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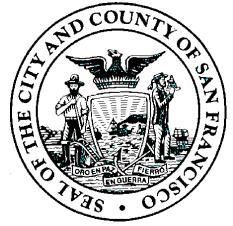
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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday November 7, 2023 4:00 p.m.

101 Grove Street, Room 300

San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Laurie Green, MD, President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D. (Remote participation)
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

2) ZSFG EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Health Commission recognized the contributions of the following ZSFG groups:

- Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Staff Experience and Wellbeing Team
- Code Lavender Team
- 6G Women's Option Center
- Psychiatric Emergency Services Team

3) ZSFG FY2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

Susan Ehrlich, MD, Chief Executive Officer, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green thanked Dr. Ehrlich for the report and sharing the wonderful work done by the world class ZSFG staff.

Commissioner Guillermo thanked Dr. Ehrlich for her leadership. She noted that many of her friends and family have benefited from the services at ZSFG. The care and selflessness of the staff and leaders shows through. She also acknowledged the importance of the ZSFG partnership with LHH during the recertification process.

Commissioner Giraudo thanked Dr. Ehrlich for the excellent report and gave special thanks to the staff working with pediatric patients.

Commissioner Christian stated that her heart is filled at every ZSFG JCC meeting. ZSFG staff and leaders are local heroes, taking care of San Francisco when we are not well.

Commissioner Chow stated that he continues to be amazed at what ZSFG accomplishes year after year. The hospital has achieved a level of care that is one of the best in the country, in addition to the research conducted on the campus. He is delighted that UCSF researchers have a brand-new building on the ZSFG campus for research that will benefit San Francisco's many vulnerable populations. He expressed gratitude to all ZSFG staff and leaders.

4) HEALTH COMMISSION OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Morewitz noted that terms of the officers will run until March of 2025.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guillermo nominated Commissioner Green for the office of president, noting that she has piloted the Commission through unprecedented challenges during the last few years. Commissioner Green brings professionalism, clinical expertise, and a true dedication to the health and wellbeing of San Franciscans. She added that Commissioner Greens' leadership will be a steady hand.

Commissioner Green stated that it is an honor and a privilege to serve as Health Commission President. She will do her best and noted that it is hard to fill the shoes of former Commission Presidents Dan Bernal, Jimmy Loyce, and Commissioner Chow. She added that her experience on the Health Commission continues to be the most gratifying experience in her professional career.

Commissioner Chow nominated Commissioner Guillermo for the office of vice president. He noted that has known her for many years and has appreciated her leadership of the LHH JCC during the last challenging two year recertification process.

Commissioner Guillermo thanked her Commission colleagues for having faith in her as coleader of the Commission with President Green. She noted that it is gratifying to serve in this role in her native town; she is happy to focus on the health and wellbeing of residents of San Francisco, where she was raised, and raised her own children and grandchildren.

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously elected Commissioner Laurie Green, MD as President.

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously elected Commissioner Tessie Guillermo as Vice President.

5) RESOLUTION HONORING DAN BERNAL

Mr. Morewitz read the draft resolution.

Public Comment:

Josie Mooney, Deputy Executive Director of SEIU, stated that Dan has always stood up for working people. She thanked him on behalf of unions and workers.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guillermo congratulated Mr. Bernal on his well-deserved honor. She thanked him for his many decades of public service. She added that he has always been someone who responded to everyone and helped them in some way. His reputation and legacy will never be forgotten.

Commissioner Chung stated that it has been an honor and pleasure to have known Mr. Bernal for decades. She feels more connected to government because of his presence.

Commissioner Christian stated it has been a pleasure to get to know Mr. Bernal on the Health Commission. She is thrilled for his new professional chapter and sad that he will not continue on the Health Commission.

Commissioner Giraudo congratulated Mr. Bernal and reminded him that at her first Health Commission meeting, he made her chair of the Community and Public Health Committee.

Commissioner Chow stated that it has been a privilege to have worked with Mr. Bernal on the Commission. Mr. Bernal's work has benefited the City through ensuring the Health Commission has operated smoothly through several turbulent years. He appreciates Mr. Bernal's work with Speaker Pelosi and wishes him well in his new UCSF leadership position.

