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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

At

2:00 p.m.

**101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia A. Melara, Vice-President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Ph.D. (*Commissioner Sanchez was not there for roll call, but arrived at 3:30pm*)

2) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 5, 2009**

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Melara, Chow, Sako, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2009 with no modifications.

3) **FOR DISCUSSION: DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Health Care for the 21st Century: America's Agenda Health Care Education Fund

As one of the organized efforts to respond to President Obama's challenge to overhaul American's healthcare system, I had the honor of participating in a May 6th "Summit Conversation" sponsored by American's Agenda Healthcare Education Fund at the Mission Bay Conference Center. Dr. Stephen L. Hauser, chair of the UCSF Department of Neurology who has won national awards in recognition of his two decades of pioneering research on MS, served as host. Bill Press, Emmy-winning political commentator, moderated the panel discussion. Others on the panel included the Honorable Richard Gephardt, former Majority Leader of the US House of Representatives and Kim Belshe, Secretary of California Health and Human Services Agency.

People were very interested in the lessons of Healthy San Francisco and how it informs the national health care debate. The Summit also featured discussions of the major drivers of health cost growth and addressed policy areas such as disease prevention, management of chronic diseases, health information technology, patient and provider incentives and modernizing the American healthcare system. Highlights of this Summit and three previous Summits may be viewed at www.summitconversations.org.

Avon Center Celebrates Fifth Anniversary Event at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center

The Avon Comprehensive Breast Center at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center celebrated its fifth anniversary with an all-day series of events that combined clinical research, advocacy, action and celebrity. Academy Award winner Reese Witherspoon visited the Avon Center, met with breast cancer survivors, rallied Avon walk-a-thon participants and cut the anniversary cake during the May 11 festivities. The day's events, sponsored by the Avon Foundation for Women with the help of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation and SFGH, featured a program about achievements in breast cancer treatment, care and advocacy.

SFGH CEO Sue Currin welcomed the crowd of 150 supporters, and Carol Kurzig, President of the Avon Foundation for Women acted as mistress of ceremonies. SFGH's own Dr. Judy Luce spoke about strides that the hospital has made in expanding access to breast cancer screenings, treatment and research to underserved women. UCSF's Thea Tlsty highlighted new research that will make it possible to predict the severity and likelihood of recurrence of breast cancer in patients. Dr. Susan Love encouraged everyone to sign up for the Love/Avon Army of Women who volunteer to participate in

breast cancer research. Other speakers told about the service and advocacy efforts of Project Open Hand and Zero Breast Cancer.

Later that afternoon some 200 participants in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer San Francisco gathered on the campus lawn to kick off a training walk in preparation for the July walk-a-thon. Reese Witherspoon took the stage again to congratulate and motivate the crowd to do everything they could to help win the fight against breast cancer.

Nurse Week Observed

Congratulations to all of the men and women at DPH whose valuable work as “Nurses” was acknowledged and celebrated throughout the Department during Nurse Week. The observances began on May 6th at SFGH when Gene O'Connell, former CEO of SFGH, addressed an overflowing Carr Auditorium, followed by a reception and an awards ceremony. A reception concluded the afternoon event. Also at SFGH on May 7th, RN Evidenced Based Fellows presentations were featured.

The following nurses were recognized and honored for their outstanding work at SFGH Nurses Week Celebration on May 6th:

DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse

- Monnie Efross, RN, Unit 6C, Birth Center
- Susan Orosz, RN, Emergency Department
-

O'Connell Society Award for Advancing the Profession of Nursing

- Christine Martin, RN. MS. CNS, Neurological Trauma
- Carlos Salazar, RN, Nurse Manager, Tom Waddell Clinic
-

SFGH Friend of Nursing Award

- Gene Marie O'Connell, former CEO, SFGH

Mildred Crear Award

- Miranda Loo-Narahara, RN, Public Health Nurse

Following a luncheon at LHH on May 11, Health Commissioner Catherine Waters addressed the Nurses on “Diplomacy, Democracy and Politics in Nursing and Health Care.” A reception also followed Commissioner Waters’ address to the Nurses. Safety Net Institute Telemedicine Resource Guide The California HealthCare Safety Net Institute (SNI) recently compiled a Telemedicine Resource Guide to help safety net patients get better access to specialty care. SFGH took part in this compilation. Now the guide is being distributed by SNI and the California Primary Care Association (CPCA) to their members in the hope that it will save community health centers and public hospitals time they would otherwise spend developing their own telemedicine services for increasing access to specialty care. A link to the guide is found at <http://www.safetynetinstitute.org/content/upload/AssetMgmt/Site/Telemedicineresourceguide.pdf>

Here is the SFGH excerpt from the Guide:

San Francisco General Hospital

A unique example of an emerging telemedicine program that will serve urban patients exclusively is the University of California at San Francisco's partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) on multiple telemedicine Initiatives to improve patient health by providing easier access to specialty care and health education information.

The initiatives are funded by Proposition 1D dollars. The DPH Clinical telemedicine Program is comprised of San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH), DPH Community Outpatient Clinics (COPC) and the member clinics of the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium. The telemedicine programs do and will complement in - person clinical services by operating as an electronic version of the current specialty provider system. SFGH will be the Hub serving the multiple Spoke sites – SFGH primary care clinics, COPCs and Community Health Centers.

In summary, the initiatives are:

1) Diabetic Retinopathy Screening program. SFGH Ophthalmologists will read images submitted by primary care providers at SFGH/COPC/SF Consortium Clinics using web - based software. Funds will cover the installation of equipment at 6 sites. SFGH anticipates that sending digital images can save time and ensure that diabetic patients receive their annual retinopathy screening by including it as part of their primary care provider visit rather than needing to book a separate and lengthy appointment with ophthalmology.

2) SFGH provides telemedicine services via their eReferral product. eReferral is a HIPAA - compliant web - based referral system on a secure Department of Public Health Server. All referrals from PCPs to specialists are submitted via eReferral. The eReferral program is interfaced with all clinical data via the Invision "Lifelong Clinical Record." Referrals are reviewed individually by specialist providers which allows for iterative communication between PCP and specialist. PCPs also use eReferral to obtain consults from specialist providers on individual cases independent of submitting a referral.

3) SFGH has envisioned the creation of a UCSF/SFGH/DPH "Telemedicine Call Center" using as the model the existing infrastructure built for their Videoconference Medical Interpretation (VMI) Call Center that serves large portions of the ambulatory care venues at SFGH. VMI has been a successful example of the relatively smooth integration of real-time video technology into high - volume clinics and provider adoption has been fairly rapid and universal. VMI has realized widespread provider acceptance by keeping the "adoption threshold" extremely low. The telemedicine call center will have similar operational support available to ensure that providers can easily use the system. The call center will be piloted with one or two clinics but, if successful, will be deployed to multiple sites including 15 SF community - based clinics linked to UCSF and 12 SFGH Specialty Sites via the Call Center.

4) Currently, the SF Department of Public Health and UCSF are operating a Pilot telemedicine Program providing HIV specialty visits including medical consult, pharmacology, nutritional guidance and case management via remote audio/video connection from the UCSF Parnassus Campus. Medical providers and staff at Haight - Ashbury Free Clinic, Maxine Hall Health Center, South of Market Health Center and the Black Coalition on AIDS community center on are able to consult directly using real - time live video with experts in HIV care at the UCSF Parnassus Campus.

Healthy SF Awarded Two New Grants

In April 2009, the Commonwealth Fund awarded \$50,000 to the Department for the Healthy San Francisco program and an anonymous source awarded \$200,000 to the program. Both grants will help support a comprehensive evaluation of Healthy SF. The Department is very appreciative of the generous support provided by these awards:

Flu Home Care Guide Available on Line in Three Languages

The recent 2009 H1N1 Flu experience produced a number of good outcomes. Among those is the "Flu Home Care Guide" in English, Spanish, and Chinese posted on our website. It is relevant for seasonal and 2009 H1N1 Flu. Thanks to the Communicable Disease Control & Prevention section for fast forwarding this handy booklet onto the web. To access the Guide, go to <http://www.sfcdep.org/H1N1ill.html>

Asthma Task Force Honors DPH Staff

Three DPH staff members who did extensive research on the health effects of air pollution, noise and traffic in the Excelsior district were among those honored by the Asthma Task Force for World Asthma Day recently. People Organizing to Demand Environmental & Economic Rights (PODER) and community members in the Excelsior neighborhood collaborated with Tom Rivard, Megan Wier and Jennifer McLaughlin of Environmental Health to assess the health impacts on residents from air pollution, noise exposures, and pedestrian hazards caused by traffic in this neighborhood. Using key research findings, PODER youth and adult leaders were joined by other allies such as the Chinese Progressive Association, who lobbied the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to adopt Resolution No. 081397, urging the SFMTA and SFDPH to consider health and environmental justice in transportation policymaking.

