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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday February 4, 2020 4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300
San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

Excused: Commissioner Dan Bernal, President

The meeting was called to order at 4:08pm. Commissioner Chow chaired the meeting.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the February 18, 2020 minutes.

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>

COVID-19

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China continues to expand. Chinese health officials have reported thousands of infections with Covid-19, with the virus reportedly spreading from person-to-person in many parts of that country. Infections with COVID-19, which were previously associated primarily with travel from Hubei Province, China, are now being reported in a growing number of international locations, including the United States.

On February 25, 2020, Mayor London Breed declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19, reflecting a new phase of the outbreak, and to ensure the city is prepared considering the growing likelihood that San Francisco will see cases and experience community spread. This declaration ensures the mobilization of resources, speeds up planning, coordinates all city agencies and allows for reimbursement by state and federal governments.

On Wednesday, February 26, 2020 health officials announced a potential case of community spread in Solano County, in a person who had no contact or travel history with the virus. On Friday, February 28, 2020, we received the news of three new cases with unknown sources in the United States, one in Oregon, one in Washington, and one in the Bay Area (Santa Clara, California).

On Saturday, February 29, 2020 the U.S. announced its first death as a result of COVID-19, among one of the cases that had been reported positive the previous day, from King County, Washington. This patient was a man in his 50's and was considered medically frail. The CDC has confirmed that the elderly, immune compromised, and medically frail are most at risk for adverse effects of this virus. We will focus on these populations in our preparedness efforts.

Our Department Operations Center, activated since January 21, 2020, and the City's Emergency Operations Center, activated shortly thereafter, both opened their Community Branches in the last week. This activation extends the range of resources available, stepping up existing outreach to news media, schools, housing, shelters, neighborhoods and faith-based communities, to share our latest information more broadly, and to help community members understand how to prepare and protect themselves against the virus. We have been working especially closely all along with the Chinese community, which has been most impacted both by concerns here and for the welfare of friends and family members in China.

We are encouraging the public not to panic, but to prepare, and have the most up-to-date facts and resources available on our website at: <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>

Safe Consumption Services

Mayor London Breed and Supervisor Matt Haney are proposing a DPH-administered permit process by which nonprofit organizations may seek to provide safe consumption services. Around the world, overdose prevention sites are successful in reducing harm and death among people who use drugs. They provide a clinically supervised, indoor setting for using drugs that can cause overdose and death if taken improperly or alone. Clients may also receive medical treatment and referrals to other types of care, and be connected to treatment for substance use disorder when they are ready. The City and County of San Francisco would, under this ordinance, stand ready to permit its first of these sites if Assembly Bill 362 passes the state Legislature. For many years, DPH has supported the effort to establish safe consumption services in San Francisco as an evidence-based, harm reduction approach to drug use. That support has only become more urgent as overdose deaths have increased, to at least 330 in 2019, according to the most current verified data. We attribute this increase in large part to the arrival of the especially potent opioid fentanyl. Although people who use drugs, their friends, and first responders have reversed thousands of opioid overdoses with naloxone in the last several years, fentanyl poses an extraordinary threat and DPH is increasing its naloxone distribution and other overdose prevention efforts. Adding safe consumption sites to the spectrum of care would add a proven, life-saving resource to our work protecting and promoting health for all in San Francisco. The ordinance is scheduled for introduction at the Board of Supervisors' meeting today [March 3]. As Mayor Breed noted in her announcement, "On Tuesday, February 25, the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia ruled in favor of a nonprofit organization in a suit brought by the federal government seeking to block the opening of the first safe injection site in the country. The court found that the nonprofit's proposed facility would not violate a provision of the federal Controlled Substances Act." While the Court's ruling does not apply directly to California, the legislation Mayor Breed and Supervisor Haney will introduce is consistent with this federal court ruling.

