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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

At

4:00 p.m.

101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 302

San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Illig called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: President James M. Illig
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.

Absent: Vice President Sonia E. Melara
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney) voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2008 without modifications.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Judge Dismisses Tobacco Suit

On Friday, December 18, Judge Peter Busch of San Francisco Superior Court dismissed a suit by Walgreens which complained about the law's exemption for supermarkets and big-box retail stores

that have pharmacies. Judge Busch's ruling said that the City's position that selling tobacco products in stores where customers go to improve their health sends the wrong message about the acceptability of smoking. That was a reasonable basis for prohibiting sales in stores such as Walgreens while allowing them in other stores that have pharmacies. The same judge issued a similar ruling in September when he denied an injunction that would have prevented the Ordinance from taking effect on October 1.

As the Commissioners recall, a federal judge last month rejected Philip Morris' claim that the ban on tobacco sales violates the firm's constitutional right to communicate with its customers by advertising and selling its products.

The Ordinance, the first of its kind in the nation, prohibits sales of cigarettes and other tobacco products in nearly 60 drugstores throughout the City. Both Walgreens and Philip Morris say they will appeal the rulings.

Healthy SF Named in Top 10 Policies of the Year by DMI

The Drum Major Institute for Public Policy (DMI) has named Healthy San Francisco as one of the **Top 10 Policies of the Year** in their 2008 *Year in Review*. In compiling their *Year in Review*, the DMI analyzed public policy at all levels of government around the country.

I thought the Commissioners would be interested in reading the entire statement from DMI regarding Healthy San Francisco.

"Everyone gets to see a doctor. Not just an overworked E.R. staffer who will see you after a five hour wait when you're facing a medical crisis, but a primary physician who can provide routine preventive care as well as treatment when you get sick. That's the ideal at least, and San Francisco is moving towards it more swiftly than anyplace else in country. Uninsured city residents can enroll in the Healthy San Francisco program for a sliding-scale fee based on income. Once enrolled, participants pick a "medical home" from any of the 27 participating public and non-profit health clinics throughout the city. Participants still don't have insurance that will follow them throughout the country and the world, but they do have regular access to health care at home by the Bay. Yet that's just part of the program. The other component, in effect for the first time in 2008, requires that all city employers with more than 20 workers contribute at least \$1.17 per hour worked per employee to pay for health care. Employers can put the cash toward private insurance. They can contribute it towards the city clinic system. Or they can set up health care accounts. But they can't avoid making some provision for their employees' health. Employer groups sued to stop the plan, but lost in court. As of October, nearly 31,000 San Francisco residents – out of an estimated 73,000 who were uninsured – get to see a doctor whenever they need to. For an innovative approach to expanding health coverage, Healthy San Francisco gets a hale and hearty place on our best of 2008 list."

The Drum Major Institute for Public Policy is a non-partisan, non-profit think tank. To read more about the best in public policy go to, <http://www.drummajorinstitute.org/library/report.php?ID=78>.

Blue Shield of California Foundation Awards Grant to Healthy SF

The Blue Shield of California Foundation, Blue Shield's philanthropic arm, has awarded \$300,000 to the [San Francisco Department of Public Health](#) to evaluate the cost effectiveness of Healthy San Francisco. We are grateful to the Blue Shield Foundation for their focus on increasing access to health care and coverage, their support for safety net services and for their commitment to work toward long-term change to our health care system.

Project Homeless Connect Update

On December 3, 2008 San Francisco's Project Homeless Connect (PHC) held its twenty-fifth event at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. As has become the custom, PHC provides an opportunity for individuals experiencing homelessness to access services such as medical care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, benefits, legal support, dental care, shelter, eyeglasses, food, and more. On this one single day more than 1,900 individuals came to seek services provided by over 1,200 volunteers.

In the 2008 calendar year, Project Homeless Connect:

- attracted 5,407 unduplicated consumers and 3,296 volunteers
- 711 individuals were screened for Benefits (General Assistance, food stamps SSI, etc)
- 122 individuals received acupuncture treatments
- 848 individuals received medical care
- 303 individuals received dental procedures
- 389 individuals received employment screens
- 1,571 individuals received eye exams and eyeglasses
- 48,353 lbs of groceries were distributed
- 163 individuals received HIV tests
- 1,082 DMV IDs were issued
- 676 individuals received legal counseling
- 410 individuals received substance abuse, mental health and methadone treatment

In total, 329 individuals were off the streets after placement in shelter, stabilization housing, residential treatment and participation in the Homeward Bound program. The next PHC is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium. Other scheduled dates for 2009 are April 8, June 5, September 9 and December 9. We would be happy to arrange for any of the Health Commissioners to attend PHC as a volunteer or an interested observer.

Homeless Count Looking for Volunteers

The Human Services Agency is looking for volunteers to help with the annual Homeless Count on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 from 7 p.m.-midnight. Call the volunteer hotline at 415/558-2346 for more details.

SFGH to Host Breast Cancer Prevention Forum for Younger Women

I am pleased to share the details for the *Breast Cancer Prevention Community Education Forum for Young Women*, hosted by SFGH Avon Breast Care Program and Zero Breast Cancer. The forum is scheduled for **Saturday, February 7, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Carr Auditorium at SFGH**. This forum will bring together women's health leaders, clinical experts, breast cancer educators, advocates and young women to discuss and learn about the latest in breast cancer prevention issues specific to women under the age of 40. The honorary spokesperson for the forum will be Janelle Wang from *View from the Bay*. A flyer with details is attached to the Director's Report.

4) APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION HONORING AND ACKNOWLEDGING NORMA HOTALING AND THE ONGOING WORK OF S.A.G.E.

Commissioner Illig read and presented the resolution to friends and colleagues of Norma Hotaling. Former Health Commissioner Roma Guy spoke about the transformative work of Ms. Hotaling. Former Health Commissioner Lee Ann Monfredini thanked the Commission for honoring Ms. Hotaling and spoke about Ms. Hotaling's work with the Youth Guidance Center. Francine Braae

and Alan Wilson accepted the resolution on behalf of SAGE and asked their staff to be acknowledged. They requested the support of the Health Department for SAGE's work.

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney) voted to approve a resolution honoring and acknowledging Norma Hotaling and the ongoing work of S.A.G.E.

5) **HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PROPOSED ACTION:
PUBLIC HEALTH'S MID YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS ELIMINATING OR
REDUCING MEDICAL SERVICES (BEILENSON HEARING)**

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Illig introduced the Beilenson Hearing to hear cuts to medical services in the Department. He requested that speakers address the particular cut being made and the impact.

Dr. Katz provided an overview of the Laguna Honda Adult Day Health Care Center cut. A copy of the ADHC closure financial summary is attached. The cut would include a suspension of the license in order to allow the ADHC to reopen in better financial times. Staff suggested an alternative to closure. Dr. Katz; John Kanaley, LHH Administrator; and Gregg Sass, CFO reviewed the proposal and found that it was not financially viable. As to the DOJ settlement, the agreement was to support "aging in place" not for a specific agreement to keep the ADHC open. There is ADHC capacity at other centers and at the PACE programs in San Francisco.

Commissioner Sako noted that St. Mary's ADHC is full and has a waiting list. Dr. Katz noted that Self-Help for the Elderly also has a waiting list, but that other ADHCs in the City have vacancies.

Commissioner Sanchez noted that the Department has model programs that are being dismantled. He added that other ADHCs might also be facing cuts as well, particularly those with particular cultural competencies. He hopes that the ADHC can be reopened once LHH is in the new facility.

Commissioner Tierney commented that we should be looking at the capacity of the City to respond when making these types of decisions to cut.

Public Comment:

Kavoos Bassiri spoke about the impact of the cuts to RAMS in serving mental health clients who are API.

Melissa Pehrson addressed cuts to the API Wellness Center. She noted that Walden House is the only transgender residential program in the country.

Nicole Johnson addressed cuts to substance abuse services and noted the importance of taking the long view. She noted that savings exceed costs in the literature. Cutting substance abuse is not a cost savings.

Perry Zinnanti spoke about substance abuse and mental health services. The system can only take so many cuts. He hopes there are other ways that can be found.

Cynthia Citizen spoke about the cuts to the Mission SRO Collaborative. These cuts will impact their ability to do outreach.

Julie Leadbetter spoke about the cuts to the Mission SRO Collaborative. What the Collaborative does is exactly in line with goals of San Francisco. This is the cheapest way to serve these residents of private hotels.

