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MINUTES HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday March 15, 2022 4:00 p.m. 101 Grove Street, Room 300 San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal President

Commissioner Laurie Green, MD, Vice President

Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.

Commissioner Cecilia Chung

Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

Excused: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. Commissioner Bernal noted this is the first Health Commission meeting held in hybrid format, with some Commissioners attending the meeting in person, and some remotely.

2) RESOLUTION HONORING DR. DAVID WOODS

Baljeet Sangha, MPH, FACHE, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director, San Francisco Health Network, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow noted that he has known Dr. Woods throughout his DPH career and lauds him for making medication more easily accessible through the many innovative DPH programs he helped implement. He thanked Dr. Woods for the outstanding work he has contributed to the DPH and city.

<u>Action Taken</u>: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution. (See attachment A)

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2022.

Action taken: The Health Commission approved minutes of the March 1, 2022

meeting.

4) HEALTH COMMISSION OFFICER ELECTIONS

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Guillermo nominated Commissioner Green for Health Commission Vice President, noting that Dr. Green is a pioneering OB/GYN physician and recognized by her peers throughout the state and country. She added that Commissioner Green deeply cares about her patients, is insightful, and thoroughly prepared to continue in her role as Vice President. Commissioner Giraudo seconded this nomination.

Commissioner Green stated that she is honored to continue in her role as Health Commission Vice President and noted serving on the Health Commission has been a highlight of her career and life's work. She is grateful for the incredible work conducted by DPH staff and leadership.

Commissioner Chow nominated Commissioner Bernal for Health Commission President, noting that he has carried out his duties as President during the stressful time of the pandemic. He added that Commissioner Bernal has shown a steady support for the Health Commission, DPH, and San Francisco's many diverse communities. Commissioner Chung seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Bernal stated that he is honored and privileged to accept the nomination from Commissioner Chow, who has provided generous guidance and advice when needed. He thanked Mayor London Breed for appointing him, and for her bold leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in San Francisco having the best response in the country. He added that San Francisco is known as the "City that knows how," pointing out that one needs to look no further than the DPH, the City's largest department, in how staff were able to carry out the impactful COVID-19 response in addition to maintaining vital public health programs and services. He is grateful to the DPH leadership, staff, Health Commissioners, and the residents of San Francisco, who cared for one another through the pandemic.

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

Vice President.

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously elected Commissioner Dan Bernal as

President

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

SF will no longer require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test to enter certain indoor public settings With COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations <u>continuing to decline</u>, DPH announced that as of Friday, March 11 proof of vaccination or a negative test will no longer be required to enter inside businesses where food and drink is consumed, such as restaurants and bars, and where elevated breathing occurs, such as gyms and fitness studios.

As always, businesses can decide to be more restrictive than local health guidelines and can continue to require proof of vaccination or a negative test from their staff and clients. Masks can also still be required. Vaccinations remain the best defense against the virus, and DPH strongly recommends everyone who is eligible get vaccinated and boosted to protect themselves and others. Additionally, masks are recommended where an additional layer of protection is desired, and when medically vulnerable or unvaccinated people are present.

Per state guidelines, proof of vaccination or a negative test is still required to enter indoor "mega" events, currently defined as gatherings of 1,000 people or more. DPH will continue to work closely with the business community to provide related guidance and assistance in the coming days.

On August 12, 2021, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to require certain business to show proof of vaccination before entering indoors. With strong support and implementation from the business community, the policy was successful in tamping down the fall surge in cases and hospitalizations caused by the Delta variant and carried the City over during the even more contagious winter surge in Omicron cases while businesses, schools and essential services remained open. San Francisco has had one of the lowest hospitalization and death rates in the nation, despite its dense population and active restaurant and entertainment sector, in large part due to high vaccination (83%) and booster rates, and strong community and business support for other COVID-19 safety protocols, including masking.

The vast majority of San Franciscans, or 83%, are fully vaccinated. The City is keenly focused on strategies to reach communities that were hardest hit by COVID with vaccination events to close the gap on vaccinations and boosters by race/ethnicity, testing support, mask distribution, and other resources

Changes to masking mandates for SF schools

DPH continues to support the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) with respect to COVID-19 prevention and mitigation. On March 4^{th} , SFUSD announced that their school sites will align with DPH schools guidance as follows:

- a. Masks will be strongly recommended but not required at **middle and high schools as well as** central offices effective March 12th.
- b. Masks will be strongly recommended but not required at **preschools, transitional kindergarten, elementary, and K-8 school sites** effective April 2nd.
- c. SFUSD will also implement group tracing at all school sites starting March 24th.

SFUSD distributed rapid test kits to all students in advance of spring break (March 28-April 1).

SDDTAC submits their annual budget recommendations and evaluation report

On March 1, the <u>Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee</u> (SDDTAC) submitted its <u>annual budget</u> <u>recommendations</u> and <u>evaluation report</u> to the Mayor's Office as required by <u>ordinance</u>. The SDDTAC, staffed by DPH Community Health Equity and Promotion, made recommendations for investing Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT) revenue for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 based on issues communities care most about including:

- Equitable access to healthy food for low-income people and students
- Food security
- Access to safe and affordable physical activity
- Oral health
- A built environment that ensures access to the aforementioned, including
 - An awareness/educational outreach campaign, and
 - One-time infrastructure and capacity building grants for community-based organizations to prepare them to access Medi-Cal funding for meals and groceries, and other nutrition services rendered.

Next, the SDDTAC plans to meet with the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors to present their recommendations. Once the city budget is final, approved funds will be dispersed to appropriate city agencies, which will then implement programs or disburse the funds to community-based organizations.

Supervisor Stefani recognizes Dr. Naveena Bobba

Dr. Naveena Bobba, DPH's Deputy Director of Health, was recognized by Supervisor Catherine Stefani in honor of Women's History Month at the full Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday March 8th. Dr. Grant Colfax had the following to say about Dr. Bobba: "Dr. Naveena Bobba is an outstanding and dedicated public servant. As the Deputy Director of DPH she is a passionate leader who works tirelessly to provide quality health care and services for all San Franciscans. Naveena has been by my side since the first day we heard of the novel coronavirus and continues to be an invaluable member of our DPH team. Dr. Bobba started with DPH in 2009. Prior to her current role, she was the Director of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, a role that prepared her well for the COVID-19 pandemic, including working closely with other City Departments such as the Department of Emergency Department. As Deputy Director, her role is to oversee policy and planning for all aspects of DPH, with a focus on health equity and working with our community partners. She is a leader and a role model for our employees, especially women of color. With all her many duties, she continues to see pediatric patients at ZSFG Hospital where she practices as an allergy specialist." Congratulations, and thank you, Naveena!

San Francisco Rotary Club Recognizes Charles Fann

On Tuesday, March 8th, DPH COVID Task Force Lead Charles Fann was recognized at the San Francisco Rotary Club's 34th annual Emergency Service Recognition Luncheon for his work in the pandemic response. Mr. Fann has been an invaluable part of San Francisco's ongoing COVID-19 response. A long-time DPH employee who specializes in infectious diseases, Mr. Fann was deployed as a disaster service worker in early 2020 to stand up San Francisco's first Isolation and Quarantine Hotel. He also served as the director of the Outbreak Management Team helping to prevent and mitigate outbreaks in long term care facilities, SROs, workplaces, schools, and other congregate settings. Charles was a key leader in the transition from the Citywide COVID Command Center into the DPH-led COVID Task Force which he has been co-leading since 2021. Congratulations, and thank you, Charles!

DPH in the News

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

February 2022 Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary (2/17/22 MEC)

	2/2022	07/2021 to 07/2022
New Appointments	9	110
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	46	374
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	18	122
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	14	82
Additions	9	72
Proctorship Completed	20	127

Current Statistics – as of 2/3/22		
Active Staff	550	
Courtesy Staff	634	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	292	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,476	

Applications in Process	19
Applications Withdrawn Month of February 2022	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 3/1/22 to 5/31/22	192

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal thanked Director Colfax for the report.

6) COVID-19 UPDATE

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

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal thanked Director Colfax for the update.

7) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

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

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

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

9) SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK (SFHN) UPDATE

Roland Pickens, SFHN Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Lily stated that she works at ZSFG and wanted to inform the Health Commission about what is happening at the Emergency Department when the Urgent Care Clinic is not open. She noted that it is not safe. There are supply chain issues that impact the equipment necessary for staff to do their jobs. She asked the Health Commission to please do right by the staff in DPH.

Megan Green, ZSFG nurse, stated that there is a disconnect with the information contained in the presentation and the staff experience. She noted that the last two years have been hell on earth. She went to Laguna Honda Hospital yesterday and met a nurse who used to work with her; she cried in her car before going to work because she is being asked to take on incredible patient loads. Ms. Green noted that when there are less eyes on patients, horrible things happen, including death. She does not sleep more than 3-4 hours. She asked there to be a focus on front line workers, who have patients with COVID cough in their faces. She stated that the lessons about frontline workers from early in the pandemic should be remembered. She invited the Health Commissioners to come to talk to line staff.

Julie, ZSFG Emergency Department nurse, stated that she agreed with Megan's statement. She noted that equity issues are mindboggling. She invited the Commissioners to come for an unannounced tour with line staff. She noted that children are now seen in the Emergency Department Pod A, one of the most dangerous places, and near psychiatric rooms. She added that people experiencing psychiatric emergencies are dumped at the hospital; over 400 assaults were reported. She is unsure how many assaults went unreported. She also stated that on a 12-hour shift, there is only a 30-minute lunch break with mandatory overtime on many shifts. Many staff do not have time for lunch.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked what will be used to evaluate the CalAIM initiative activities. Dr. Claire Horton, San Francisco Health Network Chief Medical Officer, stated that the state has not given many metrics to use so the Network is focusing on metrics used for the DPH Lean Change Management "People Experiencing Homelessness," initiative. She added these may include decrease in emergency service utilization, increase in sustained housing and case management, in addition to some behavioral health metrics. Commissioner Chow requested that the Network update the full Health Commission on the progress of this work. He asked for tangible data showing how the CalAim pilot program is doing.

10) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

11) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Giraudo, Chair, stated that the Community and Public Health Committee discussed two items. The "COVID-19 Impact on Perinatal Mental Health in San Francisco," noted an increase in White birthing people for hospitalizations with psychiatric issues and a decrease of Black/African American birthing people with psychiatric issues; however there was an increase in hospitalizations for Black/African Americans for self-harm. She noted that gaps in staffing impacted coordination of referrals and resources during the pandemic. Commissioner Giraudo stated that the second presentation, was "Whole Person Integrated Care," which brings together non-traditional primary care, urgent care, and behavioral health services to serve people who are unhoused. The majority of the \$13.6M budget is General Fund.

12) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Guillermo, LHH JCC chair, stated that at the March 8, 2022 Laguna Honda Hospital JCC meeting, the Committee reviewed the Executive Team Report and Regulatory Affairs report. The Committee also discussed a new proposal for senior housing project on the Laguna Honda campus. The Committee requested that the presentation be made to the full Commission in order to give the public and Commission an opportunity to weigh in on the vision for this project. During the Laguna Honda Hospital Equity and Culture Updates, the Committee heard progress on the hospital's Equity A3 activities and was impressed with the amount of activity during several surges of the pandemic.

In closed session, the Committee approved the Credentials Report and PIPS Minutes report and discussed the Medical QI report. She thanked Commissioner Green for chairing the last part of the closed session, when she had to leave the meeting a few minutes early.

13) <u>CLOSED SESSION - Litigation</u>

- A. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.
- B. Vote on whether to hold a closed session regarding pending litigation (S.F. Administrative Code § 67.10(d).)

C. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY

Convene in Closed Session - Existing Litigation - 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 the following existing lawsuits in which a proposed settlement is being considered by the Health Commission, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) and California Government Code Sections 54956.9 and 54956.9(e)(3) permit this closed session. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending lawsuit listed below.

(After a closed session, if one occurs, the Health Commission shall adopt a motion either to disclose or not to disclose.)

1. Settlement of Litigation: Floridalma Jeronimo, Gerardo Perez. City to pay \$125,000.00 and Co-Defendant Regents of the University of California to pay \$125,000.00. Floridalma Jeronimo, Gerardo Perez, Plaintiffs, vs. City and County of San Francisco, The Regents of The University of California, Carmen Rivera, CNM, Emily Beck, CNM, Arthurine Kulubo Zakama, M.D., Malini A. Nijagal, M.D., and Does L through 50, inclusive, Defendants. (San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. Case No. CGC-21-591939)

2. Settlement of Litigation: Francine Austin, City to pay \$90,000.00.

Francine Austin, an individual, Plaintiff, vs. San Francisco Department of Public Health, a Public entity; and Does 1 through 50, inclusive, Defendant. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 20-cv-07803-RS (SK))

14) RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Possible report on actions taken in closed session (Cal. Government Code §54957.1(a)(2) and San Francisco Administrative Code §67.12(b)(2)) (Action Item)
- B. Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code §67.12(a).)

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

15) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.

Health Commission City and County of San Francisco Resolution No.22-11

HONORING DR. DAVID WOODS

WHEREAS, Dr. David Woods has served the City and County of San Francisco as an exceptional leader at the Department of Public Health (DPH) for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, During Dr. Woods' tenure with the DPH, he served in the following leadership roles: Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) Critical Care Clinical Pharmacist, ZSFG Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor, CHN Formulary Manager, Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) Director of Pharmacy, and DPH Chief Pharmacy Officer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods guided the DPH Pharmacy Department through major expansions of new buildings at LHH and ZSFG, ensuring uncompromising ability of his team to provide the highest quality pharmaceutical care to the patients of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods oversaw more than a decade of constant technology and equipment advances such as computerized provider order entry (CPOE), enterprise-wide adoption of EPIC, and multiple implementations of robotic automation throughout the DPH Network; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods, embraced the LEAN principles and cultivated a culture of data-driven improvement. His "True North" has always been the care of patients, and he instilled that mindset into the Pharmacy Department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods broke down barriers to medication access for patients in San Francisco through the creation and expansion of programs such as the Patient Assistance Program, the federal 340b Drug Discount Program, and a robust network of pharmacies for patients to access to medications; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods Instilled and promoted a "Just Culture" throughout the Pharmacy Department, striking the delicate balance of fairness, support, and development with accountability; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods continuously advocated from a patient-centered perspective and challenged all levels of staff to view their role as critical to the successful delivery of high-quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Woods prioritized staff development and explored ways to maximize the talents and strengths of his team; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career at the DPH, Dr. Woods promoted, advocated and facilitated fiscal responsibility and evidence-based prescribing practices; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods is a dedicated professional whose competence, integrity, and empathy are reasons he is respected and admired by staff, colleagues, and those who have supervised him.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The San Francisco Health Commission honors Dr. David Woods for his outstanding service and leadership.

I hereby certify that the Sa foregoing resolution.	an Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March	15, 2022 adopted the
	Mark Morewitz, Health Commission Executive Secretary	

Health Commission City and County of San Francisco Resolution No. 22-10

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; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with the Mayor's orders and State law, the Health Commission met remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic through March 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2022, the Mayor issued an emergency order that (1) requires decision-making boards and commissions established in the Charter (with the exception of the Board of Supervisors) to hold meetings in person at a physical location where members of the public may attend and provide comment, (2) allows members of those boards and commissions to participate remotely in the in-person meetings for COVID-related health reasons, (3) allows but does not require subcommittees of those boards and commissions to meet in person at a physical location where members of the public may attend and provide comment, and (4) prohibits all other policy bodies (with the exception of the Board of Supervisors and its committees) from meeting in person under any circumstances, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amended 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 (including a booster once eligible) and consistent mask-wearing, regardless of vaccination status, 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 safety for indoor gatherings, including vaccination, masking, improved ventilation, and other measures, 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; 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 regardless of vaccination status (and as strongly recommended for everyone by the State of California's indoor masking order and Health Officer Order No. C19-07y), encouraging vaccination (including a booster as soon as eligible), staying home when sick or when experiencing any COVID-19 symptom, discouraging consumption of food or beverages in the meeting, following good hand hygiene practices, and making informed choices when gathering with people whose vaccination status is not known; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission will begin meeting in person consistent with the Mayor's February 10, 2022 order, allowing members to participate by video from a separate location for COVID-related health reasons and providing members of the public an opportunity to observe and provide public comment either in person or remotely; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Heath 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 Health Commission has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- As described above, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings of this body and its
 committees in person without allowing certain members of this body to attend remotely would
 present imminent risks to the health or safety of certain attendees due to COVID-19, and the state of
 emergency continues to directly impact the ability of those members to meet safely in person; and, be
 it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That for at least the next 30 days, the Health Commission will hold in-person meetings, with some members possibly appearing remotely. If all members of the Health Commission are unable to attend in person for COVID-related health reasons, then the Health Commission will hold the meeting remotely without providing an in-person meeting location. If the Health Commission votes to allow it and appropriate space is available, the Health Commission's subcommittees may hold in-person meetings as well, or alternatively, the subcommittees may hold meetings 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). All meetings of the Health Commission and its committees will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the body 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 Health Commission is directed to place a resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of the Health Commission within the

next 30 days. If the Health Commission does not meet within the next 30 days, the Executive Secretary i
directed to place a such resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of Health Commission.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on March 15, 2022, adopted the foregoing resolution

Mark Morewitz, MSW Health Commission Executive Secretary