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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal President
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D. (*Arrived at 4:12pm*)
Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

2) DPH EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

The following DPH teams were recognized by the Health Commission for their dedication and impactful contributions to the health and well-being of all San Franciscans.

KPO Teams Across the DPH

- Jenna Bilinski
- Danielle Taylor
- Winne Tse
- Jonathan Sears
- Jocelyn Highsmith
- Howard Chen
- Aldon Mendez
- Christopher Ross
- Monica Guo
- Joseph Clement
- Julia Dysart
- Vanessa Almaguer
- Amabel Chow

Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch

- Andrea Tenner, MD
- Carmen Nolasco
- Doug Walsh
- Kristina Leonoudakis
- Gino Cifoletti
- Amy Ovidia
- Nick Holapple
- Jerry Gabriel Rendon

- Melissa Ta
- Gabrielle Aldern
- Terri Dowling
- Tiffany Rivera

Mental Health Services Act and Office of Equity and Workforce Development Teams

- Tracey Helton
- Teresa Yu
- Kim Ganade
- Hanna Abarquez
- Anthony Sarabia
- Travis Hill
- Heather Haney
- Alicia St. Andrews
- Kristalia Williams
- Ryan Fuimaono
- Michelle Meier
- Michael Rojas
- Sharon Lu
- Rosa Serpas
- Diane Prentiss
- Trena Mukherjee
- Allen Flores
- Seth Pardo
- Alyssa Zachariah
- Shirley Giang
- Juan Ibarra
- William Hill
- Ali Jones-Bey

3) RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

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

4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2021.

Public Comment:

Jordan Davis stated that she uses the pronouns she, her, and hers, stated that her October 19, 2021 comment to the Health Commission was misgendered.

Mr. Morewitz apologized for his error in misgendering her comment and noted the comment will be corrected in the amended 10/19/21 minutes.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow noted that after the meeting, DPH staff provided information to the Commissioners regarding the Lead Abatement Program. This data shows improvement over the long term; he commended the DPH for their efforts.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the amended October 19, 2021 minutes.

5) DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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

SFSU scholarships for SF youth who get COVID vaccine

San Francisco State University (SF State), DPH, and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) announced a new scholarship program for San Francisco residents ages 12 to 17 who received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Through a drawing, SF State is offering 10 scholarships to fully fund four years of undergraduate tuition to the University for eligible youth who register at participating vaccination locations in the City, which include:

- Monday, Oct. 25, 1 to 4 p.m. — Visitation Valley Neighborhood Vaccination Site, 1099 Sunnydale Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134
- Tuesday, Oct. 26, 3:30 to 6 p.m. — Malcolm X Academy School, 350 Harbor Rd., San Francisco, CA

94124

- Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2:30 pm to 5 p.m. — Balboa High School, 1000 Cayuga Ave., San Francisco, CA 94112
- Friday, Oct. 29, 4 to 6 p.m. — Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, 1050 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94115
- Tuesday, Nov. 2, noon to 4 p.m. — Mission District Neighborhood Vaccination Site, 24th St. and Capp St., San Francisco, CA 94110
- Saturday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — McCoppin Elementary School, 651 6th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94118

Since becoming eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in May, more than 90% of San Francisco’s youth ages 12 to 17 have been fully vaccinated, making this one of the highest vaccination rates among age groups in the City.

Residents are eligible to enter the drawing if they meet all the following requirements:

- Permanently resides in San Francisco (including people living in San Francisco who meet AB 540 eligibility)
- Received at least the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine two-shot series prior to entry. Must be age 12 to 17 when this occurs
- Currently not enrolled at a college or university nor have been previously been enrolled in college or university
- Not an employee or immediate family of an employee of SF State living as a member of the employee’s household. Consistent with California Government Code section 82029, “immediate family” means spouse and dependent children

Residents can receive the vaccine from the participating sites to become eligible, but it is not required. Residents who receive the vaccine elsewhere or are already vaccinated are eligible to register for the drawing.

How to enter

Eligible residents will have the opportunity at the participating sites to complete a form that enters them in the drawing. SF State staff will be there to verify that registrants qualify and to help residents enter the drawing. The last day to enter the drawing is Nov. 13.

Selecting the winners

The winners will be randomly selected from among all eligible entries received. A minimum of one and a maximum of two winners will be selected from each participating vaccination locations.

The official announcement of the winners will publish the week of Nov. 22. Winners will be notified prior to announcement.

For more information regarding the official rules, FAQs and health privacy, visit together.sfsu.edu/vaccinescholarship or email enrollment@sfsu.edu.

Multi-lingual town halls scheduled regarding pediatric COVID vaccines

On Tuesday, October 26, the [FDA panel recommended COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11](#). The ACIP will meet on November 2-3 to discuss pediatric vaccines. In anticipation of the FDA and CDC approving pediatric vaccines by the first week of November, DPH will host virtual Town Halls in English, Spanish and Cantonese to hear from health experts and to answer questions on COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5-11. Schedule is as follows:

- [English](#): Tuesday, November 2, 7:30-8:30PM
- [Cantonese](#): Wednesday, November 3, 7:30-8:30PM

- [Spanish](#): Thursday, November 4, 7:30-8:30PM

LGBTQ data collection legislation approved by SF Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed legislation introduced by Mayor London N. Breed and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman to repeal 12E of the Administrative Code and allow the Department of Human Resources to collect voluntary and confidential sexual orientation demographics from City employees and applicants.

With certain narrow exceptions, Chapter 12E (City Employee's Sexual Privacy Ordinance) of the Administrative Code prohibits the City from inquiring into "sexual orientation, practices, or habits" of City employees. In practice, this prohibited collection of sexual orientation and accurate gender identity information from City employees.

When enacted in 1985, Chapter 12E was necessary to protect LGBTQ City employees and applicants from potential discrimination at the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. At that time, the larger population often assumed that any member of the LGBTQ community might be living with HIV/AIDS and carried a tremendous stigma attached to it. This perception has shifted over time, given that discrimination and harassment based on HIV status, sexual orientation, and gender identity have since become prohibited under federal, state, and local law, as well as City policy.

This new policy builds off Mayor Breed's [Executive Directive](#) to assure City services are LGBTQ affirming by requiring departments to provide gender-inclusive options and self-identifiers on all City forms and applications. The directive also expanded required trans inclusion training to all City employees working with the public. Mayor Breed has also prioritized appointing LGBTQ community leaders to City boards and commissions; since her inauguration in 2018, she has appointed or reappointed over 48 LGBTQ commissioners, making up 15% of all appointments.

The City and County of San Francisco is the largest employer in San Francisco, with approximately 37,000 employees who reflect the vibrant and diverse populations of San Francisco and the Bay Area. While the City collects certain confidential demographic information from applicants for City employment, little is known about applicants or the City workforce in terms of LGBTQ identities.

The City remains committed to upholding protections for its LGBTQ applicants and employees and maintaining the privacy of all its applicants and employees by collecting data about sexual orientation and gender identity on a voluntary and confidential basis. More information on the legislation can be found [here](#).

Completion of the first DPH Health Equity Fellowship

On October 26, over 30 DPH and UCSF/ZSFG staff completed the first DPH Health Equity Fellowship, developed by the Office of Health Equity. The participants include DPH senior leaders, medical providers, behavioral health providers and other clinical staff, administrators, Equity Council members, Equity Champions and Equity Leads. The newly graduated Health Equity Fellows participated in 21 hours of didactic training, in addition to significant independent study and personal reflection over a 4-month period.

The Health Equity Fellowship was conceived to support equity leaders at all levels by equipping them to address racism and inequity at a systemic level. The coursework incorporates intensive self-assessment and personal development with best practices to advance equity in DPH services and workplace culture. The Fellowship provides tools for direct program development, policy analysis, process improvement, continuous self-assessment, community engagement and communication. Fellows are expected to continue their practice after the completion of coursework through self-directed learning, peer support, and active program

development or practice improvement within their scope of responsibility, as well as advocate for anti-racist and inclusive changes in their institutions.

The new DPH Health Equity Fellows have made a commitment to develop themselves as proactive, anti-racist, equitable, and inclusive leaders who could further the SFDPH mission to eliminate health disparities and workplace inequity. The Health Equity Fellows are a valuable part of the equity leadership structure at SFDPH, and a resource to their colleagues serving the San Francisco community.

SF Getting to Zero awarded inaugural Circle of Excellence Award from Fast Track Cities Institute

Getting to Zero (GTZ) San Francisco received the inaugural Circle of Excellence Award at the Fast Track Cities 2021 conference in Lisbon, Portugal. The award reflects regional excellence in efforts to end urban HIV epidemics; other cities that were concurrently recognized were Bangkok, London, Nairobi, and Sao Paulo. San Francisco has historically been at the vanguard of the urban HIV response movement, including through its GTZ San Francisco initiative, which leverages strong ties between academia, local government agencies, and community-based groups. GTZ San Francisco has been so successful that since San Francisco became a Fast-Track City in 2015, the Fast-Track Cities initiative has promoted the city's policies and programs, including RAPID (Rapid ART Program Initiative for HIV Diagnoses), as examples of collaborative innovation to achieve the Fast-Track Cities initiative's goals and targets. Equally impressive are ongoing GTZ San Francisco efforts to maintain a continuity of HIV and other essential services for people living with and affected by HIV during the COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations to GTZ SF for this well-deserved honor!

DPH Population Health Division receives Gold Well-Being@Work Award

The San Francisco Health Service System has awarded the DPH Population Health Division (PHD) a Gold Well-Being@Work (W@W) Award in recognition of their well-being efforts coordinated in Fiscal Years 2019-2021. During this time of continuous change and transition, it has become more apparent that well-being must be prioritized by all. The past 18-months have created many challenges for our employees and PHD's well-being champions were creative and resourceful in identifying the supports that mattered to our workforce. Congratulations to PHD for being a positive force of well-being culture at DPH!

CIO Eric Raffin appointed to CalHHS data advisory group

DPH Chief Information Officer, Eric Raffin, has been appointed to the Data Sharing Agreement Subcommittee of the California Health and Human Services (CalHHS) Data Exchange Framework Stakeholder Advisory Group. This CalHHS Advisory Group will be working to build a single data sharing agreement and common set of policies and procedures that will govern the exchange of health information among health care entities and government agencies. Thank you to Eric for his service to the people of California, and congratulations on this recognition of your extensive skills and experience!

Environmental Health Branch case heard by the Superior Court

In mid-2019, the DPH Environmental Health Branch Asbestos Program issued numerous violations for a major unauthorized release of asbestos resulting from illegal construction and demolition work occurring during a residential remodel. Due to the substantial delay in properly abating the serious violations, significant progressive penalties were imposed upon the responsible party through our Director's Hearing process. The defendant's attorney filed an appeal with the Superior Court regarding those penalty fees. The case was heard this past week and the court issued a final judgement in favor of DPH which included validating the penalties exceeding \$1 million for the flagrant violations of the San Francisco Health Code. We rarely have enforcement cases heard before the Superior Court and Jonathan Piakis, Hazardous Materials Program Manager, along with the assistance of the Office of the City Attorney, did an outstanding job.

[SFDPH in the News](#)

**SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK
ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL
HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

October 2021

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
(10/21/21 MEC)

	10/2021	07/2021 to 07/2022
<i>New Appointments</i>	8	67
Reinstatements	0	0
<i>Reappointments</i>	45	203
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	11	74
<i>Disciplinary Actions</i>		
Administrative Suspension		
<i>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</i>		
Deceased		
<i>Changes in Privileges</i>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	12	42
Additions	12	39
Proctorship Completed	13	71

<i>Current Statistics – as of 9/30/21</i>		
Active Staff	557	
<i>Courtesy Staff</i>	640	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	296	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,483	

<i>Applications in Process</i>	88
Applications Withdrawn Month of October 2021	1
SFGH Reappointments in Process 11/1/21 to 1/31/22	127

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked how people access the multilingual town halls. Director Colfax stated that there has been a robust response to the notices about the town halls and noted that one thousand people had signed up for the November 2nd town hall.

Commissioner Giraudo asked if there will be additional town halls, noting that getting information into the community is so vital. Director Colfax stated that he is unsure if there will be additional events scheduled after the initial three town halls, noting that he will update the Commission as more information is known.

6) COVID-19 UPDATE

Grant Colfax, MD, DPH Director of Health, and Jonathan Sears, Non-COVID-19: Kaizen Promotion Office (KPO) Specialist, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green asked for more information regarding a possible timeline of when the DPH would have a sense of the uptake of vaccine in 5-11 year old children in San Francisco. Mr. Sears stated that all COVID-19 vaccine data is tracked through the state registry. The DPH teams use this data for its analysis and to identify gaps in order to provide countermeasures.

Commissioner Green asked if data regarding the number of schools that may be offering vaccines will be made available. Mr. Sears stated that the DPH is working with the San Francisco United School District and other school partners to keep a sustained access to vaccines in schools. The DPH has launched 4 long term vaccination sites, placed strategically, to offer vaccinations. The DPH has also linked additional schools to vaccination sites so schools may be access points for school-aged children.

Commissioner Green asked if the DPH has data to determine the proportion of 5-11 year old children in public and private schools. Mr. Sears stated that he does not have the data available and could forward it to Mr. Morewitz when it is available. Commissioner Giraudo stated that the breakout of private and public school data was in a San Francisco Chronicle article; Commissioner Bernal noted that the information is also in the 11/2/21 Director's Report. Director Colfax stated that the initial vaccine rollout to this cohort will be similar to the adult process; not every health care system will be able to meet the demand.

Regarding the vaccination efforts for Chinese children, Commissioner Chow noted that there is a small percentage of people who use simplified Chinese who cannot read traditional Chinese; he noted that those who use traditional Chinese often cannot read simplified Chinese. He suggested using both forms of Chinese to outreach effectively to this community.

Commissioner Chow noted that many in the age group over 75 years old, including those in the Chinese community, have not received their second dose. Mr. Sears stated that sometimes older folks take longer to get their second shot. He noted that the DPH is also tracking vaccination data in the Chinese community for all ages in order to understand future outreach needs.

Commissioner Bernal asked if the DPH is accounting for vaccinated people who are asymptomatic in the data. Director Colfax stated that the COVID-19 data is based on test results; the data is not based on surveillance tracking.

Commissioner Bernal asked when booster shot data will be available. Director Colfax stated that the DPH is working on this data and will share when the data is more mature.

7) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Amita Kansal stated that sharing personal health and demographic info is a crime. There are creative strategies for sharing information that has been developed but we must keep personal information private. When staff discovered the issue of sharing this type of information months ago, they raised concerns. Several in the group of concerned staff met with Maggie Rykowski in June but since then, there has been no announcement of a data breach or solution to the problem. She supports staff being vaccinated but wants health data to remain private.

Victoria Behrman, MD, stated that DPH Occupational Health deals with important matters. Until recently, occupational health records were kept on paper. She added that during COVID, DPH decided to put vaccine records in EPIC. Some staff indicated concerns, but leadership rebuffed them. The staff doing our vaccinations were presented with a screen of our private medical data, which is a serious issue. Our demographics and SSN have also been made available through this process. We have been told some privacy walls were installed but the issue persists.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioners Chow requested an update to the Commission on the issues described in general public comment. Commissioner Christian joined Commissioner Chow's request and hoped that before the next Health Commission meeting, the Commission leadership can get a firm grasp of the situation. Commissioner Bernal added his support for the DPH providing information to the Commissioners on this situation. Commissioner Green noted that EPIC is used in many places across the country; this problem has likely been confronted elsewhere. Commissioner Giraudo joined in the request for more information to the Health Commission on this situation.

8) RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT OF FACE SHIELDS IN THE VALUE OF \$10,127 FROM SERGEY BRIN

Mark Morewitz, Health Commission Executive Secretary, presented the item.

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

9) OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY UPDATE

Ayanna Bennett, MD, MS, FAAP, Chief Health Equity Officer, presented the update.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo thanked Dr. Bennett for the presentation and noted appreciation for previous Health Equity Assessment tool presentations at Health Commission committee meetings. She asked if it is known how much additional time the tool takes to complete. Dr. Bennett stated that it takes 4-5 hours to complete the tool in its current form. Through focused training in the proper use of the tool, Dr. Bennett is hopeful the completion time can be decreased to 1-2 hours. She added that knowing that the tool exists will reinforce the importance of implementing a community process for all DPH staff.

