020/11/12/coronavirus-californias-cases-hospitalizations-continue-to-rise/>

SF Examiner, Nov 12 2020, SF may prohibit people from smoking in their apartments

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-may-prohibit-people-from-smoking-in-their-apartments/>

SF Gate, Nov 12 2020, These 11 San Francisco businesses repeatedly broke public health order
<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/San-Francisco-businesses-bars-violate-health-order-15723862.php>

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<https://abc7news.com/san-francisco-bar-shutdown-sf-covid-rollback-coronavirus-covid19/7877455/>

LA Times, Nov 11 2020, San Francisco, long hailed for beating COVID-19, now faces a spike in cases
<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-11-11/san-francisco-has-been-remarkable-conservative-in-fighting-covid-19-will-it-keep-working>

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<https://sfist.com/2020/11/11/sf-restaurants-face-grim-winter-with-no-indoor-seats-some-say-city-should-make-exceptions-for-those-being-extra-safe/>

Mission Local, Nov 10 2020, As COVID-19 cases climb 250% since early October, SF halts indoor dining
<https://missionlocal.org/2020/11/as-cases-increase-by-250-percent-since-early-october-the-city-halts-indoor-dining-and-other-activities/>

SF Business Times, Nov 10 2020, 'Potentially explosive' case surge leads S.F. to roll back indoor dining, other activities
<https://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/news/2020/11/10/case-surge-indoor-dining-movies-gyms-rollback.html>

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<https://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/San-Francisco-has-handled-the-coronavirus-15711673.php>

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<https://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/Contra-Costa-Santa-Cruz-counties-move-back-on-15716877.php>

Bloomberg News, Nov 9 2020, San Francisco pares reopening; Newark curfews: virus update
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SFist, Nov 9 2020, Pandemic updates: Hospitalizations return to mid-September levels; Santa Clara County warns of surge
<https://sfist.com/2020/11/09/pandemic-updates-hospitalizations-return-to-mid-september-levels/>

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<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/11/06/holiday-air-travelers-brace-for-possible-quarantine-additional-covid-precautions/>

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<https://missionlocal.org/2020/11/contact-tracing-asymptomatic-people-helped-identify-more-covid-19-cases-sf-public-health-department-research-shows/>

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Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow noted that the link associated with the “MCAH and UCSF Host Special Needs Dental Care Summit” item is not working. He asked if the collective impact project noted in this item will work with the children’s oral health initiative. Dr. Colfax stated that DPH will work to fix the link and that Dr. Hali Hammer can provide a response to the question through Mr. Morewitz.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public Comment.

5) RESOLUTION HONORING ALL ZSFG STAFF

Commissioner Bernal read the resolution.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian, member of the ZSFG JCC, stated that it is a privilege to be associated with the institution, noting that the work done by staff every day is so important.

Commissioner Green stated that she has been a member of the ZSFG JCC for three years and has found witnessing ZSFG in action to be uplifting, even during this difficult year. She stated that she regrets not being in the same room with ZSFG staff, but is hopeful that the resolution appropriately honors the incredible work of all staff.

Commissioner Guillermo expressed deep appreciation for every department and every individual working at ZSFG, including both DPH and UCSF employees. She added that words do not describe how proud the city and the Health Commission is of ZSFG staff.

Commissioner Giraudo congratulated all ZSFG staff for their impactful work. She is also the Health Commission representative on the SFGH Foundation and noted that organization continues to raise money to support the incredible work of ZSFG staff.

Commissioner Chow stated that the resolution demonstratives the effective and comprehensive work implemented by ZSFG staff during one of the most serious public health crises to impact San Francisco. He added that the resolution reflects the work of thousands of staff working in the finest public hospital in the United States.

Susan Ehrlich, MD, ZSFG CEO, thanked the Commission for the support and acknowledgment of the dedication and hard work of ZSFG staff during this difficult year.

Dr. Colfax stated that in addition to dealing with the pandemic, ZSFG staff have addressed the behavioral health complexities that accompany the stress of this year. ZSFG has discovered care delivery models for COVID-19 that are best practices for others around the world. He added that during the pandemic the DPH has realized integration of public health in its health care delivery system.

Action Taken: The Health commission unanimously approved the resolution (see attachment A)

6) ZSFG EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Edward Chow, MD, ZSFG JCC Chair, stated that it is a privilege to introduce this item. He noted that these recognition awards began during the tenure of Commission President Lee Anne Monfredini in an attempt to acknowledge extraordinary work implemented by DPH staff. He noted that in previous years, the Commissioners would be able to

stand in honor of staff and shake hands with those who received awards. He congratulated everyone receiving awards for their important work.

Andrea Turner, ZSFG Acting COO, Luke John Day, MD, ZSFG Chief Medical Officer, and Terry Dentoni, MSN, RN, CNL, ZFGH Chief Nursing Officer, reviewed the attached presentation which includes the names of all the awardees. (See Attachment B)

7) ZSFG FY 19-20 ANNUAL REPORT

Susan Ehrlich, MD, Chief Executive Officer, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green thanked Dr. Ehrlich for the comprehensive report which highlights the incredible work that was noted in the employee recognition awards.

Commissioner Chow noted that the ZSFG JCC reviewed a draft of this report and felt it was an exemplary report highlighting the vital work of ZSFG in the past year.

Commissioner Christian stated that the ZSFG staff and leadership is an amazing example of effective work impacting many diverse communities. She also thanked Dr. Ehrlich for her effective leadership.

Commissioner Bernal stated that the Commission is full of pride and gratitude for the extraordinary work of ZSFG.

Commissioner Guillermo acknowledged the effective partnerships between ZSFG and its public health counterpart within DPH. She noted that these types of partnership do not go as smoothly in the private sector. She gave credit to ZSFG for integrating behavioral health, public health, medical care, in addition to utilizing a trauma informed model in addressing social determinants of health.

Dr. Colfax noted that many physicians who trained at ZSFG did so during the HIV pandemic. In the future, public health and medical staff will utilize the valuable experience learned during pandemic.

8) ZSFG FY 19-20 ENVIRONMENT OF CARE ANNUAL REPORT

Susan Ehrlich, MD, Chief Executive Officer, presented the item, noting that at its October 27, 2020 meeting, the ZSFG JCC recommended that the full Health Commission approve this item.

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the FY19-20 Environment of Care Annual Report.

9) POLICY 8.09 HOSPITAL PLAN FOR PROVISION OF PATIENT CARE

Susan Ehrlich, MD, Chief Executive Officer, presented the item, noting that at its October 27, 2020 meeting, the ZSFG JCC recommended that the full Health Commission approve this item.

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the Plan for Provision of Patient Care.

10) POLICY 17.01 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY PROGRAM (PIPS)

Susan Ehrlich, MD, Chief Executive Officer, presented the item, noting that at its October 27, 2020 meeting, the ZSFG JCC recommended that the full Health Commission approve this item.

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Program.

11) COVID-19 UPDATE

Grant Colfax, MD, DPH Director of Health, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green asked for more information regarding issues with availability of testing resources. She noted that students and other former residents may be returning to the city for Thanksgiving. Dr. Colfax stated that the city is discouraging all holiday travel due to the current surge. He also stated that it is not recommended to use a test to determine safety; he reminded the Commission that there is a 14-day incubation period for this virus. He added that high capacity testing resources are reserved for people experiencing symptoms, essential workers, and those without insurance. The city is currently providing 55% of COVID-19 testing services.

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification if the current surge has changed the demographics of those who are most impacted. Dr. Colfax stated that the surge has not shown increases in cases in congregant settings. Current cases continued to be concentrated in the southeast part of the city. He noted that the new Alemany city testing site began services to better meet the needs of residents in that area. He added that there are more cases across the city, which is attributed to more activity, such as reopening of businesses and some recreational activities.

Commissioner Bernal stated that he knows the DPH is making all attempts to be responsive to the evolving needs of the community. He expressed hope that individuals with health coverage will utilize testing from their systems rather than taxing the city's resources. He noted that city remains in the state's red category while many of our neighboring counties have been moved to purple.

12) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Giraudo, chair, stated that the committee discussed an excellent presentation on food insecurity. She lauded the DPH for its effective outreach during the pandemic to help many people in need. She added that the initial food vouchers were only a one-time funded initiative and reminded everyone that lines for food banks are getting longer as more people suffer. The committee also discussed a presentation on the Behavioral Health Services internship and pipeline programs. The committee meeting ended before the discussion could be completed so the presenters were invited back for the December 15th meeting.

13) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

14) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

At the November 10th LHH JCC meeting, the committee reviewed and discussed the regular reports including the Chief Executive Officer Report and Regularly Affairs Report. During the CEO report, the Committee reviewed and gave feedback on the Laguna Honda annual report, which will be presented to the full Commission on January 5th. The Committee welcomed Monica Biley, the new LHH Chief Nursing Officer and also honored outgoing Dr. Michael McShane, former Chief of Medical Staff. The committee discussed the annual Laguna Honda Security Assessment and the Facility Assessment. In closed session, the committee reviewed the credentials report, PIPS minutes, and Medical Quality Improvement.

15) 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) Closed Session Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1156, 1156.1, 1157, 1157.5 and

1157.6: Health and Safety Code Section 1461; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1.

CONSIDERATION OF ZSFG CREDENTIALING MATTERS

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. Possible report on action taken in closed session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)
2. *Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)*

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to not disclose discussions held in closed session.

16) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 20-13**

HONORING ALL ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL STAFF MEMBERS

WHEREAS, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) is a licensed general acute care hospital providing a full complement of inpatient, outpatient, emergency, skilled nursing, diagnostic, mental health, and rehabilitation services for adults and children; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG is the largest acute inpatient hospital for psychiatric patients and the only acute hospital in San Francisco providing 24 hour psychiatric emergency services; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG operates the only Level 1 trauma center in the area, providing these services to one in eight San Francisco and San Mateo county residents; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG services over 94,000 patients per year and provides more than 20% of all inpatient care for San Francisco residents; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG is one of the nation's top academic medical center partnering with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Pharmacy on clinical training and research for the past 150 years; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG provides quality services to approximately 95,000 diverse patients each year, regardless of insurance status; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG employs 3,500 Department of Public Health (DPH) and 2,100 UCSF staff members, in addition utilizing 400 volunteers: and

WHEREAS, ZSFG, as part of a larger San Francisco Health Network effort, implemented EPIC, a centralized electronic medical record system in 2019, which required an enormous amount of planning and change for all staff members. 2020 was intended as a year to fine tune staff competency with EPIC and make necessary adjustments to the complex data system; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020, Mayor London Breed, with input from Dr. Grant Colfax, DPH Director of Health, and Dr. Thomas Aragon, San Francisco Health Officer and Director of the DPH Population Health Division, declared a local emergency due to the threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG pivoted its usual operations to prepare for COVID-19. This included getting isolation rooms ready, stocking personal protective equipment, organizing testing, training staff, and mobilizing all resources to be serve San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG continues to align with the City and support its staff, the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) was activated to closely monitor hospital operations 24/7.; and

WHEREAS, ZSFG COVID-19 care teams, which included medical providers, nurses, and respiratory therapists, cared for patients in Medical Surgical and Intensive Care Units, while adhering to treatment protocols and ensuring additional capacity for all patients; and

WHEREAS, Human Resource Operations and Merit team staff worked tirelessly to adjust processes and priorities to meet the hiring needs of ZSFG and the City to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, A ZSFG Screening Work Group (SWG) was created to implement a phased approach to ensure staff, patients and visitors are properly screened; and

WHEREAS, In collaboration with the SWG, the Emergency Department, Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES), Urgent Care Clinic and Richard Fine People's Clinic developed a model to effectively triage and treat patients on the campus with respiratory and non-respiratory symptoms; and

WHEREAS, The Infection Control Team has served as trusted advisors for the SFHN to safely manage and treat COVID-19 patients, as well as keep the workforce safe.; and

WHEREAS, The Support Services Team maintained operations and essential services for staff and patients, even during pandemic challenges; and

WHEREAS, The Facilities Team were early responders to staff safety by creating safe flow in every building by securing screening areas; and

WHEREAS, A total of 197 ZSFG staff and 20 UCSF staff were deployed to support the hospital's COVID-19 Operations, which included patient and visitor screening, testing centers, laboratory, outpatient clinics, psychiatric services, and inpatient settings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission expresses its deep gratitude to every ZSFG employee and volunteer for the heroic work and vital contributions made each day during the COVID-19 pandemic to benefit the health and wellbeing of patients.; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission acknowledges the important and effective partnership between ZSFG and University of California San Francisco which enables ZSFG to provide the highest quality care within a medical training and research hospital.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of November 17, 2020 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachment B

ZSFG Employee Recognition Awards