

**HEALTH COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 15-1**

**APPROVING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S 2015 STATE AND
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLANS**

WHEREAS, On October 16, 2012, the Health Commission identified three five-year budget priorities for the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH): 1) development of an integrated delivery system; 2) achievement of public health accreditation; and 3) improved financial and operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, On February 5, 2013, the Health Commission endorsed the Community Health Improvement Plan, which sets forth three priorities for health improvement citywide: 1) ensuring safe and healthy living environments; 2) increasing physical activity and healthy eating; and 3) improving access to high quality health care and services; and

WHEREAS, A number of important issues that will have a significant impact on achievement of SFDPH's budget priorities and the citywide Community Health Improvement priorities will likely be considered by state and federal legislative bodies in 2015, including Health Reform implementation, Medi-Cal reimbursement, communicable disease control and prevention, behavioral health expansions, and healthy food access; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH participates in a number of statewide associations representing various county health professionals, including health executives, health officers, public hospital executives, mental health directors, and substance abuse directors, to ensure that SFDPH is represented in coalition positions on legislation; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH coordinates engagement in State and federal policymaking and legislative advocacy through the Mayor's Office of Legislative and Government Affairs to ensure that changes in health policy are consistent with SFDPH priorities and aligned with citywide priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains lobbyists in Washington, DC and Sacramento, with whom SFDPH staff works to ensure that health policy positions approved by the Mayor's Office and consistent with SFDPH priorities are represented in federal and State advocacy; and

WHEREAS, At its January 6, 2015 meeting, the Health Commission directed SFDPH to revise the state legislative plan to include advocacy for increased Medi-Cal reimbursement rates, and to support efforts that increase awareness of and access to palliative care; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH's 2015 state and federal legislative plans reflect SFDPH's health policy priorities, and are an important tool for the City to advocate for health policy and legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Health Commission approves SFDPH's 2015 federal and state legislative plans.

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of January 6, 2015 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission