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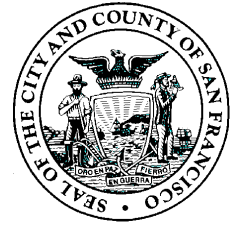
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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday February 6, 2024 4:00 p.m.

101 Grove Street, Room 300

San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

Commissioner Green called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. She stated that the Health Commission would like to acknowledge and celebrate Black History Month, noting that the Health Commission passed the resolution 20-09, "Declaring Anti-Black Racism a Human Rights and Public Health Crisis in San Francisco," several years ago. She congratulated Commissioners Cecilia Chung and Susan Belinda Christian on their reappointment to the Health Commission.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2023.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the December 19, 2023 meeting minutes.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public stated that he has a concern about false diagnoses and voice technology used for personal, religious, and political reasons. On January 16th, there was not a quorum of Health Commissioners but several people within the county city and county of San Francisco influenced that decision using cloud technology. Unfortunately, they placed everyone on the Commission on digital surveillance which is illegal. He urged the Commissioners to investigate the contract the City signed with HSA and Salesforce and built a platform for digital surveillance. It explains overdoses and heart disease. The team is cyberstalking. He noted it is frustrating that there is a Commissioner of the softball league altering softball games. With this technology, this is not the best way to spend money.

4) **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT OF \$15,750 FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION**

Gregory Wong, Administrative Analyst, presented the item.

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

5) **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT OF \$24,999 TO THE LAGUNA HONDA GIFT FUND FROM THE ANTHONY R GUARDINO EXEMPTION TRUST**

Gregory Wong, Administrative Analyst, presented the item.

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

6) **DPH ANNUAL REPORT FY22-23**

Michelle Ko, Health Program Planner, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Ande Stone, HIV advocacy network, queer SF resident, and San Francisco AIDS Foundation staff member, thanked the DPH for its work through an equity lens on MPX. Through its work with countless community-based organizations and maintaining an infrastructure, the DPH prevented a crisis. He noted that cuts to these community organizations would have impacted the infrastructure.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo thanked Ms. Ko for incorporating Commissioner suggestions of adding more data into the report.

Commissioner Green noted that the report exemplifies how the DPH works throughout many communities. The department has met challenges and worked to achieve incredible outcomes. She stated that the Health Commission is grateful for each DPH staff member's hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Guillermo stated that San Francisco is unique as a city and county; the DPH has oversight of hospitals, population health, and outpatient clinics and services. It is a complex organization that makes administration of all its services complex. It is important to celebrate the DPH's incredible work.

7) **SECOND HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 AND FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET**

Jen Louie, DPH Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Stephen Spano, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, is unnerved by the thought of cutting community-based organizations, which hold the city together with their work. Forty years ago, most of his queer elders were killed off by HIV. The Castro looks different now and has many unhoused and traumatized individuals living on the streets. He added that San Francisco cannot afford to cut services to these individuals.

Megan Green, SEIU 1021 and works as a ZSFG nurse, stated that between February and October of 2023, her unit missed 4,795 rest breaks, 511 meal breaks. 2,000 missed breaks in labor and delivery dealt with in arbitration. No FTEs were added to the budget. Many positions were filled by traveling nurses. For 3 months, we have been under-budgeted for the number of beds. Instead, money was used to pay registry staff, who make much more money than the DPH staff they work beside. The union won cases involving 2 wrongful terminations. She is not sure where cuts would come from. We keep hiring new graduates who receive

training then move on to better paying jobs. Nine staff members were assaulted in the inpatient psychiatric ward.

Alyssia Lailguni, San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF), has worked in public health for 5 years. SFAF works with underserved populations and any cuts would make their situations harder for people with HIV. Any budget cuts would have a negative impact on those who are already finding that it is difficult to survive in the Bay Area.

Paul Aguilar, Marty's Place, is a fourth generation San Francisco native and is HIV positive. He is advocating for long term survivors of HIV. He found himself homeless after his lover died and father died. This was compounded by his seroconversion to HIV. He noted that many long term survivors are socially isolated and cutting services to this population will only traumatize this group more. Budget cuts would get in the way of achieving zero new infections by 2025.