Public health research has consistently shown that pollution from motor vehicles imposes severe health burdens on children and families living in close proximity to freeways and busy roadways, resulting in poorer lung function and greater susceptibility to develop asthma and other respiratory problems. Further information regarding this community based research can be found in Race, Poverty and the Environment <http://www.urbanhabitat.org/node/2814> and the American Journal of Public Health (in press).

Other Asthma Task Force honorees included those advocating for healthy housing in publicly-subsidized housing and those providing outreach and education to residents, municipal and school district employees to switch to less-toxic cleaning products and pest control methods.

Health Educators Present at New Orleans Conference

Several staff from the Community Health Promotion and Health Education Sections presented at the annual Society of Public Health Educators' (SOPHE) mid-year scientific conference in New Orleans during the first week in May.

Melinda Martin and Ginger Smyly presented a poster on the use of internet technology to monitor an alcohol problem abatement ordinance. Their health-educator counterparts were impressed by the use of Google Maps and Google Earth to view and "rate" storefronts prior to site visits, and, with the use of GIS mapping, to show the inequitable distribution of off-sale alcohol outlets within neighborhoods. Jeff Burton from MIS made the maps available.

Gene Ramos, consultant/trainer, Buffy Bunting and Ginger Smyly showed how an anti-racism workshop was developed and "taken to scale" in the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Those attending the presentation found the brief interactive presentation on defining race a compelling way of looking at racism and one that is worthy of serious and further consideration. Registration is still open for the upcoming workshop on Race & Racism, June 12 presented through the Health Education Training Center.

Shape Up SF News

Shape Up continues to expand its reach into all areas of the City. Shape Up BVHP Garden Day on May 16th brought families from Bret Harte Elementary School out to see the fruits of the students' work in the garden this past year. This gardening event was introduced to the Health Commission last May when we kicked it off as the first of its kind in the City. Gardening has become very popular among the students and is attracting the attention of family members as well. This is a good year to consider planting and growing some of your own edibles, even in small spaces and containers.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently honored Mayor Newsom for his work on childhood obesity prevention, citing specifically the work of Shape UP San Francisco, which is staffed by DPH and DCYF. This is the first year RWJF has honored elected officials. Finally, for those of you who engage in such distractions, follow Shape Up by becoming a Shape Up fan on Facebook and twitter too, <http://twitter.com/shapeupsf>.

San Francisco Injury Center 20th Anniversary Celebration

The San Francisco Injury Center is celebrating 20 years of excellence in injury research and prevention on Wednesday, May 27th, 3-5 p.m. Please join Peggy Knudson, MD, Principal Investigator, Rochelle Dicker, MD, Center Director, Mitchell Cohen, MD, Director of Acute Care and the Injury Center staff as they highlight two decades of saving and improving the lives of injured patients locally and globally. The Center is located at San Francisco General Hospital, Bldg 1, 4th floor. For more information, contact Peg Skaj, pskaj@sfghsurg.ucsf.edu or 206-3350 or visit the website at <http://sfic.surgery.ucsf.edu>.

Commissioner Comments:

No comments.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Douglas Yep spoke out regarding his concerns about inappropriate personal use of computers by staff at San Francisco General Hospital.

5) SFGH JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Chow reported that the SFGH Conference Committee had done an extensive review, at the behest of the full Commission, of the additional contracts beyond the large affiliation contract between SFGH and UCSF. The found that the lowest cost for these services are through UCSF, as they are not charging for overhead or other costs – just the cost of the actual services. The Commissioners (Chow, Waters and Sanchez) were satisfied that the proper due diligence had been done and that these contracts are favorable to the City.

Commissioner Comments:

No comments.

6) ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL BLUE RIBBON PANEL REPORT

Commissioner Illig called agenda items 6 and 7 together. He noted that this is the first hearing of the Health Commission to discuss the California Pacific Medical Center Institutional Master Plan (CPMC IMP), but will not be the last. The Commissioners will meet again on June 16th to further discuss the plan. Today's purpose is to hear the speakers' reports, with some background of the St. Luke's Hospital Blue Ribbon Panel report and the findings of the CPMC IMP. The Commissioners are also looking to get early and meaningful public comments.

Commissioner Illig introduced the first speaker, Bishop Marc Andrus, Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP) Vice-Chair. He presented a short summary of the St. Luke's Blue Ribbon Panel Report because the full report was already presented to the Health Commission in October 2008. The charge to the BRP was to "create a viable plan for acute care hospital and outpatient services at CMPC's St. Luke's Campus which compliments and is supported by CPMC's current institutional plan for its San Francisco campus and meets the healthcare needs of the community served." Bishop Andrus went through the BRP's 11 recommendations.

Commissioner Comment/Requests for Follow-up:

Commissioner Illig asked Bishop Andrus if he is currently a member CPMC Board and he replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Illig asked Bishop Andrus if he had worked on the issue of the provision of beds for inpatient adult psychiatric beds. Bishop Andrus noted that the BRP members agreed that this issue requires a broader discussion among all health care providers in San Francisco. Commissioner Illig pointed out that the issue of the provision of beds for inpatient psychiatric patients is not addressed in the CPMC IMP, as noted in the Lewin report. Bishop Andrus replied that the Lewin report was incorrect in this regard, and CPMC has filed a correction.

7) **CONSIDERATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER
INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN**

Warren Browner, MD, CEO, CPMC, presented the summary of the CPMC IMP. Dr. Browner spoke about the new citywide plans for CPMC. He shared the statistics of the care provided by CPMC throughout the city, including the fact that they provide 35-40% of health care in San Francisco; deliver more than 50% of the babies, etc. They are moving away from their reputation as a hospital for the rich, as this is not true anymore.

Alicia Neumann, Senior Health Program Planner with the SF Department of Public Health (DPH), presented on the process for DPH's review of CPMC IMP. She noted that DPH is half-way through the legislatively mandated process of review for the IMP and is working with the Lewin Group on this project. The goal is to focus on service delivery using qualitative and quantitative data; and to focus on quality, clinician education, and the St. Luke's BRP recommendations.

Chuck Salvo, Principal, The Lewin Group, presented on the preliminary findings from the review of the CPMC IMP. He noted that they are only at the half-way point, and have much more to do in the remaining ninety days. Regarding psychiatric beds, Lewin got their information through OSHPD data, but as noted by Bishop Andrus, CPMC has gone on record to say that the decrease to 18 beds is incorrect. One of the biggest concerns is the reduction in Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) beds. This was seen as the biggest sticking point from Lewin's perspective.

Commissioner Comment/Requests for Follow-up:

Commissioner Waters asked Mr. Salvo if the Commissioners should be confident of the findings in this preliminary Lewin report. Mr. Salvo replied that they should be fairly confident. There are some details that need to be fixed (e.g., dates), but that most of the information presented in the report, though qualitative, is strong.

Commissioner Tierney asked if the Pediatrics entry on page 9 is referring to inpatient beds or outpatient services. Mr. Salvo noted the following regarding CPMC pediatric services: outpatient services will remain at St. Luke's existing clinic, inpatient care will be moved to the new Cathedral Hill hospital.

Commissioner Illig shared his appreciation for the presentations. He said that he would like to know why CPMC spends so little on charity care services related to other hospitals. Commissioner Illig suggests that the health care analysis address this issue and Mr. Salvo agreed.

Commissioner Chow pointed out an error on page 28 of the Lewin report regarding a double asterisk that has the wrong message/placement. Mr. Salvo agreed to correct this error.

Commissioner Chow asked about what formula was used to justify the size of the new hospital campuses. Is this viewed in light of the number of beds needed throughout the city and not just in specific neighborhoods? He noted page 5 of the report and wondered if appropriate planning is being done overall. He asked if there is a competitive, instead of cooperative, approach that will lead CPMC to create more beds than is necessary. Mr. Salvo replied that it was not within Lewin's scope to relate Sutter/CPMC's strategy to the overall health care planning in San Francisco.

Commissioner Melara asked how the City would deal with the decline in SNF beds and how this will impact the care of elderly? She was looking at the interview guide and one of the things she requested

was to clarify the impact of the loss of psych and SNF beds. She hopes that people will understand that this is a major issue in the City.

Commissioner Sako referred to page 5 of the report and asked if it is possible, could they do this same analysis for outpatient services? Mr. Salvo said that he could work on ER capacity, but anything beyond this would likely be too nebulous. Commissioner Melara said that we have an opportunity to compare hospital to hospital as other IMPs are released.

Commissioner Chow noted that at the St. Luke's BRP, some outpatient trending was done. They can look back on that. Commissioner Chow also asked that there be recognition of the need for culturally competent care and suggests more of this in the report.

Public Comment

Samareh, CPMC, spoke in in favor of new facility at Cathedral Hill.

Liz Cong, CPMC, spoke in in favor of new facility at Cathedral Hill.

Mary Blanchard, CPMC, spoke in in favor of new facility at Cathedral Hill.

Carol Rich, CPMC, spoke in in favor of new facility at Cathedral Hill.

Paul Wermer recommended a citywide health needs assessment.

Roma Guy introduced herself as a former Health Commissioner and noted that she served on Blue Ribbon Panel and supports all of their recommendations. As a resident of the Mission District, she supports the St. Luke's Hospital rebuild and hopes that she can continue to get her healthcare there.

Karen Garrison, Director of Senior Services at Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, shared her concerned about post-acute SNF beds. (Ms. Garrison submitted a written copy of her testimony.)

Jason Fried, Coalition for Proper Public Health Planning, noted that there is a loss of beds citywide with CPMC's plan and suggests reducing Cathedral Hill by half and moving other beds South of Market. (Mr. Fried submitted a written summary of his testimony.)

Rachel Eborá; Coalition for Health Planning SF, Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center spoke against moving inpatient beds from St. Luke's due to concern for Mission District residents.

Marlayne Morgan, Cathedral Hill Neighbors Association, does not support rebuild all at Cathedral Hill. (Ms. Morgan submitted a written copy of her testimony.)

Dawn Trennert, Middle Polk Neighborhood Association, shared her opinion that the CPMC plan is unfair to the majority of San Francisco residents.

Linda Carter, St. Luke's Hospital, does not support fewer inpatient beds at St. Luke's hospital.

SuHail Hussain, Physicians Organizing Committee read a letter from Dr. Harrison, psychiatrist, which noted that the CPMC must address the City's psychiatric needs, not just Sutter's business needs.

Pierre Gasztowtt, Cathedral Hill Neighbors Association, expressed concerns about the CPMC IMP. Letter re: CPMC IMP.

Dr. Eugene Gaenslen, Ad Hoc MDs – CDC GHR, opposes CPMC IMP.

Cynthia McCoy, SFGH – PES, opposes the reduction to 18 psychiatric beds and read a letter from John Rouse, MD., opposes the CMPC IMP. (Dr. Rouse submitted written comments.)

Dr. Marvin Woodside, Physicians Organizing Committee, opposes the reduction to 18 psychiatric beds.

Dr. John Dorsey, shared thoughts on the National Guard in disaster plans for the hospital.

Nato Green, CA Nursing Association, asks the Commissioners to look at the plan as a way to move services to higher income people, away from lower income. He requests an agreement not to close SNF beds until equivalent beds are available.

John Golenski, Ed.D., Health Priorities Group (facilitator of the Blue Ribbon Panel), noted that Dr. Laura Norell had signed up to speak but had to leave to deliver a baby. He recommended that Lewin interview all BRP members.

Brenda Storey, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, supports the CPMC IMP.

Olivia Fe, Latina Breast Cancer Agency, member of CPMC Community Partners, spoke in favor of partnerships with CPMC and community partners.

Lory Wiviott, MD, Chief of Medicine at CPMC, noted that CPMC is committed to health care of all San Franciscans at all campuses, including St. Luke's.

Nadine Burke, MD, Medical Director, Bayview's CPMC Child Health Center, shared strong support of CPMC's IMP.

Anthony Wagner shared support of CPMC's IMP.

Rev. Carolyn Dyson, CPMC, African-American Breast Health Program, spoke in support of CPMC's IMP and noted their commitment to eliminate health disparities.

Eden Lag, spoke in favor of CPMC's Sister to Sister program.

Patrick Monette-Shaw, written testimony submitted via e-mail for inclusion in the minutes:

Please oppose plans to cut either CPMC's, or LHH's, skilled nursing beds. Mayor Newsom's Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services, Catherine Dodd, stated during the Mayor's Long-Term Care Coordinating Council's May 14 meeting that since SEIU members had rejected a contract deal, there was nothing preventing Mayor Newsom from cutting more beds at Laguna Honda Hospital, which has already lost 420 beds. Although Dodd didn't specify any number of beds being considered for closure, or when they might be closed, her message there might be a link between SEIU's contract rejection and Laguna Honda's number of beds was unmistakable. She didn't even mention the impact on patients. Dodd made her assertion before the co-chairs of the LTCCC, LTCCC members, San Francisco's Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and members of the public. San Francisco has already lost 930 skilled nursing beds. My enclosed report describes San Francisco's rapidly aging demographics. (On file in the Health Commission Office.)

President Illig called for an end to public testimony for the 4:00pm Time Certain.

8) FY 2009-10 DPH CONTINGENCY BUDGET

This item was Time Certain at 4pm, and Dr. Katz started the budget presentation at 4:05pm. He explained that on May 14, members of SEIU 1021 rejected a Tentative Agreement to amend their MOU with the City and accept reductions in compensation. Therefore, DPH has been asked to find additional \$23 million in savings to address the City's budget gap. DPH has identified the cuts, but cannot present them today, as it would alert people about losing their job prior to the people hearing directly from their supervisors. The Mayor has only until June 1 to submit a balanced budget.

Gregg Sass, DPH Chief Financial Officer, presented a report on the budget. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Comment/Requests for Follow-up:

Commissioner Tierney noted a typographical error on spreadsheet included in the Commissioners' handout, on page 13, item F25 is listed mistakenly under the HIV division when it's an emergency services program.

Commissioner Tierney also mentioned that he was in Washington D.C. recently and there was some question as to whether San Francisco is keeping up with applications that are available for HIV/AIDS funding. He asked is there is a person at DPH who applies for all grants and keeps track of what is applied for. Dr. Katz noted that grants are coordinated through Anne Kronenberg's staff in the Office of Policy & Planning.

Commissioner Melara asked what the impact of today's vote on the state budget propositions will be. She has heard that they will all fail. Mr. Sass said that DPH would be most impacted by loss of funding for alcohol and drug related services, a \$2-3 million impact. The impact on propositions would vary.

Commissioner Illig acknowledged the good work done by the budget staff. He said that we are in a perfect storm of declining economic conditions.

Public Comment

Santina Hou, RAMS Hire-Ability, speaking in opposition of the funding cuts that will result in elimination of the RAMS Hire-Ability program.

Tonya Williams, Girls After School Academy, opposes cuts to this program.

Marshan Smith, HPPC, opposes cuts to the Girls After School Academy.

Paulesha Pulliam opposes cuts to the Girls After School Academy.

Lorna D. Jones, Community Vocational Services, asks DPH and the Commissioners to support negotiations with the Department of Rehabilitation to supplant the cuts to the vocational program.

Newlka Z. Rivera, is a mental health consumer who has been helped by Community Vocational Enterprises and asks the Commissioners to support the program.

Diana Hartman, shared an understanding that decisions are difficult, but that they have to think about what happens next regarding staffing throughout DPH.

Enrique Guzman, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, opposes the defunding of MNHC's HIV testing services.

Maritza Penagos, MNHC, opposes the defunding of MNHC's HIV testing services.

Richard Heasley, Conard House, opposes further cuts to Conard House.

Cynthia Tom, consumer, speaking in opposition of the funding cuts that will result in elimination of the RAMS Hire-Ability program.

Tat Ho Lau, consumer, speaking in opposition of the funding cuts that will result in elimination of the RAMS Hire-Ability program.

Zi Ping Lin, consumer, speaking in opposition of the funding cuts that will result in elimination of the RAMS Hire-Ability program.

Kavoos G. Bassiri, RAMS and Association of Mental Health Contractors, speaking in opposition of cuts to RAMS and other behavioral health services.

Mia Veroy, speaking in opposition of the funding cuts that will result in elimination of the RAMS Hire-Ability program.