Commissioner Green is so grateful for Mr. Bernal's leadership of the Commission during an unprecedented time. He brought all his resources to the table. He has been a voice for people without a voice.

Director Colfax thanked Mr. Bernal for his kindness and effectiveness in his Health Commission leadership role and Speaker Pelosi position.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution (Attachment A).

6) RESOLUTION HONORING CLAIRE HORTON, MD

Dr. Naveena Bobba, DPH Deputy Director of Health, introduced the item and acknowledged the positive impact Dr. Horton's leadership has had on her colleagues and the DPH.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guillermo thanked Dr. Horton for her leadership and support throughout the LHH recertification effort. She noted that Dr. Horton is always ready to jump in to provide assistance when needed.

Commissioner Christian stated that she has observed Dr. Horton through her participation in ZSFG JCC meetings and wished her best of luck.

Commissioner Giraudo congratulated Dr. Horton and expressed gratitude for the leadership she provided, noting that staff often turned to her for input and expertise.

Commissioner Chow noted that he has known Dr. Horton for several years through her UCSF Medical Staff leadership prior to working for DPH. He stated that she has brought a high level of quality of work, especially during the LHH recertification process.

Commissioner Green expressed thanks for Dr. Horton's grace and skilled leadership. She noted that being elected ZSFG Chief of Staff is a huge honor. She also thanked her for bringing her head and heart into her leadership.

Director Colfax noted that he first met Dr. Horton when he was an attending physician and she was an intern. He thanked her for always being there and keeping patient health at the center of focus. He noted that he is

struck by Dr. Horton's optimism, insightfulness, and effective leadership; he added that her clinical acumen is also amazing.

Dr. Horton thanked the Health Commission for their leadership and expressed gratitude to Dr. Colfax and all the DPH leadership and staff.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution. (Attachment B)

7) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the October 17, 2023 meeting minutes.

8) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

XIU Min Li, SEIU 1021, stated that they are concerned that Felton Institute is using public funds for union busting activities. They noted that multiple monitoring reports show that Felton Institute missed contract targets. Felton mismanagement has led to a high rate of staff turnover and contract issues. The organization has ordered its staff to not sign cards with unions and fired workers who spoke to unions.

Grecia, SEIU 1021, has worked with passionate and committed Felton Institute workers, who are trying to continue to afford living in the Bay Area. Workers are being threatened with being fired and discipline due to interactions with unions. Staff are burning out.

Brandon Dawkins, Vice President of SEIU 1021 Politics and a member of DPH staff, stated that Felton Institute has received millions from the DPH and is using this to bust unions. Felton Institute leadership requested that staff remove all union materials and called the police when union members were onsite. They requested that the DPH and Health Commission inform the CEO to stop interfering with union activities.

Josie Mooney, Deputy ED of SEIU 1021, stated that she has ever been more disenchanted about a nonprofit in San Francisco. In more than 30 years of union organizing, she has never seen this kind of conduct from the ED at Felton. Supervisor Chan wrote an ordinance, passed by the Board of Supervisors, that City Departments may not contract with organizations that union bust. She noted that the DPH must now take a look at the situation at Felton Institute. She noted that Director Colfax has listened to the union, and they appreciate his time and attention. She noted at this time, the Health Commission needs to take a position. The Felton Institute workers need to be lifted up out of poverty and honored with challenge of their work. More than 80 staff have resigned in the last 2 years, which says a lot about the culture of this organization.

Dr. Teresa Palmer stated that she is in solidarity with SEIU 1021 around the Felton Institute, which services are so important, situation. The Felton Institute workers need to pay their bills. Regarding LHH, why has it not had good oversight like ZSFG has? She asked if a LHH CMO has been hired yet. Have the 75 people awaiting lower level of care found beds. Will the LHH Admissions Committee be empowered to say "No" to inappropriate patient referrals. She asked what is being done about the shortage of board and care facilities in San Francisco.

9) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grant Colfax MD, DPH, Director of Health, presented the item.

SF AND DPH PREPARE FOR APEC

San Francisco is preparing to host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting & CEO Summit. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our City where we will see the largest convening of world leaders here since the UN Charter was signed in 1945. Events will be hosted between November 11 and 18 with main events around Moscone Center, the waterfront and Nob Hill.