Commissioner Giraudo requested that the Commission be updated on the issue of completion time for the tool. Dr. Bennett stated that she will add the question, "How long did it take you to complete the form?" on the tool to gather this information.

Commissioner Chow thanked Dr. Bennett for the comprehensive update. He noted appreciation for the comprehensive topics chosen for the health disparities dashboard. Regarding adult obesity, he stated that it is important to include the definition within various Asian populations, adding that the BMI standard for some Asian populations is very different than other cohorts. He also reiterated his request for data for individuals

categorized in the Asian and Pacific Islander categories to be disaggregated to better understand the health needs of each group. He referenced Health Commission resolution 15-13, "Endorsing the Screening for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus at a Body Mass Index of 23 in Asian American Adult Residents of San Francisco County" as a valuable resource to understand this information. Dr. Bennett thanked Dr. Chow for the information and noted the importance of sharing this type of information between public health partners.

10) PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION RULES REGULATIONS

Mark Morewitz, Health Commission Executive Secretary, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal thanked Mr. Morewitz and the City Attorney's Office on the revised document.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the item.

11) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Chow chaired the meeting and noted that the Committee voted to recommend that the full Health Commission approve all of the items on the Consent Calendar.

12) CONSENT CALENDAR

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the following:

- NOVEMBER 2021 CONTRACTS REPORT
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH NUVASIVE, INC. TO PURCHASE HARDWARE, BIOLOGICS, INSTRUMENTATION, DISPOSABLES AND RELATED SURGICAL SPINAL PRODUCTS. PRODUCTS ARE CHOSEN BY THE SURGEON BASED ON PATIENTS' NEEDS. THE TOTAL PROPOSED CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$6,250,000 WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY FOR THE TERM OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026 (60 MONTHS).
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH RL DATIX NORTH AMERICA INC., TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE FOR AN INCIDENCE & GRIEVANCE RESPONSE SYSTEM AT ZUCKERBERG GENERAL HOSPITAL. THE TOTAL PROPOSED CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$897,954 WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 31, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 30, 2024 (THREE YEARS).
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SF, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIostatISTICS TO PROVIDE THE CITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WITH EXPERTISE PROVIDING PROGRAM EVALUATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE TIMELY RESPONSES TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE NEEDS IN OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. THE TOTAL PROPOSED CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$1,678,646 WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY. THE TOTAL TERM OF THE CONTRACT IS FROM JULY 01, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022 (1 YEAR AND 11 MONTHS).

13) OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Giraud stated that she is the Health Commission representative on the SFGH Foundation Board of Directors and noted that the Board is looking for new members.

14) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow, Chair, stated that at the October 26th meeting, the ZSFG JCC reviewed draft documents in preparation for the Health Commission annual meeting at the hospital on November 16th. These include:

- Environment of Care Annual Report
- ZSFG Annual Report
- Provision of Care Policy
- Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Program Policy

The Committee also reviewed regular reports including the Regulatory Affairs Report, CEO Report, and Hiring and Vacancy Report. During the Medical Staff Report, the Committee approved:

- Sexual Assault Forensic Services Standard Procedure
- FCM Privilege List
- Revised General Surgery Privileges list

In closed session, the committee approved the Credentials Report and the PIPS Minutes Report.

15) CLOSED SESSION:

- A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session
- B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11) and to invoke the attorney-client privilege (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10 (d))
- C). Closed Session pursuant to Cal. Government Code Sections 54957(b) and S.F. Adm. Code Sec. 67.10(d):

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

MARK MOREWITZ, HEALTH COMMISSON EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (ACTION)

- D) Reconvene in Open Session: Motions and vote on whether to disclose any or all of the closed session discussions, San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to not disclosed discussions held in closed session.

16) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Attachment A

Health Commission
Resolution 21-13

RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54953(e) empowers local policy bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Services Act so long as certain conditions are met; and

WHEREAS, In March, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in California in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, and that state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco (the “City”) declared a local emergency, and on March 6, 2020 the City’s Health Officer declared a local health emergency, and both those declarations also remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, On March 11 and March 23, 2020, the Mayor issued emergency orders suspending select provisions of local law, including sections of the City Charter, that restrict teleconferencing by members of policy bodies; those orders remain in effect, so City law currently allows policy bodies to meet remotely if they comply with restrictions in State law regarding teleconference meetings; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amends the Brown Act to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing during a state of emergency without complying with restrictions in State law that would otherwise apply, provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once every 30 days; and

WHEREAS, While federal, State, and local health officials emphasize the critical importance of vaccination and consistent mask-wearing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City’s Health Officer has issued at least one order (Health Officer Order No. C19-07y, available online at www.sfdph.org/healthorders) and one directive (Health Officer Directive No. 2020-33i, available online at www.sfdph.org/directives) that continue to recommend measures to promote physical distancing and other social distancing measures, such as masking, in certain contexts; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health (“Cal/OSHA”) has promulgated Section 3205 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, which requires most employers in California, including in the City, to train and instruct employees about measures that can decrease the spread of COVID-19, including physical distancing and other social distancing measures; and

WHEREAS, Without limiting any requirements under applicable federal, state, or local pandemic-related rules, orders, or directives, the City’s Department of Public Health, in coordination with the City’s Health Officer, has advised that for group gatherings indoors, such as meetings of boards and commissions, people can increase safety and greatly reduce risks to the health and safety of attendees from COVID-19 by maximizing ventilation, wearing well-fitting masks (as required by Health Officer Order No. C19-07), using physical distancing where the vaccination status of attendees is not known, and considering holding the meeting remotely if feasible, especially for long meetings, with any attendees with unknown vaccination status and where ventilation may not be optimal; and

WHEREAS, On July 31, 2020, the Mayor issued an emergency order that, with limited exceptions, prohibited policy bodies other than the Board of Supervisors and its committees from meeting in person under any circumstances, so as to ensure the safety of policy body members, City staff, and the public; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Health Commission has met remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic and can continue to do so in a manner that allows public participation and transparency while minimizing health risks to members, staff, and the public that would be present with in-person meetings while this emergency continues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That San Francisco Health Commission finds as follows:

1. As described above, the State of California and the City remain in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, the San Francisco Health Commission has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
2. As described above, State and City officials continue to recommend measures to promote physical distancing and other social distancing measures, in some settings.
3. As described above, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings of this body and its committees, including the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committees, in person would present imminent risks to the safety of attendees, and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That for at least the next 30 days meetings of the San Francisco Health Commission and its committees, including the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committees, will continue to occur exclusively by teleconferencing technology (and not by any in-person meetings or any other meetings with public access to the places where any policy body member is present for the meeting). Such meetings of the San Francisco Health Commission that occur by teleconferencing technology will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address this body and its committees, including the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committees, and will otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and the members of the public attending the meeting via teleconferencing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Secretary of the San Francisco Health Commission is directed to place a resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of the San Francisco Health Commission within the next 30 days. If the San Francisco Health Commission does not meet within the next 30 days, the Executive Secretary is directed to place a such resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of San Francisco Health Commission.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its November 2, 2021 meeting adopt the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachment B

Health Commission
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT OF FACE SHIELDS IN THE VALUE OF \$10,127 FROM SERGEY BRIN

WHEREAS, Sergey Brin provided for the distribution of face shields with a value of ten thousand, one hundred and twenty seven dollars (\$10,127) to the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Sergey Brin has generously distributed a Gift of face shields to the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the Department of Public Health is to provide care to the public during the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The face shields enables the Department of Public Health to provide critical care to San Franciscans; and

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisor authorize the Department of Public Health to accept and expend a Gift of face shields with a value of ten thousand, one hundred and twenty-seven dollars (\$10,127) to implement the goal enhancing and expanding critical care to San Franciscans; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Gift will be accepted and expended consistent with San Francisco Administrative Code Sections governing the acceptance of Gifts to the City and County of San Francisco, including San Francisco Administrative Code Section 10.170-1.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on November 2, 2021, adopted the foregoing resolution

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary