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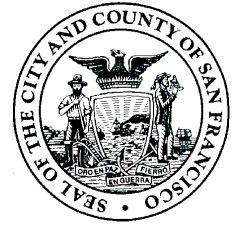
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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday December 19, 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 Tessie Guillermo

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

2) LHH EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Commissioner Guillermo read the following statement:

This year, we recognize all Laguna Honda Hospital staff for their indispensable role in securing the future of the organization. This team was a national model for their COVID-19 response and saved countless lives during the pandemic. With barely a moment to catch their breath, Laguna Honda staff were then faced with one of the organization's greatest challenges in its 150-year history: a multi-year CMS recertification process.

While the last several years have been extremely challenging, we know, we can count on our Laguna Honda staff. All Laguna Honda staff continue making rapid improvements and elevating Laguna Honda to be a top performing skilled nursing facility. Most importantly, each staff member is there day in and day out for our residents and always prioritizing their care and wellbeing. There is no place like Laguna Honda – no City and no County has made and sustained this commitment to publicly funded long-term care. As we near the end of our path to recertification, we will always remember that all employees have been a vital part of the team that saved Laguna Honda. We want to also acknowledge the contributions of the DPH leaders who were deployed and transferred to assist Laguna Honda through the recertification process. We also are grateful to Laguna Honda residents and their families for their ongoing patience and support throughout this process.

We are so thankful for every individual who has contributed towards the recertification effort, and the mission of Laguna Honda. We hope each staff member can end this year proud of their hard work and their role in serving San Franciscans.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guillermo stated that 2024 will bring a new vision for LHH being a model for what the future of a skilled nursing facility is supposed to be.

Commissioner Christian expressed gratitude to all LHH staff for their hard work during a difficult period. She thanked the staff for all the people who will come through the facility in years to come.

Commissioner Chow stated that it was wonderful not to pick out individual staff members, but to recognize all staff who have contributed so tremendously. Today we are on the brink of LHH being a world class organization and deliverer of excellent care. He noted that LHH staff is key, and it will continue to be very important to adhere to the new standards.

Commissioner Green associated herself with all the comments of other Commissioners. She noted how remarkable LHH staff members are to be able to maintain morale under such incredible pressure. Staff have responded by evolving through positivity. Residents and families have been able to get through this time due to the care of the staff. The Commission recognizes the incredible work completed during the last months and are confident that LHH will continue to shine.

Director Colfax extended his gratitude to all LHH staff. He noted that the LHH staff have done a remarkable job of shifting culture and ensuring the health and welfare of residents.

3) LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER (LHH) CLOSURE PLAN AND CMS RECERTIFICATION UPDATE

Roland Pickens, Director and CEO, SF Health Network & Executive Sponsor LHH Recertification Incident Command, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Patrick Monette-Shaw provided verbal comment and submitted the following written summary:

Previously, Mr. Pickens informed this Health Commission and San Francisco's Board of Supervisors "Committee of the Whole" last June the process to obtain Medicare recertification as a participating provider required LHH undergo TWO full recertification inspection survey's, separated by a mandatory 90-day "reasonable assurance" waiting period between the two inspections. We've heard LHH's Medi-Cal inspection — that should have happened AFTER LHH applied for Medi-Cal recertification on 8/11/2023, but was technically a mandatory "90-Day Monitoring Survey" required by the "LHH Settlement Agreement" that occurred last June BEFORE submitting its Medi-Cal application — will be considered to have been the first of the two Medicare surveys. Since when do contractually required "90-Day Monitoring Surveys" count toward full recertification inspections? Has CMS approved this creative misinterpretation of its usual-and-customary standard rules applicable to all SNF's nationwide? Please stop coyly referring to LHH as "God's Hotel." It's degrading; LHH is a SNF, not a hotel!

Dr. Teresa Palmer requested information on when admissions will resume and the timeline for submitting the waiver for the 120 beds; she would like reassurance that there will be a fight to keep those beds. She also would like reassurance that LHH leaders will be completely supported in turning down inappropriate admissions from ZSFG.

Carol Bettencourt submitted the following written public comment:

I was heartened to hear that the CMS Medicare Recertification Survey has been completed and I look forward to hearing more about the expected timeframe for what comes next. I hope that admissions will resume soon, as Laguna Honda's services are urgently needed by members of our community. All 780 beds are needed and Laguna Honda must seek a rule waiver request to keep 120 beds that have been threatened. I also hope to learn more about the reported 75 residents who were deemed suitable for discharge. What is happening with them and what kind of notices have they received? Additionally, has more progress been made to address chronic staff shortages? Finally, how will SFDPH management decrease the immense pressure to discharge SFGH patients to Laguna Honda who are a danger to themselves or others in a nursing home setting?

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guillermo asked if there is hope that LHH will receive the 2567's before the end of the year. Mr. Pickens stated that they were due from CMS/CDPH last Friday.

Commissioner Chow asked for clarification regarding the 90-day gap in recertification. Mr. Pickens stated that the most recent survey took place over 90 days since the Medicaid recertification survey. CMS notified LHH that this survey could count as the first Medicare survey.

Commissioner Chow asked if the process to apply for a waiver to regain the 120 beds is still pending recertification. Mr. Pickens stated that LHH and DPH leadership understand the importance of the 120 beds. After Medicare recertification is achieved, at the appropriate time, LHH will apply for a waiver regarding these beds.

Commissioner Green asked if the 2567 arrives before the end of the year, what flexibility does LHH have in its response timeline so staff do not have to work on the holidays? Mr. Pickens stated that staff prepared a draft plan of correction already so if there are no surprises, LHH expects to be able to submit the final plan somewhat quickly.

4) LHH FY2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

Roland Pickens, Director and CEO, SF Health Network & Executive Sponsor LHH Recertification Incident Command, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guillermo thanked the LHH team for the report, noting that the most important focus is on the residents and staff. The resident stories pop out and give the sense of quality of care. From the resident who has lived there for 15 years, his story shows the importance of understanding that people enjoy living at LHH. Since the pandemic, the Commission and public have not been able to spend time at LHH and the report gives a glimpse into the LHH world. She also asked if it is anticipated that the mix of diversity of LHH residents will shift when admissions begin, after recertification is achieved. Mr. Pickens stated that LHH is committed to serving all San Franciscans, with a focus on the underserved. Dr. Ratanawongsa, LHH Interim Chief Medical Officer, stated that LHH is committed to the criteria within the Health Commission-approved LHH Admissions policy.

Commissioner Guillermo asked if LHH anticipates that it will need the same level of General Fund support after readmissions begin again, since revenue for the hospital will increase. Lily Conover, LHH Chief Financial Officer, stated that it is unclear if admissions will ramp up sufficiently during the fiscal year to significantly change revenue projections. She noted that higher reimbursement rates will continue this year, which will be helpful to the LHH budget.

Commissioner Chow thanked the team for the exciting report, noting that so much has happened during the past year. He thanked all the LHH staff for their hard work during the year.

Commissioner Christian stated that this is a great report in which readers learn about staff and residents. She appreciates the resident stories and thanked LHH staff for providing care for these individuals. She is impressed with the Executive rounding; it is always inspiring for decision makers to interact with people doing the day-to-day work. She would like to continue to hear about the impressive work around the restraint free environment and how LHH can sustain its improvement efforts. Mr. Pickens stated that LHH will continue to report on this issue at the LHH Joint Conference Committee (JCC) meetings. A sustainability plan will be brought to the JCC and full Commission after recertification is achieved. External skilled nursing experts will continue to work with LHH to validate their quality work.

Commissioner Green thanked staff and leaders for the beautiful report. She noted that at Commission meetings, the regulatory work and issues are usually the focus, it is a pleasure to have focus on the individuals who live at LHH. She thanked all the LHH staff who have contributed to the enormous work during the last year. She also acknowledged the important role Dr. Naveena Bobba, Deputy Health Director, has played during the LHH recertification process. She looks forward to continued progress in 2024.

Dr. Colfax thanked all LHH staff and leaders for their transformative work, noting that there are 6,000 observations of quality improvement work each day. He thanked Roland Pickens for this leadership and ensuring that the best candidates have been brought on in LHH leadership positions.

5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2023.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the December 5, 2023 meeting minutes.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

A ZSFG licensed clinical social worker who works at the intensive care unit, knows firsthand what genocide displacement and intergenerational trauma look like and works every day to mitigate the effect on patients. She is Lebanese Armenian. Each generation of her family for the last four generations were refugees. Genocide is a public health issue. In Gaza there is murder of innocent civilians and disease impacting the resettling of 2 million people. The death toll has surged to 19,000; over 40% of those killed are children. There are attacks on hospitals and healthcare workers, in addition to entire generations of families. Genocide isn't acceptable. Your silence with regard to the crisis in Gaza is deafening. Call for a cease fire and declare that genocide is a human rights and public health crisis. She urged the Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to pass the cease-fire resolution.

Elizabeth, a primary care therapist for queer and trans youth, is devastated by the occupation and genocide of Palestinians and the rapidly escalating health crisis in Gaza. She is alarmed that the DPH has not done more to speak out against the atrocities. She is proud that the Health Commission declared Anti-Black racism a public health crisis and denounced violence against the Asian Pacific Islander community. She can't understand why the DPH or Health Commission is not decrying the massive loss of life, injuries and widespread disease impacting Palestinians right now. The occupation and genocide of Palestinians is within the jurisdiction of the Health Commission because it impacts people in San Francisco who have lost loved ones and who are grieving the assault on their people. Muslim patients and colleagues experience heightened Islamophobia and fear of retaliation. She urged the Commission to declare that occupation of the Palestinians is a public health and human rights crisis and support the cease fire resolution introduced at the Board of Supervisors.

Dawn Surate, a nurse with the ZSFG occupational health clinic, stated that almost 200 DPH staff have signed a letter calling for a cease fire, although no acknowledgment of this request has been made by various leaders.

The American Public Health Association has joined national and international calls for a cease fire. She read a poem by June Jordan, "Moving Towards Home."

Yashi Jang, LCSW with Maria X Martinez Urgent Care, asked each Commissioner and Director Colfax to uphold the mission to preserve, promote, and protect the lives of all San Franciscans. She asked them to take a stand against genocide committed upon the Palestinian people in Gaza. The DPH health system serves members of the Palestinian community in San Francisco. How can we tell any patients they are safe here if we cannot say we do not condone the genocide and want the violence and killing to stop immediately? Why is there no funding to solve our healthcare crisis when there is always money for weapons. They asked the Health Commission to pass the cease fire resolution put forth by Supervisor Preston without amendment.

Jude, ZSFG nurse for 15 years, stated that the Health Commissioners have so much power, specific to healthcare. When hearing the land acknowledgement read, she doesn't know how we can say those words without lending voice to stop the genocide happening now. We need to speak up and speak out. We are connected all of us and shared work and the work you all do as well. We need your support and helping pass the cease fire resolution supervisor Preston put forward. Your voices have power and we need them to be spoken loudly right now and join the 300 people who signed a petition calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

7) DPH FY22-23 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Jen Louie, DPH CFO, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guillermo stated that there is a lot to take in, glad to know that for this year that we are able to meet the budget and have contribution to the reserve. She anticipates that the year ahead will be a more difficult situation. She gave credit to Ms. Louie for handling a very complex budget.

Commissioner Green noted that in many categories, revenue is improving. She asked if it is possible to project how increased revenue will help the budget in the upcoming year. She also asked what triggers use of the reserve fund. Ms. Louie stated that the increased revenues were expected so it was already captured in the existing budget. The reserve is used to buffer budget fluctuations. For example, sometimes it takes years to get claims adjudicated. The DPH is still awaiting some expected revenues from 2011 and 2013. The reserve cannot be used for budget shortfalls or expenditures.

Commissioner Green asked if there are any indications that Medi-Cal fee schedules will be good or bad for the DPH budget. Ms. Louie stated that the state has given health plan their rates. The DPH works closely with the San Francisco Health Plan. She does not expect Medi-Cal fees to be adverse for the DPH budget.

Commissioner Chow hopes that the San Francisco Health Plan will get an increase in Medi-Cal rates. Ms. Louie stated that any increase in rates will be included in the first Quarter financial report.

8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

BUDGET UPDATE: MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS ACCEPTED BY THE MAYOR, BUDGET INSTRUCTION FOR FY 2024-25 AND FY 2025-26

In October, the Mayor issued instructions to start making budget reductions in the current fiscal year to get a head start on what will be a challenging budget process this spring. We were asked to pause uninitiated programs, eliminate vacant positions, take advantage of new revenues, and to start scaling back programs or shift to other, non-General Fund sources of funding. In total, the Mayor's Office identified General Fund budget reductions amounting to approximately \$75 million in the current fiscal year, and ongoing, around \$35 million in each year thereafter.

DPH's general fund savings comprised more than \$30 million in the current fiscal year and then more than \$8 million a year ongoing, starting in FY 2024-25. In the current year, we have adjusted our projections to reflect an additional \$23 million in prior year, Medi-Cal settlement revenues above our budgeted revenues. DPH also contributed by identifying 55 vacant FTEs from across the Department that can be held in the current year and then deleted without impacting operations, for a savings of \$4.5 million a year starting in the current year. We also agreed to an additional \$2 million in attrition savings in the current year and ongoing, in recognition of current vacancy levels across the department. DPH identified a new, \$250,000 a year overdose response program that we could shift from the General Fund to the opioid settlement funds. Finally, the Mayor's Office also instructed DPH to pause spending on \$1,175,000 of uninitiated programs as follows:

- \$500,000 for unallocated mental health and wellbeing grants
- \$100,000 for FY24 Addback – Health services for Spanish-speaking population
- \$175,000 for FY24 Addback – Expansion of labor and postpartum doula programs
- \$400,000 for FY22 uninitiated COVID mental health training programs

The Health Commission will see these savings reflected in our quarterly financial reporting this year and in our budget proposal. The Mayor's Office will count these savings towards the General Fund reductions we must come up with to meet reduction targets, representing a first step towards meeting those challenges.

On December 13th, the Mayor issued her instructions to departments for their FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 budget submissions. Unfortunately, the landscape is challenging. Local revenue growth is flat due to: ongoing reductions to property tax as the office market resets, a plateauing in the hospitality sector rebound, transfer taxes at 2011 levels, and tepid business tax growth. Expenditures are escalating more quickly, including a 9% increase in projected employee health rates. As a result, departments are requested to submit proposals to meet 10% General Fund reduction targets in each year of the proposed budget and a 5% contingency target, with savings that can be taken if the situation worsens. For DPH, the reduction target is \$93.8 million in each year of the budget and the contingency target is an additional \$46.9 million. The instructions also ask that Departments not add new positions.

We will return to the Commission in January with greater details on the instructions and in early February with a full budget proposal.

DPH AWARDS GRANT TO ASSIST IN REDUCING OVERDOSE DEATH DISPARITIES

DPH has awarded a \$2.25 million grant to the Homeless Children's Network (HCN) as part of an ongoing investment and commitment to reducing racial disparities in drug overdose deaths through prevention, engagement and education.

This grant funding, which will be allotted as \$450,000 per year over five years, will help expand the capacity of HCN, a San Francisco community-based organization, to prevent and lessen harmful health outcomes associated with substance use, and to reduce overdose death disparities through innovative, tailored approaches. Funding for the grant comes from opioid settlement funds and state Mental Health Services Act funds and is the first of several investments DPH intends to make in the Black/African American community to address drug overdoses. DPH recognizes the breadth and depth of this crisis in the Black/African American community necessitates meaningful and sustained support.

Black/African Americans in San Francisco experience fatal overdoses at 5-times the city-wide rate. This community partnership funding aligns with the DPH goal to reduce racial disparities in fatal overdose among Black/African Americans.

A primary goal for DPH is to collaborate with and empower the Black community in overcoming disparities. To strengthen these efforts the Office of Overdose Prevention staff have provided Overdose Recognition and

Response training to several community-based organizations (CBOs) that primarily serve the B/AA community. This training equips staff with the knowledge and skills to identify and respond to overdose situations effectively.

By empowering these organizations, their capacity is strengthened to support individuals and family members effected by substance use.

Additional investments in the expansion of overdose prevention services, including increased capacity for treatment navigation with a focused expertise on the unique cultural needs of the Black/African American community, are part of the approach the City is taking to address this crisis.

SAN FRANCISCO BEGINS WASTEWATER ANALYSIS FOR FENTANYL, XYLAZINE AND OTHER HIGH-RISK SUBSTANCES

DPH, with the assistance of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), has begun wastewater testing for substances such as fentanyl to track trends and inform response activities.

San Francisco is one of 70 communities in the United States participating in the first-of-its-kind initiative by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to gauge and measure the presence of substances associated with adverse health consequences, including overdose, through wastewater testing.

Earlier this month, at the request of DPH, SFPUC began sending wastewater samples from two major wastewater treatment plants to Biobot Analytics (Biobot), a Cambridge, Mass.-based scientific laboratory services company that received a federal contract for the NIDA Wastewater Surveillance Program. DPH is expected to receive initial results in January, and then every two weeks going forward. San Francisco's participation comes at no cost to the City. Under the current contract, the program is scheduled to end late August 2024.

Biobot is testing San Francisco's wastewater for fentanyl, methamphetamine, amphetamine, cocaine, and xylazine – and their metabolites – as well as naloxone, the antidote to an opioid overdose, and its metabolite.

The data will give a broad picture of use within the community, but not at the individual level. The results cannot be traced to a specific neighborhood or household. Additionally, NIDA stipulates that the data can only be used for public health and academic purposes and can specifically not be used by law enforcement.

PRIMARY CARE STAFF RECOGNITION

DPH's indispensable Primary Care team hosted their annual appreciation awards event earlier this week. All 500 Primary Care team members were invited to join the festivities, including eligibility workers, medical assistants, behavioral health clinicians, health workers, nurses and providers, podiatrists, nutritionists, acupuncturists, dentists, hygienists and aides. The Awards event highlighted the tremendous work of the team serving nearly 90,000 of our most vulnerable San Franciscans. Since recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, our Primary Care team logged more than 250,000 visits this calendar year, up 23% since 2020. Bravo! The event also celebrates the dedicated Primary Care team – this year we recognized staff members with over 40 years of service.

ZSFG's BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM RECEIVES EQUITY AWARD

This month, ZSFG's Behavioral Emergency Response Team (BERT) received the Equity Quality Leaders Award from The California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems.

BERT is a behavioral health rapid response initiative that began in 2018 and has been pivotal in addressing the inequitable use of force on patients at ZSFG. Its success lies in the implementation of a trauma-informed

approach to care, ensuring both safety for staff and patients in the workplace by de-escalating difficult situations before they become violent.

In 2022, the team conducted 2,085 rounding consultations, increasing the opportunity to prevent violence before it happens, and educated and supported the hospital's care teams. 94 percent of the team's activations were deemed successful through mostly verbal de-escalation and/or verbal redirection, with 84 percent completed without law enforcement involvement. Overall, use of force was down 24 percent from the previous year and decreased for all races and ethnicities.

BERT is helping ZSFG achieve its True North goals of ensuring workforce equity, eliminating health disparities and building a culture of belonging and inclusion. Congratulations to the whole team.

ZSFG RECOGNIZED FOR REDUCING DISPARITIES IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

ZSFG's Cardiology team was recognized in "America's Essential Hospitals" newest report: Novel Hospital Initiatives to Target Cardiovascular Disease Disparities.

The team expanded and implemented a Heart Failure Care Pathway integrated into EPIC and tailored to our patients' needs by targeting social determinants of health. This intervention led to a more than 10 percent drop in 30-day readmission rates, a reduction in mortality rate, and a decrease in racial disparities in readmissions.

The development of a decision support tool for the inpatient treatment of heart failure that targets both clinical care and social determinants of health was an ambitious undertaking for the team at ZSFG. The team is exploring opportunities to expand the tool's use for outpatient care and other chronic health issues, such as hypertension and opioid use.

DPH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BRANCH'S RETAIL TOBACCO PROGRAM AWARDED DOJ TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT GRANT

The Environmental Health Branch's Retail Tobacco Program applied for a Department of Justice tobacco enforcement grant. Historically, the program has applied for these grants and had them awarded in the past, but this year's grant award was the largest in the program's history. The DOJ has agreed to an award amount of \$2,888,144. As you are aware, DPH is anticipating budget cuts over the next few fiscal years, so securing this funding has been very timely and will ensure the continued enforcement of retail tobacco laws which include: underaged sales, sales of flavored tobacco, selling tobacco without a permit and illegal online sales. This work is incredibly important because in 2023 an estimated 2.8 million U.S. middle and high school students will begin to use e-cigarettes. Most of these are flavored tobacco products marketed directly to this demographic. Flavored tobacco products are not just sold at retail stores, but many are sold online. Along these lines, the EHB Retail Tobacco Program surveyed hundreds of online tobacco retailers and found that around 120 online businesses did not block the sales of flavored tobacco in San Francisco. The program took this information to the City Attorney's Office and based on their work, on December 5th, City Attorney David Chiu announced a lawsuit against three online tobacco retailers for unlawfully selling flavored tobacco products and electronic cigarettes to consumers in San Francisco. San Francisco Health Officer Dr. Susan Philip recently stated, "Flavored tobacco products harm the health of our youth, and especially youth in communities of color." Thanks to the tireless enforcement work of the EHB Retail Tobacco Program, the lives of San Franciscans are being saved every day.

DPH ABESTOS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE PROGRAM IN ACTION

The Environmental Health Branch's (EHB) Asbestos and Hazardous Materials and Waste Programs recently received the final set of penalties resulting from an enforcement case involving the unauthorized release of asbestos and other hazardous materials at a construction project involving a large residential property on Grove Street. This case started back in 2019 with EHB issuing an Administrative Civil Complaint for work

practices which demonstrated little or no regard for the effects of dust and debris on the workers, public and the environment. This case has involved several staff from both EHB and the City Attorney's office. As the result of their extra effort and hard work, an additional \$500,000 in penalties was paid this week by the responsible party bringing the total in penalties for DPH to over \$850,000. In addition, the City Attorney's Office required the responsible party to sell the property to a buyer that could properly oversee development of the long vacant property while limiting impact to nearby residents. Due to staff's dedication to protecting the health and safety of city residents, the hazard to the neighborhood has been abated and the property will now be safely developed into multi-residential housing.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 12/14:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 4.9% and there are 40 COVID hospitalizations.
- Twenty-four percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.

DPH in the News

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green thanked Director Colfax for highlighting so many DPH staff receiving awards and recognition.

Commissioner Christian asked what ages the Homeless Children's Network grant will target. Director Colfax stated that he will ask his staff to provide more information through Mr. Morewitz.

Commissioner Chow asked how the DPH will use the wastewater analysis. Director Colfax stated that this is a pilot project; the next Behavioral Health Services update will provide more information on what is being learned from the data.

9) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Commissioner Christian, Committee member, stated that the committee discussed two items. First, it reviewed the draft DPH Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The report summarizes and highlights DPH data and services. The committee members were generally pleased with the report and made several suggestions to clarify a few points of information and focus on some accomplishments for celebration. The final report is scheduled to come to the full Commission in February of next year. The second item was an update from the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Section. The committee was impressed with the spectrum of work this section conducts and its many partnerships with many other communities and community providers. The committee requested a follow-up with additional specific data to back-up the narrative contained in the slides. Other requests included information on the various system responses when a parent goes into substance use rehabilitation services. The committee members commended Aline Armstrong, the section director, for her dedicated leadership.

10) CONSENT CALENDAR

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the following:

- **ZSFG Policies and Procedures:**
 - Dental-Oral Maxillofacial Surgery 2023 Rules and Regulations
 - 2023 Committee on Interdisciplinary Practice Nurse Practitioner/Physician's Assistant Preamble
 - Changes for Influenza Vaccination Screening -RN Standardized procedure

- OB GYN Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Midwife Standardized Procedure
- ZSFG Environment of Care Annual Report

11) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Edward A. Chow, MD, ZSFG JCC chair, stated that at the December 12, 2023 ZSFG JCC meeting, the committee reviewed and recommended that the full Commission approve the Environment of Care Report, which is on today’s Consent Calendar. The report provides important information about the many logistics and operational systems that enable ZSFG to be such a highly functional institution. The Committee also discussed a ZSFG True North Scorecard Update, which provided information on many key performance metrics. The committee also reviewed standard reports including the Regulations Affairs reports for November and December, CEO Report, and the Human Resources Report. During the meeting, Dr. Ehrlich announced that Dr. Luke Day, Chief Medical Officer, and Jennifer Boffi, Chief Financial Officer, are both leaving ZSFG at the end of this month. Both leaders have developed a strong bench of staff to continue their incredible work. During the Medical Staff Report, the committee recommended that the full Commission approve the policies listed on the Consent Calendar. In closed session, the committee approved the Credentials Report and PIPS Minutes report.

12) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

13) 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 on 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.

Motion that the Health Commission convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding existing litigation to which the City and County of San Francisco is a party and proposed settlements as described below and whether to assert the attorney-client privilege in relation to those matters. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending litigation matters listed below.

(San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d); and California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3)).

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

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

PROPOSED ACTION: SETTLEMENT OF UNLITIGATED CLAIM - GRIEVANCE: Anna Robert - CITY TO PAY \$146,453.23.

MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF ANNA ROBERT against CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

(San Francisco Employee Relations Department No. 82-21-3967, grievance date 3/5/2021) (Action Item)

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.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.