David Pyle, Han Action, has lived in the city for over 30 years. HIV medications have improved and can prevent HIV and keep those with HIV healthy. Please don't cote the budget for these people.

Robert Mitchell, HAN Action and SFAF, stated that grassroots groups fight for the goal of ending the HIV epidemic. People in crisis need all the support they can get. Eight hundred six people died of overdose and many more will die if there are not community resources like Narcan being given out. He is concerned that budget cuts would result in more HIV transmissions and more lives lost to overdoses.

Jessica Inouye, SEIU 1021, represents 1,200 staff at Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH). The DPH over relies on temporary staffing agencies because city jobs do not go to local workers. This impacts patient care because there is no continuity of care. The DPH uses temporary staff in work that is not short-term.

David Counts, former substance user, accessed DPH and community substance use programs in the past. He is a survivor of suicidal ideation and substance use. He thanked the DPH for advocating for COVID policies during the pandemic. He hopes that the DPH stands first to request any cuts to health or mental health services because homeless people and people of color will feel the impact of these decisions.

Ande Stone, HIV Advocacy Network, Queer resident, and SFAF staff member, stated that supporting community based organizations are essential to community infrastructure. Many long-term HIV survivors have PTSD from the HIV epidemic, MPX, and other social determinants. There are higher rates of suicide for this population. Many people are still arriving at hospitals with undiagnosed HIV. Any budget cuts can be devastating because they will impact real people with real challenges. Without funding, people will not be able to access healthcare. The community needs the support of the DPH and Health Commission.

Charlie Wilson, HIV Advocacy Network, is concerned about the impact of any budget cuts on the financial, physical, and mental health support of people in need. San Francisco has provided transformative services. The impact on mental health by those living in San Francisco is a major issue. Continuity of care is very important. He urged the Commission to take time to think about people being impacted by any cuts.

Matt Foreman, AIDS Legal Referral Panel Executive Director, thanked the DPH for the leadership it has shown for decades and appreciates that it is an evidence and data-based organization. The San Francisco HIV service model is a worldwide success; we are far ahead of every metric. He urged the Commission to consider impacts of any budget cuts on this service model.

Ouhar Fall, SEIU 1021 Field Director, stated that budget reduction targets vacant positions, which are vacant because it takes too long for the City to hire people. Focusing on staffing is a mistake. Contracted services are expensive, weakens the labor movement, and impacts services provided in the community. Budget projections

are pessimistic. DPH staffing issues need to be addressed because staff are overworked and burned out. Temporary staff do not care about services or the community. We need more people invested in San Francisco.

Laura Thomas, SFAF HIV Policy Director, thanked the DPH for all the work it has done in pushing for evidence-based approaches. There has not been transparency about how the millions of Opioid settlement funds will be spent in the community. She encouraged DPH leadership and the Commission to advocate for spending on evidence based overdose and opioid prevention. The DPH knows what gets people into treatment and stay in treatment. She encouraged the DPH to lift up scientific evidence, compassion, and insist on things that we know work.

Leyla Ghaffari implored the Commission to avoid cuts to vital community funding. Cutting back services will do significant harm.

Dr. Teresa Palmer stated that nursing home residents need continuity of care; contracting for temporary staff will bring more problems. People cannot afford staff shortages at LHH. Many patients at LHH who no longer meet skilled nursing level of care cannot be discharged to the community because there are not wrap-around services in the community. If you cut these community services, it will impact the success of LHH.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green thanked the individuals who made public comment and for those who shared personal stories.

Commissioner Giraudo and Christian thanked Ms. Louie and Ms. Gibbs for the memo, which clarifies the complex budget.

Commissioner Guillermo noted that this is the most difficult budget since she was appointed to the Health Commission. She added that if the Mayor requests implementation of the contingency budget than DPH and community services may be impacted. She encouraged all those involved to listen to public comment and to understand that many others who may be impacted could not be present to comment.

Commissioner Chow noted the proposed budget includes minimal service cuts due to the innovation of Ms. Louie and Ms. Gibbs in using revenue and cost savings. He added that if the 5% contingency is needed, the DPH will have to determine what is essential in the service system. He hopes that any future cuts have minimal impact on public health of the community.

Director Colfax thanked Ms. Louie and Ms. Gibbs for preparing the budget. He noted that it was very difficult to come up with budget reductions. He thanked the Health Commission for their support. He also thanked those who made public comment.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the FY2024-25 and FY2025-26 Budget.

8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grant Colfax MD, DPH, Director of Health, presented the item. In addition to reviewing highlights of the report, Director Colfax also gave an update on COVID-19 regulations. The California Department of Public Health updated its COVID-19 isolation guidance for the general public on January 9, 2024. The new guidance moves from a minimum 5-day isolation to isolating until fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication and symptoms are mild and improving. Isolation guidance for healthcare settings remains unchanged. SFDPH guidance remains in alignment with the California Department of Public Health. Non-healthcare congregate settings at higher risk for COVID-19 transmission and outbreaks (e.g. residential, adult,

and senior care facilities, shelters, and jails) may continue to implement additional requirements that are more protective than CDPH's new guidance for the general public.

DPH WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY CARE

DPH is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Blake Gregory to the position of Director of Primary Care for the San Francisco Health Network, effective January 6, 2024. In her new position, Dr. Gregory will provide executive leadership over our 14 Primary Care health centers and all associated Primary Care programs. She will supervise and support the eight-member Primary Care Leadership Team, oversee Dental Services, Nutrition Services, and provide matrix oversight of Primary Care Pharmacist services.

After completing her internal medicine residency at UCSF and serving as Chief Resident, Dr. Gregory spent over six years in a number of leadership positions at Alameda County's Highland General Hospital. She returned to the Department of Public Health in 2020 in the role of Director of Population Health and Quality for Primary Care. Dr. Gregory's population health improvement work is deeply rooted in principles of health equity and community health. With a team of other SFHN Primary Care leaders, she recently completed the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Pursuing Equity fellowship. She is Co-Chair of DPH Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) Working Group, which has spearheaded efforts to collect SDoH data in the electronic health record and use that information to drive improvement work aimed at addressing disparate access to resources as a means of improving health.

As Dr. Gregory assumes this important leadership role in the DPH, she will bring a fresh spirit of innovation, collaboration, and social justice to Primary Care and SFHN leadership. She has the ideal leadership skills to take the reins and lead during a time of transformation and rebuilding in Primary Care and public health.

We welcome Dr. Blake Gregory as our new SFHN Director of Primary Care and extend our gratitude to Deputy Director Carol Taniguchi for her service as our interim Director of Primary Care for the past six months.

SB 43 IMPLEMENTATION IN SAN FRANCISCO

On January 1, 2024, Senate Bill 43 (Eggman), which modernizes California's conservatorship laws for the first time in more than 50 years, went into effect. The law updates the definition for those eligible for conservatorship to include those who live with severe substance use disorder and those who are unable to provide for their own personal safety or necessary medical care.

To prepare for the new law, Mayor Breed issued an Executive Directive in October of last year to form an Executive Steering Committee, co-chaired by the Department of Public Health and the Department of Disability and Aging Services, to coordinate SB 43's implementation in San Francisco. As part of implementation efforts, DPH and DAS have provided new trainings for City staff and health care professionals on the new law (as of February 1st, DPH has trained over 1,000 staff on the new law and how to utilize the new law when assessing for an involuntary psychiatric hold), developed new metrics to track implementation, and created new workflows to improve coordination among agencies to better support individuals when conservatorship may be appropriate.

San Francisco has continued to invest significant resources in expanding behavioral health treatment options across the continuum of care to ensure high quality, timely, easily accessible, coordinated, and recovery-oriented care delivered in the most appropriate, least restrictive settings. Conservatorship remains an important treatment option within the continuum of care for some high acuity patients who have few alternatives. SB 43 will allow us to better support individuals to ensure they receive the care and treatment they need.

LAGUNA HONDA UPDATE

Laguna Honda Hospital submitted the Plans of Correction for the CMS Recertification Survey —the Fire Life Safety portion was submitted on Saturday, January 13 and the Health Monitoring portion was submitted on Wednesday, January 17. At this time, Laguna Honda awaits full approval and validation of the Plan of Correction, and then a determination from CMS regarding recertification into the Medicare program.