Joint Commission Consultative Survey at ZSFG

During the week of January 13th, three surveyors from The Joint Commission (TJC) conducted a Mock Triennial Survey at ZSFG. The survey is intended to prepare ZSFG staff for the upcoming TJC Triennial Survey that will be taking place within the next five months. Following the exercise, the surveyors shared with the organization many notable accomplishments. For example, they acknowledged that for an organization of ZSFG's size, there

are typically two times more findings than what they documented, which showcased ZSFG's "continuous regulatory readiness." Also, the surveyors were impressed with ZSFG's integration of behavioral health services into ambulatory services, a testament to the organization's dedication and focus on this critical aspect of treating "the whole person." Lastly, the surveyors commended the team on their proficient use of navigating care plans in Epic, especially this early into our implementation. The Quality Team reviewed the final report and will continue to collaborate with departments to ensure the organization is survey ready, and addresses any areas of improvement that were identified. Congratulations and many thanks to the ZSFG Quality and Regulatory Team for organizing and facilitating this important mock survey. Many thanks also to all ZSFG staff for their professionalism, teamwork, and dedication to patients.

Workforce Violence Prevention

The ZSFG Workplace Violence Prevention (WVP) Committee organized three recent town halls focusing on Workplace Violence Prevention. The town halls took place during day, evening and night shifts, with the goal of reaching staff from all shifts. Over 150 staff attended the sessions and it was live-streamed for staff who were unable to attend in person. These town halls are a part of a series of activities planned for 2020 to address the issue of Workplace Violence on the ZSFG campus. Upcoming events include a Kaizen event in March, open sessions of the WVP committee and an additional town hall series in December. One of the more successful violence reduction programs at ZSFG has been the Behavioral Emergency Response Team (BERT), staffed by psychiatry Clinical Nurse Specialists and Nursing Educators, which began as a pilot in two medical surgical units in February of 2018. The team was created to respond to emergent behavioral situations and to decrease the number of calls to the SF Sheriff's Department (SFSD). As of January 2020, the team has responded to over 190 calls from inpatient nursing units and calls to the SFSD have decreased dramatically. In December 2019, the team began to pilot rounds in the ED. Although the team is not staffed on a 24-hour basis, or on weekends, the work that they have done during day shifts has contributed to better serve ZSFG patients.

Workplace violence was also a topic of discussion at a recent ED staff meeting. Many proposed solutions were discussed including adding Licensed Psych Techs, Expanding Behavioral Emergency Response Team (BERT) hours (see below), increasing Sheriff presence, increasing crisis prevention training, adding violence screening tools to Unusual Occurrence (UO) systems, and encouraging more staff participation in the Workplace Violence Prevention committee.

ZSFG Holds Annual Employee Dinner

Hospital Staff who have worked 10, 15, 20, and more years were honored at the recent ZSFG Annual Employee Recognition Dinner. San Francisco Supervisors Shamann Walton and Ahsha Safai provided opening remarks. Public Health Human Resources Director Michael Brown and ZSFG CEO Susan Ehrlich recognized each honoree individually with a certificate and pin that denoted their years of service. In addition, Brenda Barros and Eunice Woo were recognized for their hard work and willingness to go above and beyond for the organization. A big thanks to Chef Mike, from ZSFG's Food Services and to the Care & Hospital Employees Activities, Recognition and Service Committee (CHEARS) for recognizing the dedication of our hospital staff.

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

February 2020

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(February 6, 2020 Medical Exec Committee)

	February	(FY 2019-2020) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	1	10
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	1	35
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired/Separated	1	10
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	3	4
Proctorship Extension	0	1

Current Statistics – as of 2/04/2020

Active Medical Staff	34
As-Needed Medical Staff	15
External Consultant Medical Staff	46
Courtesy Medical Staff	3
Affiliated Health Practitioners	13
TOTAL MEMBERS	111

Applications in Process	0
Applications Withdrawn this month	0

DPH in the News:

Southland Girds Against Coronavirus as First U.S. Death Reported

<https://mynewsla.com/hollywood/2020/02/29/southland-girds-against-coronavirus-as-first-u-s-death-reported/>

As a second coronavirus case is confirmed in California, WHO upgrades risk to ‘very high’
<https://www.asianjournal.com/usa/dateline-usa/as-a-second-coronavirus-case-is-confirmed-in-california-who-upgrades-risk-to-very-high/>

L.A. officials planning extra steps to prevent major coronavirus outbreak
https://www.theeast siderla.com/lifestyle/health_and_fitness/l-a-officials-planning-extra-steps-to-prevent-major-coronavirus/article_3e4c9d46-5b2c-11ea-b50c-f7d07dc886a3.html

Saturday Morning News Roundup
<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Saturday-Morning-News-Roundup-15094676.php>

GDC and San Francisco's tourism industry association gave gaming conference attendees incomplete and outdated virus updates as big companies pulled out
<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/sf-gdc-conference-incomplete-coronavirus-info-2020-2-1028950938>

Next Month’s Game Developers Conference Has Been Postponed Over COVID-19 Threat
<https://mmos.com/news/next-months-game-developers-conference-has-been-postponed-over-covid-19-threat>

Stomach Virus Outbreak Closes Middle School In Richmond District
<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Stomach-Virus-Outbreak-Closes-Middle-School-In-15092760.php>

“Without it, we are flying in the dark”: Why the US needs better coronavirus testing, fast
<https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2020/2/28/21155917/preparing-for-coronavirus-in-the-us-cdc-diagnostic-testing>

Coronavirus updates: Latest outbreak developments as California case raises concern
<https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/california/article240731281.html>

LA Officials Preparing For Coronavirus, Urge Public Not To Panic
<https://patch.com/california/northhollywood/s/h15xx/la-officials-preparing-coronavirus-urge-public-not-panic>

San Francisco Declares State of Emergency Amid Coronavirus Outbreak
<https://www.parents.com/syndication/san-francisco-declares-state-of-emergency-amid-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Presidio Middle School closed due to stomach virus outbreak
<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/presidio-middle-school-closed-due-to-stomach-virus-outbreak/>

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Boston
<https://www.boston.gov/news/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-boston>

States and Cities Improvise With Few Virus Test Kits to Be Found - BNN Bloomberg
<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/states-and-cities-improvise-with-few-virus-test-kits-to-be-found-1.1397785>

I’m Sick: How Do I Know If It’s the Coronavirus? | KQED
<https://www.kqed.org/science/1957767/im-sick-how-do-i-know-if-its-the-coronavirus>

San Francisco Leaders Seek To Revive Controversial Safe Injection Site Plan

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/02/28/san-francisco-leaders-seek-to-revive-controversial-safe-injection-site-plan/>

Even with few U.S. cases, coronavirus fears spark restaurant business downturn

<https://www.restaurantbusinessonline.com/operations/even-few-us-cases-coronavirus-fears-spark-restaurant-business-downturn>

San Francisco Declares State of Emergency Because of Coronavirus

https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/San-Francisco-Declares-State-of-Emergency-Because-of-Coronavirus-.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+emergencymgmt%2FHvhi+%28Emergency+Management%29

Here's how Bay Area hospitals are preparing for a coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/Bay-Area-hospitals-scramble-to-prepare-for-15087370.php#>

SF gets closer to opening drug injection sites in wake of court ruling

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/local-politics/article/SF-gets-closer-to-opening-drug-injection-site-in-15089793.php>

SF mulls how to regulate ghost kitchens, food delivery apps

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/SF-mulls-how-to-regulate-ghost-kitchens-food-15087687.php>

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<https://www.sfchronicle.com/local-politics/article/SF-gets-closer-to-opening-drug-injection-site-in-15089793.php>

SF to introduce legislation authorizing safe injection sites

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/sf-to-introduce-legislation-authorizing-safe-injection-sites/>

San Francisco Mayor London Breed moves forward with safe injection site

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/san-francisco-mayor-london-breed-moves-forward-with-safe-injection-site/>

Supervisor Mandelman Introduces Ordinance That Could Bring Gay Bathhouse Culture Back to SF

<http://sfbaytimes.com/supervisor-mandelman-introduces-ordinance-bring-gay-bathhouse-culture-back-sf/>

San Francisco declares state of emergency over coronavirus. Here's what that means

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/02/27/san-francisco-declares-state-of-emergency-over-coronavirus-heres-what-that-means/>

Why San Francisco has declared a coronavirus state of emergency: Your questions answered

<https://m.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/coronavirus-San-Francisco-state-of-emergency-15086435.php>

'Panic doesn't help anyone': An interview with the director of SF's Emergency Management Dept.

<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/coronavirus-San-Francisco-state-of-emergency-15086435.php>

Mayor Breed, Supervisor Haney Renew Push for Safe Injection Sites

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Mayor-Breed-Supervisor-Haney-Renew-Push-For-Safe-15090558.php>

https://www.ebar.com/news/latest_news/288749

US cities and counties are declaring emergencies to free up funding in case the coronavirus outbreak grows
<https://www.businessinsider.com/us-cities-declared-coronavirus-emergencies-to-free-up-funds-2020-2?r=US&IR=T>

Here's why it's not necessarily a reason to panic

<https://us.cnn.com/2020/02/26/health/san-francisco-coronavirus-emergency-declaration/index.html>

San Francisco's coronavirus state of emergency won't halt Game Developers Conference

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/video-games/2020/02/26/san-franciscos-coronavirus-state-emergency-wont-halt-game-developers-conference/>

San Francisco Declares Emergency Over 'Growing Likelihood' Of Coronavirus Cases

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/02/26/coronavirus-san-francisco-emergency-mayor-london-breed/>

SF mulls how to regulate ghost kitchens, food delivery apps

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/SF-mulls-how-to-regulate-ghost-kitchens-food-15087687.php>

San Francisco declares local emergency amid coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.fox21news.com/news/san-francisco-declares-local-emergency-amid-coronavirus-outbreak/>

San Francisco Mayor Declares State Of Emergency Due To Coronavirus

<https://kmel.iheart.com/content/2020-02-26-san-francisco-mayor-declares-state-of-emergency-due-to-coronavirus/>

OC Declares Coronavirus Emergency, So It Can Be 'Nimble And Flexible'

https://laist.com/2020/02/26/oc_orange_county_coronavirus_emergency_declaration.php

(SF Declares Emergency)

<https://www.worldjournal.com/6807044/>

Texas: El Paso records significant increase in syphilis, other STDs

<http://outbreaknewstoday.com/texas-el-paso-records-significant-increase-in-syphilis-other-stds-40528/>

Sen. Wiener Proposal Would Offer Rewards To Meth Users Who Stay Sober

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/02/26/sb888-meth-crisis-contingency-management-cash-rewards-sober-clean/>

Pedestrian struck in Tenderloin Friday dies of injuries

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/pedestrian-struck-in-tenderloin-friday-dies-of-injuries/>

Lawsuit claims Michelin-star SF restaurant Angler stored food in dusty basement with rodent feces

<https://m.sfgate.com/food/article/Angler-lawsuit-Jonathan-De-Wolf-rodent-feces-15080342.php>

In San Fran, drug overdose deaths surpass 300

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/in-san-francisco-drug-overdose-deaths-surpass-300/>

Pelosi Lunches in SF Chinatown, Lending Support to Businesses Amid Coronavirus Fears | KQED News
<https://www.kqed.org/news/11803203/pelosi-lunches-in-sf-chinatown-lending-support-to-businesses-amid-coronavirus-fears>

Misguided virus fears hitting Asian American businesses hard in Chinatowns across U.S.
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/02/23/business/economy-business/misguided-virus-fears-hitting-asian-american-businesses-hard/>

Verizon just became the third major sponsor to pull out of one of the biggest cybersecurity events of the year over coronavirus fears (VZ, T, IBM)
<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/verizon-att-ibm-pullout-rsa-virus-fears-2020-2-1028928272>

Coronavirus patient from cruise ship brought to San Francisco hospital
<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/wires/coronavirus-patient-from-cruise-ship-brought-to-san-francisco-hospital-san-francisco-chronicle/>

SF hospital treating case of novel coronavirus
<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-hospital-treating-case-of-novel-coronavirus/>

Coronavirus patient from cruise ship brought to San Francisco hospital
<https://m.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Coronavirus-patient-Japan-cruiseship-San-Francisco-15073476.php>
<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/coronavirus-patient-being-treated-at-san-francisco-hospital/>

Santa Clara County declares first coronavirus case fully recovered
<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2020/02/20/santa-clara-county-declares-first-coronavirus-case-fully-recovered/>

Supervisor Candidate Sean DeVries Addresses the Rumors and Allegations About His Past
<https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2020/feb/20/supervisor-candidate-sean-devries-addresses-rumors/>

Resistance to Putting Billionaire Doris Fisher's KIPP Hunters Point Charter On TI by Repost
<https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2020/02/20/18830850.php>

SF to provide \$350K to help struggling nonprofit care for youth in crisis
<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-to-provide-350k-to-help-struggling-nonprofit-care-for-youth-in-crisis/>

Coronavirus patient from Travis Air Force Base now being treated at San Francisco hospital
<https://abc7news.com/health/coronavirus-patient-from-travisafb-now-at-san-francisco-hospital/5953104/>

Asian American student, 16, is attacked by high school bullies in 'racial backlash' over coronavirus
<https://expressdigest.com/asian-american-student-16-is-attacked-by-high-school-bullies-in-racial-backlash-over-coronavirus/>

Misguided Virus Fears Hitting Asian American Businesses
https://atlanticcity.edgemedianetwork.com/business/corporate/288342/misguided_virus_fears_hitting_asian_american_businesses

Overdose Deaths Continue To Rise in San Francisco
<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/02/19/overdose-deaths-continue-to-rise-in-san-francisco/>

DPH Data Shows Overdose Deaths Continue To Rise

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Dph-Data-Shows-Overdose-Deaths-Continue-To-Rise-15069006.php>

<https://www.kron4.com/san-francisco-homelessness/data-shows-drastic-increase-in-fentanyl-overdose-deaths-in-san-francisco/>

Katz Bagels closing next month after 27 years

<https://www.jweekly.com/2020/02/18/katz-bagels-closing-next-month-after-27-years/>

Online Extra: SF Pride kicks off 50th celebration

https://www.ebar.com/news/latest_news/288335/online_extra:_sf_pride_kicks_off_50th_celebration

Dr. Colfax noted that San Francisco has identified 12 community acquired COVID-19 cases. He excused many DPH Executive Staff from attending the Health Commission meeting because they are activated on the DPH COVID-19 response.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow noted that the ZSFG participation in a practice Joint Commission survey was helpful since the hospital is now participating in an actual Joint Commissioner survey.

4) CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Tomas Aragon, MD, DPH Health Officer presented the item. He stated that San Francisco is focusing on the most medically fragile populations, protecting healthcare workers, and mitigating community spread of the virus. The City is asking those planning large events to consider the most vulnerable individual in their plans. He noted that Project Homeless Connect will be rescheduled as the model is retooled for increased community safety. He added that Dr. Naveena Bobba, DPH Deputy Director of Health, met with the SRO community to create safety plans. The City is planning for a medical surge of COVID-19 cases.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thanked the DPH for its fine work to protect the city and help address the anxiety of City residents. He noted that many residents are taking hand-washing and social distancing recommendations seriously. He also thanked Dr. Colfax, Dr. Aragon, and Mayor Breed for the Emergency Declaration.

Commissioner Guillermo thanked the DPH for its swift action and direct communication. She asked if the tests used for COVID19 are sent by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Dr. Aragon stated that the tests in San Francisco are currently CDC tests. He added that the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) just gave approval for local labs to process the tests; this will speed up the processing time. Dr. Colfax stated that individuals should contact their health care provider, who can assess whether a test is appropriate; the provider can then contact the DPH for a test.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if any cases involving children or youth. Dr. Aragon stated that the number of cases in youth/children from China is very small.

Commissioner Green asked for information regarding how the Hospital Council is involved in the San Francisco COVID19 preparation and response. Dr. Colfax stated that the Hospital Council has been used to share conversations to develop the best way to prepare together and share resources as necessary.

Dr. Colfax noted that members of the public may see up-to-date San Francisco information at SFDPH.org; the CDC website is CDC.gov.

5) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

6) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chung, Chair, stated that the Committee recommended the Contracts Report and contract request for a new contract with TaleMed LLC. The Committee also discussed and heard public comment on a 1156 Valencia Hummingbird Respite program and Project 180, a new drug sobering center. She noted that both of the new programs will be discuss on the full Commission agenda.

7) CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- MARCH 2020 CONTRACTS REPORT
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH TALEMED, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,840,000, TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED, TEMPORARY TRAVELING NURSE REGISTRY PERSONNEL TO THE SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK, ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER (ZSFG), LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL (LHH) AND OTHER SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK FACILITIES, FOR THE TERM OF MARCH 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 (4 YEARS AND 3 MONTHS).

8) PROPOSED PROGRAM REVIEW: "1156 VALENCIA HUMMINGBIRD RESPITE," PROGRAM TO BE LOCATED AT 1156 VALENCIA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA, 94110

Kelly Hiramoto, LCSW, Special Projects Manager, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Marcy Katz Bacalao, Policy Director of Compass Family Services, stated that she is in support of this program which treats individuals with dignity.

Anthony Carrasco, Compass Family Services, stated that the program can help families with members experiencing mental health issues, stay together.

Sara Short, Community Housing Partnership, stated that she lives nearby and supports the project. Instead of children seeing suffering on the streets and witnessing the City take no action, she would like children to observe a City taking care of its residents with healing programs like this one.

Roma Guy, Taxpayers for Public Safety, stated that she supports the program and appreciates the lessons learned from the implementation of the original Hummingbird program. She noted that in this project, CCSF silos cooperated together.

Lydia Bransten, St. Anthony's Foundation, mother who has a child in school a few blocks from the program site, stated that she is in support of the program. She added that it is important to teach her child that all people deserve respect.

Lauren Kahn, HealthRight360 and a resident of the neighborhood, stated that the new Hummingbird program is acutely needed.

Amy Farrah Wise, St. Francis Homelessness Challenge, stated that she is in support of the project and noted that it is important to design safe transitions back to the community for participants.

Lauren Kahn, HealthRight360, stated that she is in favor of the project and has faith that PRC/Baker Places will implement an effective Program.

9) PROPOSED PROGRAM REVIEW: "PROJECT 180," A NEW DRUG SOBERING CENTER, TO BE LOCATED AT 180 JONES STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94102.

Judith Martin, MD, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Services, and Anton Nigusse Bland, MD, Director for Mental Health Reform, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Christy Shirilla, lives around the corner from the site and is opposed to the location and cost of the program. She stated that the children in the area already have PTSD due to what they experience and observe in the neighborhood. She noted that the DPH did not disseminate information about the community meetings to a school one half block away. She added that the DPH has not provided sufficient answers about where participants will go after they leave the program. She requested a second community meeting with adequate space and interpreters.

Roma Guy, Taxpayers for Public Safety, stated that the community can work with HealthRight360 to make the program fit the culture of the neighborhood. She added that the DPH did not bring the community in to help with the design.

Calder Lorenz, St. Anthony's Foundation, stated that the organization staff understands the anger about the lack of process, but feel the project outcomes are urgently needed. He added that many of their staff respond to overdoses and they welcome any help with these issues. He also stated that there is currently nowhere to take people using methamphetamine.

Robert Hoffman, San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF), Director of Syringe Access and Disposal and a resident of the Tenderloin, stated that he understands there is fear and concern about moving people from other neighborhoods into the Tenderloin through this program. However, he noted that SFAF would partner to help make the program a success.

Marcy Katz Bacalao, Policy Director of Compass Family Services, stated that she supports the project but noted that repairing of trust needs to be initiated by the DPH. The project needs to be coordinated well.

Anthony Carrasco, Compass Family Services, is in support of the project and thinks it is the right time and right place.

Norma Carrerra, Tenderloin resident and mother, requested another community meeting with adequate space and interpretation available. He suggested that youth and schools be included in the invitation. He noted that he is favor of the project idea but wants it to be implemented as a community.

Randy Arevalo, former substance user and current Peer Navigator at Glide Foundation, stated that he sleeps on the corner of the program site. There are a lot of tents on that site and a lot of people die from drug overdoses on that site. The is in support of the project.

Josephine Rivera, United Here Local 2 and Tenderloin resident,

Lydia Brandsten, St. Anthony's Foundation, stated that the Tenderloin community has worked together to develop shared agreements such as people sleeping on the street get up by 6am to make sure there is safe passage for students going to school; church's in the area open their doors early so enable the people who slept on the street more respite. She stated that the program organizers need to work with the community to align with these values. She added that the street is currently unsafe for those who live there, whether in homes or on the street.

Ro Guilliano, San Francisco AIDS Foundation Syringe Access Director, stated that the organization supports the project. He noted that there are no 24-hour access services in the neighborhood. While there are many services for those who use opioids, there are none for methamphetamine users.

Joe K., lives at Geary and Jones and works at St. Anthony's Foundation, stated that the project is a response to a crisis. Children in the neighborhood already see people on the street having methamphetamine-related episodes. He added that there is a park being built across from a strip club and a neighborhood programs shares space with afterschool programs. He feels that the neighborhood children are already exposed to many issues and the program would show a compassionate solution.

Amy Farrah Wise, St. Francis Homelessness Challenge, was told by CCSF that they could 180 Jones Street for a program that would cost the City nothing. The Mayor's Office stopped their project at the last minute so the site could be used for the drug sobering center. Even with the egregious planning by the Mayor's Office, St. Francis Homeless Challenge is in support of the program because it will alleviate many problems. She requested \$50,000 to go to peer organizers and \$10,000 to a community council. She noted that because the Mayor's Office was putting the drug sobering center in this spot, people living on the street at the site were offered slots in a navigation center.

Paul Harkin, HealthRight360, is in favor of the project. He has lived and worked in the Tenderloin for 20 years and commended those who made public comment for understanding the need for the intervention, while simply wanting more involvement in the planning. He noted that this is a compassionate trauma informed response to a crisis.

John Shoulder, TNDC Housing Night Manager, stated that the DPH did not collaborate with the community; the one meeting had no interpreters or adequate space for all who wanted to attend. In addition, the DPH ended the meeting before those who wanted to speak were heard.

Jason Albertson, DPH Employee but is speaking as an individual, is in favor of the project because he has worked in the Tenderloin for decades and has seen numerous methamphetamine overdoses. He noted that there is no current treatment for methamphetamine uses.

Connie Rebecca, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, does not have a current position on the project because the DPH outreach for community involvement was so poor. She noted that many people see the need for an intervention but the community must be part of the process.

Honey Mahogany, Supervisor Matt Haney's Office, requested a delay in the vote on this project until a more robust community input process can be implemented.

Dr. Colfax noted that he co-chaired the Methamphetamine Task Force and a drug sobering center was a priority in the Task Force's recommendations. He stated regret for how the community process was implemented and said that the DPH is committed to improving in this area. He committed to another DPH meeting with the community.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung stated that the project would fit in with other existing efforts in the neighborhood and is glad that the police can be a referral. Mr. Harkin stated that due to historic trauma of the target population with the Police, project staff would go to the Police station and escort participants to the program.

Commissioner Guillermo stated that as native San Franciscan whose father ran a barbershop in the Tenderloin, she is aware of the many changes to the neighborhood and the importance of community involvement. She advocated for an additional community meeting to ensure all voices are heard in this process. A community process with integrity will help make the project a success.

Commissioner Giraudo thanked Dr. Colfax for committing to another community meeting. She noted that she is involved with a school in the Tenderloin that was only notified a few days before the Health Commission meeting about the project. She also added that it is important to keep in mind that from 2-5:30pm, students are released from schools; safety is a very important focus when planning this project. She looks forward to hearing a more detailed safety plan before the project moves forward.

Commissioner Green thanked the presenters and the eloquence and compassion of all those who made public comment. She noted that there seems to be universal understanding that the issues must be addressed. She requested that as the project planning moves forward, the issue of child/youth trauma be a focus in the safety plan. Dr. Martin stated that UCSF will be conducting an evaluation of the community process to assist the process; the DPH will conduct program evaluation through contract monitoring.

Commissioner Chow thanked all those who contributed public comment, in person and in writing. He encouraged the DPH to ensure there is adequate space and interpretation at the next community meeting. He also requested that the DPH conduct a robust outreach effort to ensure community inclusion.

Commissioner Chow requested that the next presentation include more information regarding what the site will look like when completed.

10) OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Morewitz reminded the Commissioners that the March 12 ,2020 joint meeting with the Planning Commission will begin at 10:30am and will be held at City Hall, room 400.

11) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow, ZSFG Chair, stated that at the February 25th ZSFG JCC meeting, the Committee reviewed regular reports and discussed the following new items: Quality Measure Update, True North Scorecard, ZSFG Emergency Department Weekly Newsletter, Workplace Violence Town Hall Update. In open session, the Committee approved Cardiology and Ophthalmology privileges. In closed session, the Committee considered the Credentials and PIPS minutes reports.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.