Angelica Gutierrez Cruz spoke about the cuts to advocacy through the Mission SRO Collaborative. They serve clients in a culturally competent manner and aim to prevent homelessness.

Joshua Vining spoke about the cuts to the Mission SRO Collaborative. He urged that decisions be made on what options people have. People in SROs have no other option. They are some of the only people who do outreach in these buildings.

Jorge Portillo spoke about the cuts to the Mission SRO Collaborative. He's been here several times over the past month and wants to reaffirm that they will continue to fight for the money they have to do the work they do. It's important that the Commission stand up to the Mayor.

Leo Olson spoke about the cuts to the Senior Lunch Program at LHH. It's a valuable program to many older people, some of whom have significant health problems. The program provides solace to people without other options.

Kai Zehm spoke the cuts to the Immune Enhancement Program complementary care to people with HIV. It's a bad idea to cut these services to people who have significant health problems related to HIV medication. We should look to other areas to take cuts.

Brenda Barros spoke about the cuts to SFGH, as a 1428 who got a layoff notice. All 1428s got a layoff notice, so she believes it is an attack on labor.

Rachel Abdel is an RN in GMC who is the subject of a cut. GMC is a hospital based primary care clinic, and she believes that patients going through triage should be seen by an RN. She believes this will compromise patient safety.

Carlos Bermudez spoke against the cuts at API Wellness Center. The proposed cuts target HIV prevention cuts to the API population. They have worked for 20 years with this population. It would put API MSMs at higher risk.

Alex Baty spoke against cuts to the API Wellness Center. His clients don't know where else to go with API Wellness Center services. The cuts affect clients mentally as well as physically. HIV rates for API populations are expected to rise.

Darel Ayap spoke against HIV prevention cuts at API Wellness Center. She's a client in the API transgender program.

Erica Raney spoke against the cuts to API Wellness Center. She's an HIV positive client at API Wellness Center who was able to turn her life around as a result of the program. She's concerned that she will no longer be able to get the services she needs.

Kek Tee Lim spoke against the cuts to HIV prevention at API Wellness Center. The program provides a support system for him as a long-term HIV survivor.

Adam Chang spoke against the cuts to HIV prevention at API Wellness Center. He works with the Center's youth program. As a result of the program, he was able to invite his gay brother to get his first HIV test.

Ming Ming Kwan spoke against the cuts to the HIV prevention program at the API Wellness Center. They serve 1200 clients in 12 different languages. The cut will mean an unraveling of the safety net in San Francisco.

Elaine Jones spoke against the cuts to the Central City SRO Collaborative. She's had 73 suicide attempts so understands the importance of mental health services. She sees the Mayor as a "cutter." Without the Collaborative, people like her wouldn't get the help they need.

Aisjah Hopkins spoke against the cuts to the ADHC at LHH. LHH ADHC is one of the best programs she's ever worked with. As to why attendance isn't higher, it has to do with rumors about the cuts to the program as well as problems with the facility.

Jesus Perez spoke against the cuts to the SRO Families Collaborative.

Angela Chu spoke against the cuts to the SRO Families Collaborative. For families, a little bit of help means a lot to them as they cope with crowded situations.

Yu Wai Yu spoke against the cuts to the SRO Families Collaborative. She's one of the peer organizers for the Collaborative. There are sanitation problems with rats and roaches, and families must line up to use the kitchen. We are empowering ourselves and our families.

Yue Hua Yu spoke against the cuts to the SRO Families Collaborative. She's an SRO family member and hopes that cuts will not be made to the Collaborative.

Matthias Mormino spoke against the cuts to the SRO Families Collaborative. Poverty and homelessness are a few of the crises these families face every day. The Collaborative works and reaches out to people who no one else reaches. Help a small program that helps empower people.

Lani Riccabuono spoke against the cut to HIV prevention to non-IDU youth. Many of these youth will become IDU at some point given their risk factors. The youth they serve are service avoidant and they are the only services that these youth seek.

Khristine Jones with the Homeless Youth Alliance spoke against cuts to the program where she now works, but used to be a client.

Nina Willer, program coordinator with Homeless Youth Alliance. Provide a lot of services and try to build community. As a result they will need to cut the drop-in program. They serve 100 youth per day.

Lisa Stranger spoke against the HIV complementary care cuts. She's an IEP client. IEP helps her with an ongoing lung condition and poor circulation.

Jon Osaki spoke against cuts to Asian Youth Prevention Services. This is the only substance abuse contract for API youth in San Francisco. The contract supports seven agencies, which are modest sums that serve diverse populations. San Francisco's investment is modest; most are federal funds.

Ramon Calubaquib spoke against cuts to Asian Youth Prevention Services. Prevention is the first line of defense before more expensive treatment services.

Alyssa Irawan is a student at Abraham Lincoln High School spoke against cuts to Asian Youth Prevention Services.

Jennifer Friedenbach of the Homeless Coalition asked the Commission not to roll over. DPH shouldn't abandon the vision laid out in its strategic plan. The Commission should state these cuts would be devastating and don't fit into the Department's priorities. There is a need to look to alternative cuts that aren't easy, but are less critical.

Peggy Kwok from CYC is part of AYPS collaborative. The majority of clients are monolingual Chinese-speaking with a range of vulnerable behaviors and home issues. She urged reconsideration of cuts.

Henry Ha from CYC spoke against the AYPS cuts. He learned a lot from the program, including drug education.

Terrence Valen spoke against the cuts to substance abuse for the Filipino youth community. They work with youth and young adults and are part of the AYPS coalition. Many of the youth from their program are present.

Alexander Guevarro has been with the AYPS program since he was a sixth grader. The program doesn't just talk about what it does but actually helps.

Sofia Cordero spoke in favor of AYPS, which is like a family to her. AYPS is important to other youth as well.

Patsy Tito testified that the Samoan Community Development Center is one member of the JCYC. She spoke against the cuts to the program and asked Commissioners to look for other funds to support the community.

Setu Petaia serves people of Polynesian decent. He thanks JCYC and AYPS for allowing them to serve the Samoan population. Services through AYPS have been very helpful.

David Yonemoto spoke against all cuts to behavioral health services to AARS. Further reductions would be devastating for the API community. He urges the Commission to work with Mayor and Board to find other ways.

Miquel Perdices spoke against the cuts to Project Adapt at AARS. Case managers at Project Adapt are working overtime in the absence of being able to hire additional staff. They can't do research or go to trainings in order to keep the necessary work going.

Felix Lam is a project manager at Project Adapt at AARS. He works with monolingual Vietnamese clients. These are people trying to change their lives and are desperate and have no where else to turn. Please seriously consider these cuts.

Rico Bautista is a Project Adapt client. Project Adapt has helped him break a drug addiction of 30 years. Budget cuts are the wrong way to go. The City needs more programs.

Liberato Tongol spoke in favor of Project Adapt. People of this country need to work together. The City is in chaos. It's a shame to make cuts to programs that don't make a profit. People are struggling to keep this country together. He's asking the Commission to reconsider.

Reynaldo Mendoza is a client at Project Adapt, which provides them with a second chance. It provides a foundation for recovery.

Joseph Wing is a Project Adapt client. He's one of 20 to 30 guys with dysfunctional lives who are trying to get their lives back together. Each client is similar and has been down a similar path. The program has helped

Sara Barnes spoke against the cuts to Lee Woodward Counseling Center. This is one of the programs that can help serve women with disenfranchised lives.

Susan Matsumura is a counselor at the Lee Woodward Counseling Center. This is one of the only times that women in the program have the opportunity to interact in a "family" setting.

Stephen Fields with Asian American Recovery Services is able to stand on his own two feet as a result of the services he received from this program. Now he has a chance to give back. These cuts impact the front lines. The problem won't go away.

Sheena K. spoke in favor of Asian American Residential. Her drug use has led her to jail and abuse relationships. She's used drugs since age 13. As the oldest sister, she didn't realize how much of a role model she was for her younger siblings. Please don't take this program away from others who need it.

Yolanda S. is a client at Asian American Residential. She left her parents to raise her three children. She committed crimes as a result of her drug use and has spent time in jail. Asian American has allowed her to regain her relationship with her children and her parents. The program has helped her find a better solution.

Albert L. spoke in favor of Asian American Recovery Services. He learned his negative behaviors from his dysfunctional parents and was on the road to life in prison. It helped him learn responsibility as the father of two beautiful children.

Tony Tabangcura, Manager of Asian American Recovery Services spoke in favor of youth treatment. These cuts impact our children who are suffering as a result of addiction and budget cuts.

Justin, a counselor at AARS-Project Reconnect, has been the victim of prior budget cuts. He continues to work even while sick. He ended up in a place he didn't want to end up in as a youth.

Maritza Penagos testified that Mission Neighborhood Health Center is a primary care site and a Healthy SF site. These cuts will eliminate new patients at the Shotwell Clinic.

Ellie Shukert spoke against cuts to mental health. The mentally ill continue to sleep on the streets and face unspeakable violence. Their blood will be on your hands.

Carla Wilson spoke against the cuts to complementary therapy. The actual number of clients affected is roughly 550. Complementary therapy is an important part of HIV therapy. She fails to see the logic of elimination of complementary therapy.

Sherrie Matza spoke against the ADHC closure at LHH. How can rampant overtime be justified when the City is considering such cuts? She believes the closure is in violation of the DOJ settlement. Please consider the budget neutral alternative.

Burt Compil spoke against cuts to the Office of Self Help. He hopes money can be found to save it.

Anthony Kim of Korean Prevention Services at AYPS spoke against the AYPS cuts. The Korean American community has the lowest rate of health insurance due to recent immigration and engagement in small businesses. This is a population that needs prevention services that AYPS provides.

Alexandra Goldman spoke against the cuts at the Central City SRO Collaborative. This is a program that meets people where they are at and give them access to services. These are service resistant people. What will happen if people are no longer able to access these services? DPH is not the place to make these cuts.

Takeo Rivera is a volunteer at the LHH ADHC. It is a program of top-notch care. It is not just a program it is a community unto itself. The ADHC has saved lives. Please consider the alternative budget.

Charles Rivera is the program director for the LHH ADHC. They are cost-effective, result in Medical funds, and the budget neutral proposal should be considered.

Michael Tobareski spoke against the cuts to the LHH ADHC. He's a WWII veteran who lost his vision in the war. He immigrated during a difficult time and came to LHH ADHC 13 years ago, and it has been his home.

Cathy Billups worker spoke in favor of the LHH as the only ADHC that takes wheelchairs. They do a lot more than other ADHCs do. They do bathroom assistance and other personal services.

Mariah Watkins a CNA at LHH ADHC spoke in favor of the ADHC. She said it's the last stop for many clients. She wants people to have the same consideration for her when she's old like she has for older people now. Try to find some other way.

Bi Huang at LHH ADHC spoke in favor of the 91 clients who attend the ADHC. They have clients with a variety of diagnoses, including Alzheimer's disease, hypertension, and other clients who need one-to-one assistance. They provide a lot of nutrition and medication management services.

Morgan Rose, the PT at LHH ADHC spoke against the cuts to the ADHC. They provide daily hands-on rehabilitation services. They have state-of-the-art equipment. Without them, clients will need to go to acute care or institutional care, which will be much more expensive. It allows clients to remain in the community. It should not be closed.

Ricky Ng the Lead Social Worker for LHH ADHC spoke against the closure of the LHH ADHC. He cannot find an appropriate placement for 38 of the 91 clients. The average ADHC wait in San

Francisco is three months to one year. PACE and On Lok are not alternatives to many of the current clients. The majority of clients are at significant risk if they do not receive ADHC services.

Monique El Amin is Coordinator at Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center at LHH. They cover many of the clients in the western part of the City. For Alzheimer's clients, there is more than a year wait for other services. They provide culturally competent care to non-English speaking and African-American clients. Have compassion for elders.

Marie Walker, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator at LHH ADHC, is the sole person responsible for nutrition at LHH ADHC. For many clients, this is the only meal of the day they receive. Her program is successful. Her clients pay and are like her family.

Brenda Abarquez of the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center has two clients that without the program will end up in skilled nursing. One of her clients provided testimony about the services she receives.

Gayling Gee spoke on behalf of the LHH ADHC. She asked that the Commission reconsider the closure of the program and consider the budget neutral proposal. They already have 20 clients waiting. Please take the risk for the ADHC to succeed. Sixty of the 91 clients will need to wait three months to a year to get another ADHC program.

Cathy Davis of Bayview Hunters Point ADHC spoke against the closure of the LHH ADHC. They deserve a chance to try to make the revenue neutral proposal work. This closure affects all of the ADHCs in San Francisco.

Claire Wildman, a dietician at LHH ADHC, is concerned that closure of the center and reopening it later doesn't make fiscal sense. Clients and staff consider themselves family. Closure of the center would disrupt that.

Alice Wong spoke against the closure of the LHH ADHC. This is a time when more ADHCs and community-based programs should be opened. The inpatient cost is \$541, the ADHC cost is \$100. Closure doesn't make sense. Half of clients are monolingual.

La Nay Eastman of the Adult Day Services Network of San Francisco spoke against the LHH ADHC closure. All of the programs are facing cuts as a result of the State budget. The Mayor cited LHH community-based care in his State of City Address.

Maureen Dick spoke in favor of the LHH ADHC. She's been deeply moved by the quality of the program. Her mother is 88 and attends the program. Prior to attending, she needed to stay home alone during the day. She has made progress since attending. The alternative is residential placement or staying home alone.

Ellen Champlin spoke against closure of the LHH Senior Nutrition and ADCRC program. Many clients depend on this program for breakfast and a hot lunch. Closure will add to the stress level of LHH or SFGH. Her husband attends the program. Other programs would not take him due to the level of care he needs. LHH ADHC is the only program that would take them. She continued to work part-time as a result of the care.

Jamilah Din works at the nutrition department of LHH and spoke against the closure of the LHH ADHC. Most clients are on special diets. Participants are diverse in their languages and come from all over the City.

Wendy Wong spoke on behalf of her parents who are LHH ADHC clients. They've done well in the program. It's a shame that the City has mismanaged its budget. Please do not close the facility.

C.L. Blue is on the board of IEP. She urged that complementary services not be cut for people with HIV. These cuts mean that the City will become a City of rich versus poor. People won't go away, will end up other places such as SFGH. Stand up to the Mayor. Find other ways.

Viktor Kirienko spoke on behalf of his disabled 37-year old son who attends LHH ADHC. He cannot help himself in the bathroom and needs help. Please reconsider closure.

Hwei-Li Chou spoke on behalf of her mother and her friends who attend LHH ADHC. The little bit of support that she receives from LHH ADHC make a tremendous difference. The Mayor and others should spend one day in these people's shoes.

Marc Johnson spoke on behalf of his mother who attends the LHH ADHC. She needs the type of support that the ADHC provides. LHH ADHC is not fat. It's not cutting the fat. It doesn't make any sense. We should all share the budget burden and not exclude the people who have been around.

Christine Ericksen spoke against mental health cuts. She and her daughter were drug addicts who have been helped through the Walden House program. Also she is against the closure of the LHH ADHC. She knows a woman with Parkinson's who was helped by the program.

Mike Ward spoke against the complementary care cuts. He's a board member and client of IEP. There is no need to cut that money. He's now cancer free as a result of treatment he's received through IEP.

Alecia Hopper of the Mental Health Association of San Francisco opposes all behavioral health cuts. We need to encourage the Mayor to find the cuts from somewhere else.

Nancy Lewin, an RN spoke against the cuts to public health in San Francisco, particularly the ADHC, ADCRC and Senior Nutrition programs at LHH. We need these programs all the more in these hard economic times. Find ways to fund them.

Rochelle Savola at SEIU 1021 represents the LHH ADHC workers and clients. Citizens who pay the taxes for programs are due a hearing on the cuts. They are organizing for a Board of Supervisors hearing. The LHH ADHC has been moved several times, which is partially due to the reason its census is low.

Shannon Riley spoke against the cuts to the Mission Neighborhood Health Center. The cuts will affect their MAP funding. Their program saves the City money. They support Healthy SF, but it doesn't pay for primary care services. DPH wants to use General Fund to support its own clinics.

C.W. Johnson spoke about Prop. 63. Why are we cutting early intervention? Think about what you're doing to Prop. 63.

Arthur Curry spoke on behalf of the Office of Self Help. Clients are angry because they are being discriminated against and stigmatized by these cuts. Self Help encourages self empowerment for mental health consumers.

Yaroslav Shcheglov man spoke against the cuts of the LHH ADHC. The ADHC is cost effective when compared with hospital care.

Sara Paredes is a nurse at the Women's Health Center at SFGH where half of the nurses are being cut. She's unclear why as the Women's Health Center is in the black and nurses generate revenue. Not only does it not make fiscal sense, but it doesn't make clinical sense.

Douglas Yep spoke as an eligibility worker at SFGH and has a suggestion that he's given to the Board and the Mayor: have a full financial audit of DPH and look for waste and corruption that could be used to pay for services.

Marykate Connor thanked the Commission for saving her program, Caduceus Outreach services. The decisions haven't been made by the Commission but by the Mayor, and are being imposed on the Commission. She urged the Commission to use its power. She also spoke against HIV prevention cuts for youth.

Jennifer Baity Carlin is an SEIU member spoke against the budget cuts in total. She urged the Commission to support the Department in speaking with the Mayor to oppose these cuts. We're already beyond cutting to the bone. These cuts will mean death for some clients.

Helene Campagnet spoke against the cuts to the Women's Health Center at SFGH. The clinic is revenue producing. Cutting these nurses guts the clinic and guts the promise of Healthy SF. She urges the Commission to reject all of these cuts.

Aaron thanked everyone who testified. Social services saved his life at an early age and placed him in a family that helped him succeed an attend college. Wall Street got a bail out and never saved a single life, so health services should get a bail out. Economic crisis is not an excuse.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Illig noted that the Commission has now listened to 13 hours of testimony on these mid-year budget cuts. He added that San Francisco pays more than any other city in the country per capita on public health. He requested that people in the audience speak to the Mayor and the Board as the Commissioners will do in order to save public health.

Commissioner Tierney noted that it's time to stop slashing and burning, and that it's time to increase revenue in San Francisco, even if that means raising taxes in order to maintain a civil society.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked members of the public for their testimony and lamented the decimation of a world class model of public health. He urged that we look to philanthropic efforts to maintain public health. San Francisco has a proud tradition of supporting public health and of innovation.

Action Taken: The Commission failed to approve the resolution by a vote of three in favor (Illig, Sako, Sanchez) to one opposed (Tierney).

6) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

7) **OTHER BUSINESS**

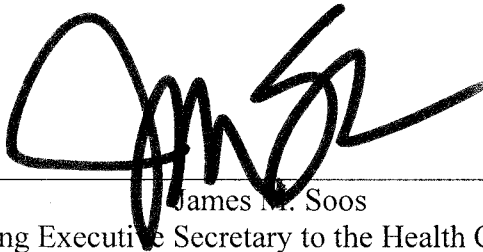
None.

8) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

9) **ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF NORMA HOTALING**

The Commission adjourned at 7:55 p.m. in memory of Norma Hotaling.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Soos', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

James M. Soos
Acting Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

Attachments: (1)

Laguna Honda Hospital ADHC Closure

- **Includes** Adult Day Health Care 55 client capacity, average daily census 43, Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center capacity of 10 and average census of 7 and Senior Nutrition program with an average daily census of 35.

- **Financial History** – General Fund Costs
 - FY 04-05 (\$288,634) FY 06-07 (\$333,077)
 - FY 05-06 (\$418,851) FY 07-08 (\$711,477)

- **Budget initiative to suspend ADHC/ADCRC/SN**
 - FY 08-09 \$132,533 Savings 5.0 FTE Reduction
 - Fy-09-10 \$374,317 Ongoing 14.1 FTE

- **Alternate Proposal**

The alternative proposal recommends a substantial increase in the census and an increase in Medicaid funding; the latter requires that Medicaid agrees to pay for more days. There is no evidence to support this census goal or evidence that Medicaid would be willing to increase the number of days reimbursed.

- **DOJ Implications** – DPH has been advised by the City Attorney's Office that the closure of LHH ADHC is not a term in the DOJ Settlement Agreement and so there is no violation of the agreement. The City Attorney's Office is keeping the DOJ apprised of the various developments and discussions are consistent with the overall purpose of the Settlement Agreement and in keeping with the collaborative relationship between DOJ and the City.

- **Capacities within the community**
 - Of the 11 surveyed ADHC's on 12/28/08, there were 29 vacant slots.
 - Additional capacity exists in the PACE models.