Debbi Lerman, SF Human Services Network, opposes cuts to health and human services, which she notes are falling disproportionately. Recommends going back to SEIU for another vote.

Daniel Michael, RAMS Hire-Ability, opposes cutting the program.

James Keys, Mental Health Board, thanked DPH and the Commissioners for their hard work during difficult budget times, but opposes further cuts to behavioral health services.

David Sheel, Baker Places/Acceptance Place, opposes cuts to health and human services. Recommends asking of Kaiser and Sutter, who are thriving, to support non-profit organizations.

John Power, Director of the Volunteer Center. Thanks to Commission & staff to support these programs. Supporting Transitional Program.

Jacquie Jenks, Central City Hospitality House, opposing Tenderloin Self-Help Center cut.

Jenny Wiley, Central City Hospitality House, opposing Tenderloin Self-Help Center cut.

Wendy Phillips, Local Homeless Coordinating Board, opposing cuts to health & human services.

Jason Albertson, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

David Froula, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Michael Wright, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Moana Miglietta, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Patricia Walker, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Ian Johnson, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Amy Covell, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Terrence Billenstein, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Willie Settles, Tenderloin Self-Help, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Robert B. Livingston, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Rex Resa, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Belle Starr, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Teresae Beckworth, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Lisa, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Jennifer Friedenbach, Coalition on Homelessness (Director), opposing cuts to mental health & substance abuse, specifically to the Tenderloin Self-Help Center and Caduceus.

Michael Ducall – Community member. Spoke out against Gavin Newsom and cuts to programs for health and human services.

Tony Ferrari, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

Donald A., Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center and spoke in favor of Project Homeless Connect.

Porter Davis, Hospitality House, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center and asked Commissioners to reject cuts to community-based organizations.

Tiela “Teela” Chalmers, Volunteer Legal Services program (Director). She understands that the Homeless Advocates Project will now be put out for an RFP, but hopes that DPH understands the revenue enhancing part of their services, and hopes this will be taken into consideration. Opposes health and human services cuts to the City’s safety net.

Mary Kate Connor, Caduceus Outreach Services, speaking on behalf of all people getting services through DPH’s behavioral health system, particularly the Caduceus program which serves homeless clients. Opposes cuts to health and human services.

Clyde Conrad, opposing closure of the Tenderloin Self-Help Center.

(Written comment from 11 individuals opposing the closure of the RAMS Hire-Ability program was submitted to the Health Commission and is on file in the Commission Office.)

Commissioner Comment/Requests for Follow-up:

Commissioner Melara agreed with all that was said today, but some things she would like to echo and take a stand. She is concerned that not all people are working together during these times in a collaborative spirit.

Commissioner Illig said that policy makers need to hear the messages of suffering behind these cuts. He wants to revisit the Commission holding budget-related meetings at City Hall so they can be televised and more people can be accommodated. He is concerned that these cuts are decimating the system.

Commissioner Tierney recommends a no vote on the budget motion.

Commissioner Sanchez is listening, along with the other Commissioners, to the public's concerns. He is also concerned that world class programs, some that took 30-40 years to develop, are being cut. He is hesitant to vote on today's budget.

Commissioner Sako noted that avoiding a vote today prolongs the inevitable. The real fight is across the street at City Hall. She shared her anger about these massive cuts to behavioral health. She asked Dr. Katz about the Department of Rehab issues brought up by some speakers. He said that DPH was working on this and he agreed to keep Commission updated.

Commissioner Chow commended the Department on meeting targets from the Mayor's Office.

Commissioner Waters said that she wanted to vote in favor of the budget.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Waters voting aye, Tierney voting no) approved the resolution Approving the Submission of the Department of Public Health's Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

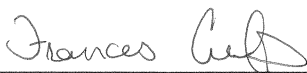
9) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Illig noted that Gregg Sass will be on the next Health Commission meeting agenda to update on what the Mayor accepts and rejects from the DPH budget submission. The meeting will be on June 2, and the Mayor's budget will be released on June 1.

The June 16th meeting will begin at 2pm and the Commission will hear the final Lewin Report on the CMPC IMP. The meeting on this date was to be held at Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH), but instead the LHH annual meeting will be held on July 21.

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned at 6:44 pm.



Frances Culp

Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachments: (1)