

**HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 01-10**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TEN GOALS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO
HEALTH REPORT CARD AS THE HEALTH GOALS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the 1995 California "community benefits" law (SB 697) required non-profit hospitals to plan for and report their charitable community benefits in order to justify their tax-exemption; and

WHEREAS, multiple health stakeholders convened to form the Building a Healthier San Francisco coalition (BHSF) to conduct community health needs assessments for San Francisco every three years as set forth in SB 697; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Board of Supervisors passed the San Francisco Charity Care Ordinance (No. 163-01) requiring hospitals to report the amount of charity care they provide; and

WHEREAS, BHSF performed health needs assessments for San Francisco in 1998, 2001, 2004, and 2007; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Charity Care Ordinance, DPH has worked with San Francisco's non-profit hospitals and produced charity care reports annually since 2002; and

WHEREAS, BHSF launched the Health Matters in San Francisco website in 2007 to augment the needs assessment process through a robust database of health-related indicators; and

WHEREAS, the Community Benefit Partnership (CBP) was formed in 2008 to make meaning of abundant health data in San Francisco and to establish priorities of program planning; and

WHEREAS, the CBP priority areas are 1) improve access to care, 2) prevent chronic disease and increase wellness, 3) reduce the incidence of communicable disease, and 4) engage in violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Report Card (SFHRC) is a tool that was developed to synergize the needs assessment function of BHSF with the stakeholder engagement and planning function of CBP in a manner that mobilized the two groups toward action that improves health for San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, the SFHRC is operated by BHSF through the Health Matters in San Francisco Website; and

WHEREAS, the SFHRC is comprised of a reporting tool and a collaboration center that builds upon the existing framework of the Health Matters in San Francisco Website; and

WHEREAS, the SFHRC incorporates input from health stakeholders beyond the realm of community benefit to reflect the diverse influences on health; and

WHEREAS, the SFHRC is guided by ten goals that are an elaboration of the four priority issue areas of the CBP and were confirmed through a health stakeholder symposium in November 2009 which had broad representation from hospitals, community organizations, academia, and multiple public and private agencies; and

WHEREAS, the ten goals are 1) Increase Access to Quality Medical Care, 2) Reduce Chronic Disease through Physical Activity and Healthy Eating, 3) Stop the Spread of Infectious Diseases, 4) Improve Behavioral Health, 5) Prevent and Detect Cancer, 6) Raise Healthy Kids, 7) Have a Safe and Healthy Place to Live, 8) Promote the Independence of Persons with Disabilities, 9) Promote Healthy Aging, and 10) Decrease Health Disparities; and

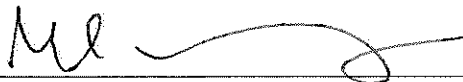
WHEREAS, the SFHRC aims to finish the process of selecting indicators and benchmarks to measure progress toward the 10 goals by September 2010 at which point the SFHRC will serve as the 2010 community health needs assessment; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission adopt the ten goals of the SFHRC as strategic goals of the Department of Public Health; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission recognizes the purpose of the SFHRC is to improve the health of all San Franciscans by evaluating progress of health interventions, assessing health and health care needs, and helping to guide health policy through collaboration; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission recognize that the SFHRC is a citywide effort which aims to ultimately address upstream determinants of health and decrease health disparities through fostering collaboration among health stakeholders.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 2, 2010 adopted the foregoing resolution.



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