

ZSFG CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT
Presented to the JCC-ZSFG on May 19, 2020
04/13/20 Leadership & Business MEC, and 05/11/20 Business MEC

5/11/20 Business MEC Focused on COVID-19 updates for the service chiefs. Updates on testing, PPE, and condition status were reviewed. Clarifications were given on providers working in surge areas via emergency privileges. Credentials committee decisions and ZSFG Rules and Regulations were reviewed and approved. There was no PIPs meeting in the prior month to review; PIPS will reconvene in June.

4/13/20 Leadership and Business MEC – Focused on more extensive updates on COVID preparation, surge plans, and potential shortages. The ZSFG Scarcity Plan was also presented, discussed, and approved.

ZSFG Scarcity Plan:

In April, MEC approved six documents on scarcity allocation plans developed by Ethics Committee as presented by Dr. Jack Chase, CO-Chair, Ethics Committee.

Background: Co-directors of Critical Care Antonio Gomez, MD and Caroline Hendrickson, MD requested that to the Ethics Committee convene a resource-scarcity work group. The group's goal was to establish guidelines and priorities for how ZSFG critical care would handle a severe resource shortage that forced them to consider allocation decisions. The workgroup included clinicians from anesthesia, emergency medicine, family medicine, medicine, neonatology, neuro-critical care, neurosurgery, OB/Gyn, pediatrics, psychiatry, surgery, transfusion medicine departments, chaplaincy, ZSFG equity, nursing, pharmacy, respiratory care, and social services leadership and representatives. Decision-making frameworks were discussed with the Ethics Committee chairpersons at UCSF Medical Center and SFVA, to create consistency. Finally, the workgroup sought input from a number of patients from the Patient Advisory Council and from various community advocates.

The work group produced six documents for use in the case of critical resource scarcity (refer to attachments for details). These are:

1. Guidelines Ethics Resource Scarcity
2. Allocation Triage protocol
3. Blood Shortage Plan
4. Resource Scarcity Hospital Workflow
5. Patient Family Notification for Critical Resources
6. Critical Resource Scarcity Working Group

CLINICAL SERVICE REPORT: None

Update from last Health Commission meeting: The question regarding Ob-Gyn privileges for hysteroscopic sterilization is being addressed by Ob-Gyn leadership, with modifications in progress.