DPH has a significant role in ensuring the success of APEC 2023. Our public health priorities include emergency planning and preparedness, healthcare system security, expanded food safety, increased medical surveillance, and support for special populations.

The City will activate its Emergency Operations Center on November 9 and DPH will activate our Department Operations Center (DOC) on November 13 to ensure continuity of services and enhance public health. We are working in close partnership with other City departments to minimize the impacts to our DPH community. For additional information, visit the City's webpage on APEC at sf.gov/APEC.

CHINESE HOSPITAL SUBACUTE UNIT UPDATE

DPH has continued to support the development of new subacute beds in San Francisco. San Francisco only has one subacute skilled nursing facility in the City which is not accepting new patients and will stop providing subacute skilled nursing services when the last patient leaves. DPH is working closely with Chinese Hospital as they pursue skilled nursing facility (SNF) and subacute SNF licensure and certification for its 23-bed unit. On June 1, 2023, Chinese Hospital received SNF license certification from the State of California; a requirement prior to getting certification for subacute SNF beds. Chinese Hospital has since hired experienced consultant Daniel Ruth to guide them through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services SNF certification process. DPH anticipates that Chinese Hospital is on track to open a new sub-acute SNF unit in late 2025/early 2026, following Medi-Cal/Medicare certification and sub-acute SNF certification. DPH will continue to work with Chinese Hospital and looks forward to providing updates to the Health Commission in 2024.

LAGUNA HONDA FAMILY COUNCIL RECONVENES

The first Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) Family Council meeting since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic took place on October 18. Founded in 1990, the Family Council is a space for family, friends, and representatives to come together to support one another and discuss topics related to LHH and the care of their loved ones.

Family, friends, and representatives organize and run the Family Council. However, LHH staff provides support and LHH leaders will join as guests, as directed and approved by the members. We are pleased to see the relaunch of the Family Council and look forward to supporting them in the years ahead.

MARIA X MARTINEZ HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER LAUNCHES CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Maria X Martinez (MXM) Health Resource Center launched a contingency management (CM) program last month to help people with stimulant use disorder stop or reduce their use. CM is an evidence-based behavioral therapy practice in which participants are offered a tangible incentive like gift cards of low monetary value to reinforce a positive behavior change such as practicing abstinence from substance use. Employed by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs for more than 50 years, CM is an effective intervention for people with addiction disorders related to stimulants like cocaine and methamphetamine, for which there is no approved medication-assisted treatment. DPH has been expanding the service as part of our overdose prevention strategy. Participants of the first CM cohort at MXM, which primarily serves people experiencing homelessness, can earn up to \$593.60 in gift cards over the 12-week program, which includes individual counseling and a peer support group.

HIGHLIGHTING DPH DENTAL SERVICES

For more than 20 years, DPH has partnered with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to conduct oral health screenings on kindergartners, a program with far-reaching impacts beyond oral health that are essential to our mission of promoting and protecting the health of all San Franciscans.

Partnering with the San Francisco Dental Society, the Mission, Chinatown, and Bayview/Hunter's Point Oral Health Task Forces and other community-based groups, DPH's Dental Services team heads back to school

every October to administer the Kinder Oral Health Surveillance Program at all 74 SFUSD elementary schools and two other school-based programs.

Thanks to a grant from the Soda Tax, DPH was able to expand our Molar Sealant Program serving older elementary school aged children from 12 to 30 schools in the 2023-24 school year. Schools are prioritized based on the data collected during the kindergarten program, which notes the number of children with treated and untreated cavities. DPH also has an Oral Health Screening and Fluoride Varnish Program for SFUSD Pre-K and Transitional Kindergarten students at 37 school sites.

Within the San Francisco Health Network, Dental Services operates five dental clinics in DPH primary clinics across the City, plus a weekly clinic at the Youth Guidance Center for justice system-involved youth. For many children in San Francisco, DPH Dental Services provide their first experience with a dental professional. It's another reason our school-based programs are so valuable to our communities. Kudos to this small but mighty DPH team!

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES RECEIVES GRANT AWARD

Behavioral Health Services Children, Youth, and Families System of Care (CYF) has been awarded \$750,000 by the California Department of Health Care Services through the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative. This award represents an exciting step towards promoting social-emotional well-being, preventing challenges, and ensuring timely access to equitable behavioral health services. Through this grant, CYF will be able to scale and implement Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, an evidence-based dyadic behavioral intervention for children (ages 2-7) and their parents or caregivers that focuses on decreasing externalizing child behavior problems.

DPH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

DPH Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch (PHEPR) successfully activated and responded to high temperatures in San Francisco on Oct. 4-7, while simultaneously maintaining a continuity of operations at the branch. During this activation, PHEPR also successfully coordinated preparedness activities for the Kaiser Hospital Labor Stoppage and the memorial service for Sen. Dianne Feinstein, and supported the Citywide coordination for Fleet week, as well as continuing ongoing support of Laguna Honda Hospital and planning for the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit. The ability to have a rotating incident response team that does not include activating all branch staff is a part of PHEPR's strategic objective to ensure the continuity of operations of the branch during incident activations; this was instrumental to PHEPR's success in responding to so many events in the month of October. Thank you, PHEPR Branch!

SF SODA TAX MARKS 5-YEAR MILESTONE

This year marks the 5-year anniversary of San Francisco's Soda Tax. To celebrate this remarkable achievement, DPH's Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch and partners will host a series of events around the key pillars that have made San Francisco a model for the successful implementation of the Soda Tax: community, science, youth, and policy. Visit sodatax-sf.org/5yr for details about each event.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 11/02:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 4.7% and there are 18 COVID hospitalizations.
- Fifteen percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.

[DPH in the News](#)

Public Comment:

Dr. Teresa Palmer stated that it is outrageous that San Francisco has had no subacute unit since 2017; since that time people needing these services have had to be moved out of town away from family and friends. She noted that of the 17 people transferred to the Sutter Davies subacute unit, only 4 remain alive; the high death rate was due to transfer trauma and need for hands-on staff, which was not consistent at Davies. She urged good oversight at the Chinese Hospital subacute unit, including adequately licensed staff, including respiratory therapists.

Carol Bettencourt, Legal Assistance to the Elderly, submitted the following written public comment:

I am deeply disappointed that the only item in the Director's Report about Laguna Honda Hospital is about the resumption of meeting of the Family Council. While the Family Council is important, with so many ongoing issues and concerns about Laguna Honda Hospital, including its ongoing efforts to regain Medicare certification, more information would be appreciated. Other important issues include the question of when admissions will resume, inadequate staffing, the proposed discharges of an estimated 75 people who are claimed to no longer need skilled nursing care, and the proposed resumption of admission of patients from SF General who have behavioral health or substance use issues and the lack of adequate services for them.

Benson Nadell, San Francisco Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Director, submitted the following written public comment:

On the surface, the opening of a new SNF is welcomed. But I doubt it will answer the long-term care 24/7 needs of elderly and disabled. My concern is with the use of the term sub-acute. Having advocated over the years for residents in the ST Lukes Sub-acute unit, I have an image of extremely dependent long term residents on ventilators, and with trach-care with extensive computer based monitoring equipment and knowledge of a extremely well strained staff more or less consistently assigned to these dependent residents. I also remember the closure after Sutter took over the CPMC hospital system, That set of images is what I have in mind when I read the news about Chinese Hospital-Post acute is transitional model, after rehab back to the home and community. There are two modes of Sub-acute SNF :Contract with Free standing, and hospital based DP/SNF.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow questioned why it will take so long for the Chinese Hospital subacute unit to be operational. Kelly Hiromoto, DPH Special Projects Manager, stated that the delay is due to earning necessary regulatory credentials, including CDPH and CMS certifications. She noted that the staffing ration to patients must be very specific due to subacute regulations. She hopes the actual opening of the facility will occur quicker than 2027.

10) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Chung, chair, stated that committee reviewed and recommended for approval all the contract-related items on the Consent Calendar. She noted that the committee members urged the DPH staff to ensure all contract documents are appropriately filled out with correct information. [She added that the committee requested that the Bardy Diagnostics, Inc. contract be removed from the November, 2023 Contracts Report since there were several issues with contract documentation. The contract will be considered at the December 5, 2023 meetings.](#)

11) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORT

Edward A. Chow, MD, ZSFG JCC Chair, stated that at the October 24th ZSFG JCC meeting, the committee reviewed the draft ZSFG Annual Report along with standard reports, which included the CEO Report, Regulatory Affairs Report, and Human Resources report. During the Medical Staff Report, the committee recommended that the full Health Commission approve the Anesthesia Standardized Procedures and Otolaryngology Standardized Procedures, with the exception of procedure 16 which Dr. Ortiz, the Chief of

Medical Staff, asked to be removed while it is still being developed. In closed session, the committee approved the PIPS minutes and October staff credentials report.

12) CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- November 2023 Contracts Report, excluding the Bardy Diagnostics, Inc. contract
- Civic Edge Consulting: Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Civic Edge Consulting to perform Stakeholder Outreach Services. The total proposed agreement amount is \$200,704 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 12/1/2023 through 5/31/2024 (7 months).
- Ceribell, Inc.: Request for approval of a new software contract with Ceribell, Inc. to acquire the Ceribell EEG recorder platform that will record EEG patient data through disposable headband and report to physician in real time for Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. The total proposed contract amount is \$379,579 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of November 1,2023 through October 31,2026 (3 years).
- Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. to provide temporary as-needed per diem and traveling respiratory therapists personnel in support of the Department's ongoing operational and needs in the San Francisco Health Network. The total proposed contract amount is \$3,000,000 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of October 16, 2023 through October 15, 2025 (2 years).
- Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Center Point to provide overflow capacity to BHS when there is insufficient residential treatment availability in San Francisco to meet the needs of SF Residents, but an immediate need for a placement. This agreement will provide funding for up to five total dual diagnosis residential treatment slots in any one of the following three programs: (1) Men's Residential Home (\$415 bundled daily rate), (2) Women's Residential Home (\$415 bundled daily rate), and (3) Women and Children Home (children up to five years with mother) (\$465 bundled daily rate). The slot utilization and placement will be based on need, and slots will only be reimbursed if utilized. The total proposed contract amount is \$660,000 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 (1 year and 8 months)
- Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Horizon's Services Inc. to provide overflow capacity to BHS when there is insufficient residential treatment or Withdrawal Management availability in San Francisco to meet the needs of SF Residents, with an immediate need for a placement. This agreement will provide funding for up to two total dual diagnosis men's residential treatment slots at the Cronin House (\$785 bundled daily rate), and up to five total Withdrawal Management slots at Cherry Hill or Palm Avenue (bundled rate of \$785 daily) with funding available for up to 240 days. The slot utilization and placement will be based on need, and slots will only be reimbursed if utilized. The total proposed contract amount is \$6,272,000 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 (1 year and 8 months).

- Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Heluna Health to perform wishes to service the CARE (Community Assisted Recovery and Empowerment) Court program improves access to care for people with schizophrenia spectrum or psychotic disorders by providing support from families, clinicians, and first responders. The total proposed agreement amount is \$241,920 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 09/15/2023 through 06/30/2024 (10 months)
- Request for approval of a new software contract with iSchemaView, Inc. to gain access to their RapidAi platform that interprets patient's CT/MRI data and assists physicians in making an expedient diagnosis and treatment plans for the Department of Public Health. The total proposed contract amount is \$390,992 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of January 11, 2023, through October 31, 2028 (5.5 years). This contract is retroactive to January 11, 2023 due to a prior perfusion site upgrade and extended contract negotiations.
- ZSFG Policies and Procedures:
 - Revised Anesthesia Standard Procedure 2023 with Addition of Protocol 8 Botox
 - Revised Otolaryngology Standard Procedure

13) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

14) CLOSED SESSION

- A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.15).

There was no public comment for this item.

- B) Vote on whether to hold a Closed Session in relation to item 14.D below.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to hold a closed session.

- C) Vote on whether to hold a closed session in relation to item 14.E below regarding pending litigation and to assert the attorney-client privilege in relation to that closed session discussion.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to assert attorney-client privilege in closed session.

- D) Closed Session Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1156, 1156.1, 1157, 1157.5 and 1157.6; Health and Safety Code Section 1461; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1.

FOR ACTION: CONSIDERATION OF ZSFG CREDENTIALING MATTERS.

- E) Closed Session Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d); and California Government Code Section 54956.9(d).

PROPOSED ACTION: SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION: Alfred Coutts – CITY TO PAY \$190,000.

ALFRED COUTTS by and through his Guardian Ad Litem, CHARLES JONAS, Plaintiff, vs. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER; and DOES

1 – 100, inclusive, Defendants.

(San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-20-584459)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. If Closed Session is complete, discussion and vote to elect whether to disclose any portion of the Closed Session discussion that is not confidential under Federal or State law, The Charter, or Non-Waivable Privilege (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action item)

2. If Closed Session is complete, possible report on action taken in Closed Session (Government Code Sections 54957.1(a) and 54957.7(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)).

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to not disclose discussions held in closed session.

15) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Attachment A

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 23-12**

HONORING DAN BERNAL

WHEREAS, Dan Bernal was appointed to the San Francisco Health Commission by Mayor Ed Lee in 2017 and resigned on October 16, 2023 in order to accept the position of University of California San Francisco Vice Chancellor of Community and Government Relations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernal was elected Health Commission President in 2020, after serving as Vice President in the previous year. As President, he led the Health Commission during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mpox outbreak, and the Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center Medi-Cal recertification effort; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernal has dedicated his career to public service, having served as Chief of Staff for Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi for over twenty years. He worked in the White House under President Bill Clinton and as a presidential appointee at the U.S. Department of Education. As Congress debated the Affordable Care Act, he supported Speaker Pelosi's efforts to build support for the legislation in California by convening diverse stakeholders and coordinating activities among Bay Area Members of Congress. He continues to serve as a valuable resource to the California Democratic Congressional Delegation and key policy makers and as an advocate in the fight to protect and improve the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Mr. Bernal has contributed in innumerable ways to many underserved communities through effective leadership. He is an HIV/AIDS Patient Advocate on the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and was appointed to the Treatments and Cures Accessibility and Affordability Working Group (AAWG). He participated as Co-Chair of the Policy and Politics Working Group for the 23rd International AIDS Conference; was the top fundraiser for the AIDS/Lifecycle event 7 years in a row; served as a board member on the National AIDS Memorial and San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Co-founded and served as board president of the Breast Cancer Emergency Fund; and served as board president of the AIDS Emergency Fund; and

WHEREAS, he has courageously lived openly as a person with HIV/AIDS for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, his empathy, compassion, and affability will be missed by his Health Commission colleagues and DPH leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission honors Dan Bernal for his many years of dedicated public service and for the impactful contributions he has made to the residents of the City and County of San Francisco. The Health Commission wishes Mr. Bernal well in his new leadership position.

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of November 7, 2023 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachment B

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 23-13**

HONORING CLAIRE HORTON, MD, MPH

WHEREAS, Dr. Claire Horton has served the City and County of San Francisco as an exceptional leader at the Department of Public Health (DPH) since 2020, and has been instrumental in providing clinical and operational leadership, vision and direction to the San Francisco Health Network; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton has recently held the dual positions of Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director of the San Francisco Health Network; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton previously served as ZSFG Hospital’s Chief of Staff—a position that is elected by ZSFG Medical Staff and includes a range of responsibilities from hospital and clinic operations to overseeing personnel matters—as well as Medical Director of the ZSFG Richard Fine People’s Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton has served on the Boards of several expert advisory committees, such as California Association of Public Hospitals’ Policy and Technical Advisory Committee and California Safety Net Institute’s Public Health Service/Medicaid Managed Care Plan Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton strengthened and expanded CalAIM, including the Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports Program, doubling DPH’s enrollment of eligible patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton deepened DPH’s work with underserved populations and promoted delivery system innovations to improve access and quality of care to safety net populations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton served as the Executive Sponsor of DPH’s Epic Leadership Team, working to plan Epic build priorities and the Phase 3 Epic rollout; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton is known for addressing patient-level social determinants of health and upholding patient quality of care as her “True North”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton considered by her colleagues as a cherished friend, integral teammate, and respected mentor whose expertise, intelligence, integrity, and empathy will continue to positively impact the health and well-being of all visitors and residents to San Francisco. She will be dearly missed by many at DPH.

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Health Commission honors Dr. Claire Horton for her outstanding service and leadership and wishes her well in her new position as the Associate Chief Medical Officer for the National Medicaid Program of the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of November 7, 2023 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz,
Health Commission Executive Secretary