DPH CELEBRATES THE START OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

DPH kicked off Black History Month with our “Uplifting Black Health” celebration for staff at Southeast Community Center on Feb. 1. The event remarks from Dr. Jonathan Butler, associate director of the UCSF Black Health Initiative; Uzuri Pease-Greene, executive director of Community Awareness Resource Entity; and SFDPH Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax. Attendees also viewed inspiring performances by an African dance group and a youth poet. This Black History Month, SFDPH affirms its commitment to providing community-based health services and reducing barriers to accessing high quality healthcare.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BRANCH PROVIDES FOOD SAFETY TRAINING FOR CHINATOWN BUSINESS OWNERS

The Chinatown Beautification Action Committee reached out to the DPH Environmental Health Branch to provide food safety training for business owners wanting to sell food at night markets in Chinatown. At the Autumn Festival last year there were several vendors who successfully held a night market and there was a desire to provide more of these in 2024. Local merchants felt this type of activity could play a vital role in revitalizing the Chinatown economy. Senior Inspectors Amelia Castelli, Aron Wong and Kyle Chan provided the training which was held at a local hotel. The inspectors reviewed the permitting process and reviewed basic food safety practices with local businesses in attendance. The training was covered by [Chinatown newspaper Sing Tao](#), so the information provided was widely distributed in the community. The Environmental Health Branch is always looking for opportunities like these to proactively partner with local businesses around food safety. Preventing foodborne illnesses from occurring is always better than responding to an outbreak. As the saying goes, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

ZSFG HOSTS UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES XAVIER BECERRA

Last week, Department of Health & Human Services (HSS) Secretary Xavier Becerra visited ZSFG and met with myself, Dr. Susan Ehrlich, Dr. Elena Fuentes-Afflick and staff at UCSF Pride Hall. They had an important conversation about what has been happening across the nation, what is being done and what progress needs to be made to protect reproductive freedom, including the need for legislative change at the state and national levels. Dr. Daniel Grossman of UCSF’s Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health, a collaborative research group at UCSF, facilitated the discussion where Secretary Becerra thanked ZSFG and UCSF for their commitment and leadership in women's health rights and in providing compassionate care to everyone. He encouraged people to share their stories and experiences on the topic and stressed the importance of doing so. Thank you, Secretary Becerra for your commitment and advocacy in making reproductive health providing equitable health care.

ZSFG TOURS SAN FRANCISCO EIGHTH GRADERS

ZSFG hosted 38 students from Cathedral School for Boys last week. They met with members of ZSFG’s Emergency Department, ICU, Radiology, Rehabilitation and Psychology departments to learn about what it is like to work in one of the busiest public hospitals in the country and what it takes to keep San Franciscans healthy. They also had a chance to board an ambulance and hear from our paramedic partners with the San Francisco Fire Department about their experience responding to emergencies and providing care throughout the City. Through partnering with the community to share programs like these, we hope to inspire the next generation of nurses, doctors, paramedics and more. It is also a great way to showcase our health care providers and teams at ZSFG.

DPH IN THE COMMUNITY

DPH continues to directly connect people with public health resources and services this winter. On January 16, DPH and community partners held a Street Health and Wellness Fair at the San Francisco Public Library's Main Library. Over 200 people attended to access medical care, sexual health services such as STI/HIV testing, and linkage to substance use disorder and treatment.

In addition, DPH has distributed over 200,000 COVID-19 tests to community and government partners and has offered the updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines at over 20 community events since October 2023.

We are proud of our efforts to keep the community healthy and thank staff for their hard work.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 02/01:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 8.0% and there are 56 COVID hospitalizations.
- Twenty-eight percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.

[DPH in the News](#)

Public Comment:

Mr. Monette Shaw made verbal comments and submitted the following written summary:

As of 1/22/ 2024, LHH's census is down to 450 residents. Since LHH's its census of 710 on 11/14/ 2021 the current 450 census represents a 36.6% net change decrease — 260 fewer.

The Health Commission was told on 1/16/2024 LHH has 48 residents no longer having skilled nursing level-of-care needs LHH is struggling to find appropriate and safe locations to discharge to the community. Subtracting 48 from the January census of 450 essentially means LHH only has 402 people needing skilled nursing care, which translates to an overall 43.4% net decline from the 710 residents in October 2021. The 48 residents no longer having skilled nursing needs are needlessly blockading beds 45 people evicted in June 2022 with SNF needs who may want to return to LHH!

LHH staff must expedite resuming "regular operations" and must immediately work "harder" to resume admissions. When admissions do re-start, they SHOULDN'T happen "slowly."

Dr. Teresa Palmer made verbal comments and submitted the following written summary:

Until all LHH beds are saved and full admissions are resumed, the people of San Francisco deserve a chance to get questions answered on first and 3rd Tuesday Health commission meetings in addition to the 2nd Tuesday LHH JCC. Questions: How many of the 48 people waiting for safe discharge to the community (as of mid January) have been discharged and where/what are their placements? We need to know as much as possible about CDPH/CMS approval of Plan of Correction and the time frame until Medicare recertification. Is full resumption of readmissions dependent on an (internal to SFDPH) "Sustainability Transition Plan"? Please update us on this plan and the related time frame for resumption of admissions. Must those of us who need a bed wait indefinitely? How will LHH reach out proactively to surviving SNF evictees and their families to inform them they are prioritized for readmission?

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

I continue to ask that we be given an updated report about how many of the people determined eligible for discharge as no longer needing skilled level of care have been discharged and what their placements were. I was gratified to learn that the Plan of Correction has been submitted, but we still need to be told the expected timeframe to recertification and potential dates for resumption of admissions. San Francisco residents are in dire need of being able to seek care at Laguna Honda and

we should be told more about when that realistically might happen and whether it is dependent on SFDPH's Sustainability Transition Plan. How will LHH reach out to those nursing home residents who are survivors of eviction if they wish to return? At last month's meeting we were told this was a priority, but were given no information about how it will be done.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Christian asked if the conversation with Secretary Becerra was recorded. She requested that these types of events be recorded in the future. Director Colfax stated that UCSF led the event, and he will check to see if UCSF recorded Secretary Becerra's remarks.

9) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Chair, stated that the Committee reviewed all the items on the Consent Calendar and recommended that the full Health Commission approve all except for the San Francisco Study Center, Seneca, and two Edgewood contracts listed on the Contracts Report because there were errors by DPH staff on the documentation of these contracts. She added that the correct annual amount of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation contract should state \$1,560,000.

She noted that several Commissioners had questions regarding the Richmond Area Multiservice contract for \$8,919,348 due to the lack of proper documentation on the contract request prepared by DPH staff. She noted that Jessica Brown, Director of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion/Mental Health Services Act, attended the committee meeting to present the solicitation in which this contract was funded. She noted that Ms. Brown provided information which clarified the services, units of service and unduplicated clients. Mr. Morewitz added that Ms. Brown also noted that the contract funds wrap around services for up to two years after a person's pregnancy.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo expressed gratitude for the additional information and stated that the contract cost still seems high. She stated that the Health Commission needs more data, such as number of people served and explanation of units of services, in all contract requests. She added that evaluation of services is also important for the Commissioners to have available when considering contract modifications or renewals.

Commissioner Guillermo, Finance and Planning Committee member stated that Ms. Brown noted that part of the expensive costs in the contract are attributed to recruiting and retaining culturally skilled clinical staff. She added that the current difficulty in recruiting clinical staff for most San Francisco programs. She stated that she hopes future contract documents contain more thorough and correct data.

Commissioner Christian stated that the Commission should require that all contract documents contain relevant and correct information in order for consideration for approval. Commissioner Chung noted that some contract documents contain all necessary information; there is inconsistency in the DPH processes. Commissioner Christian stated that the current situation is unacceptable.

Commissioner Chow stated that often the DPH contract documents do not contain all the necessary information which would give context to the Commissioners as they consider approval. He noted that during the early phases of the EPIC implementation, the DPH provide a pie chart which clearly indicated how each new EPIC-contract fit into the overall implementation plan. He requested that the DPH include similar information for contract requests to make clear how the requested contract fits into existing programs within a service category.

Director Colfax thanked the Commissioners for their comments about contract document errors, understanding of how contracts fit into service categories, and outcomes.

10) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Edward A. Chow, MD, ZSFG JCC Chair, stated that at its January 23, 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed standard reports including the Regulatory Affairs report, Human Resources report, and CEO Report. The committee also discuss a presentation on an effort to reduce workplace violence at ZSFG. Progress has already been made in this area; the next step is system-wide staff training and education. During the Medical Staff report, the committee recommended that that the full Commission approve the ZSFG-related items on the Consent Calendar today including:

- Department of OB/GYN Rules and Regulations
- Department of Medicine Rules and Regulations
- Department of Urology Rules and Regulations
- Department of Ophthalmology Standardized Procedures

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

11) CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- January 2024 Monthly Contract Report
- February 2024 Monthly Contract Report, excluding the Seneca, San Francisco Study Center, and two Edgewood contracts (See Finance and Planning Committee update for more information)
- Request for approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Felton Institute to provide field-based, wrap-around, high intensity, high frequency services to mitigate the need for acute care and hospitalization, and to stabilize and transition the clients served to lower intensity clinic-based services within the San Francisco Health Network and other resources as appropriate. The total proposed agreement amount is \$6,159,581 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028> (5 years and 1 month).
- Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with ProLink Healthcare, LLC. to provide temporary as-needed per diem and traveling respiratory therapists' personnel in support of the Department's ongoing operational and needs in the San Francisco Health Network. The total proposed contract amount is \$3,000,000 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of November 30, 2023 through November 29, 2025 (2 years).
- Request for approval of a new contract for afterhours telephone answering services with Answernet Inc. Answernet, Inc. will answer calls during after hours, weekends, and City Holidays across multiple DPH units. Answernet also serve as back up during regular hours when City staff are unavailable to answer patient's call. Answernet will use DPH's transcript and protocols while patching calls to on call provider and vice versa. DPH will utilize Answernet's communication portal to regularly update change in staffing and protocols. The total proposed contract amount is \$660,800 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of January 1,2024 through December 31,2028 (5 years).
- Request for approval of a New Grant Agreement with Richmond Area Multi Services Inc to provide culturally appropriate Equity Based Maternal Health: Improving Black/African-American Maternal Mental Health Services that will include the following services: Mental health prevention and promotion services, innovative, client-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally tailored approaches to pregnancy, perinatal and postpartum mental health care, linkages with existing Community Based Organizations to refer clients for mental health support services, timely and accessible client services, and strategies to ensure a culturally appropriate mental health practitioner workforce. WHEREAS, The total proposed agreement amount is which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2028 (5 years).
- Request of approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Richmond Area Multi Services Inc to perform to hire, train and integrate peer counselors into street-based crisis teams, in partnership with San Francisco Fire Department and in collaboration with other street-

based wellness teams; as an alternative to law enforcement response to behavioral health crises in the streets of San Francisco. WHEREAS, The total proposed agreement amount is \$9,726,995 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2026 (2 years).

- Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with San Francisco AIDS Foundation - Stonewall Project: Low Barrier Counseling to reduce the harms caused by methamphetamine and other substance use among gay men and other men who have sex with men (G/MSM) and transgender non-binary individuals (TGNB) of San Francisco. The total proposed agreement amount is \$3,427,200 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of 09/01/2023 through 02/28/2025 (1 year and 18 months).
- Request for approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Cure Biomedical LLC who will provide comprehensive biomedical repair and management program services for Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH), the remainder repair services are for the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN, excluding Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFGH)), and Biomedical Parts Program. The total proposed contract amount is \$9,728,488 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of January 15, 2024 through January 14, 2029 (5 years).
- Request of approval of a New Professional Services Agreement with Peterson Power Systems, Inc. to perform Emergency Generator Maintenance Services for Department of Public Health. The total proposed contract amount is \$866,529 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of January 8, 2024 through November 30, 2028 (5 years).
- LHH Policies and Procedures:
Request for approval of the following LHH-related items, which were recommended for approval by the LHH JCC at its January 9, 2024 meeting, pending receipt of responses to requests for clarification on some policies:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
1	Facility-wide	22-05	Handling Resident’s Property and Prevention of Theft and Loss
2	Facility-wide	22-13	Bed Rail Use
3	Facility-wide	24-04	Trauma Informed Care
4	Facility-wide	24-07	Resident Visitation
5	Facility-wide	72-01 A01	Authority of Infection Control Committee
6	Facility-wide	72-01 A02	Infection Prevention and Control Program
7	Facility-wide	72-01 A03	Infection Preventionist
8	Facility-wide	72-01 A04	Infection Reporting Policy
9	Facility-wide	72-01 A05	Infection Control Surveillance Program
10	Facility-wide	72-01 A07	Reportable Communicable Diseases
11	Facility-wide	72-01 A08	Outbreak/Epidemic Investigation Protocol
12	Facility-wide	72-01 A09	Contact/Exposure Investigation
13	Facility-wide	72-01 A11	Water Management
14	Facility-wide	72-01 B01	Standard Precautions
15	Facility-wide	72-01 B02	Hand Hygiene
16	Facility-wide	72-01 B03	Antimicrobial Use Guideline
17	Facility-wide	72-01 B09	Infection Control Post-Mortem Care Guidelines
18	Facility-Wide	72-01 B14	Visitors Guidelines For Infection Prevention
19	Facility-Wide	72-01 B14 Att.	Visitors Guidelines For Infection Prevention
20	Facility-Wide	72-01 B24	Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette
21	Facility-Wide	72-01 B25	Isolation Cart Use
22	Facility-Wide	72-01 C17	Pediculosis (Lice) Management
23	Facility-Wide	72-01 C23	Pneumococcal Immunization
24	Facility-Wide	72-01 C24	Employee Influenza Vaccination
25	Facility-Wide	72-01 C26	Guidelines for Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis
26	Facility-Wide	72-01 C27	Care of the Persistently Non-adherent Tuberculosis Patient Placed on Civil Detention
27	Facility-Wide	72-01 C28	COVID-19 Immunization
28	Facility-Wide	72-01 D01	Pre-employment and Annual Screening of Employees

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
29	Facility-Wide	72-01 D04	Evaluation of Communicable Illness in Health Care Workers
30	Facility-Wide	72-01 E14	Rehabilitation Services
31	Facility-Wide	72-01 E22	Department-Specific Infection Control Procedures
32	Facility-Wide	72-01 F01	Renovation/Construction Infection Control Guidelines
33	Facility-Wide	72-01 F02	Isolation Room Disinfection
34	Facility-Wide	72-01 F03	Handling Resident's Personal Clothing
35	Facility-Wide	72-01 F04	Linen Handling
36	Facility-Wide	72-01 F10	Blood Spill Clean Up
37	Facility-Wide	72-01 F11	Classification of Reusable Medical Devices and Processing Requirements
38	Facility-Wide	72-01 F13	Cleaning and Disinfecting Non-Critical Resident Care Equipment
39	Facility-Wide	72-01 F14	Instrument Recall Policy
40	Facility-Wide	72-01 F15	Storage of Supplies (Clean/Sterile)
41	Facility-Wide	73-16	Confined Space Program
42	Facility-Wide	75-07	Theft and Lost Property
43	Clinical Nutrition	1.16	Nutrition Screening and Documentation Process
44	Clinical Nutrition	1.19	Acute Medical/Rehab Admissions & Transfers
45	Clinical Nutrition	1.20	Nutrition screening and Assessment Documentation for Acute Admissions in the HER
46	Clinical Nutrition	1.23	Discharge Diet Instruction
47	Clinical Nutrition	1.25	NPO or Clear Liquid diets greater than 3 days
48	Clinical Nutrition	1.11	Nutritionally adequate meals
49	Clinical Nutrition	1.8	Menu Program
50	Nursing	K 01.0	Pressure Ulcer
51	Nursing	K 2.0	Wound Assessment & Management
52	Nursing	NPP I 5.0	Oxygen Administration
53	OP Clinic	C4	High-Level Chemical Disinfection
54	OP Clinic	C5	Flexible Nasopharyngeal Laryngoscope
55	OP Clinic	C6	Steam Sterilization

- **ZSFG Policies and Procedures:**

Request for approval of the following ZSFG-related items, which were recommended for approval by the ZSFG JCC at its January 23, 2024 meeting, pending receipt of responses to requests for clarification on some policies:

1. Department of OBGYN Rules and Regulations
2. Department of Medicine Rules and Regulations
3. Department of Urology Rules & Regulations
4. Department of Ophthalmology Standardized Procedures

12) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

**Health Commission
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 24-01**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT OF
\$15,750 FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Health Foundation donated an in-kind gift in the amount of \$15,750 for the VCIN (Virtual Care Innovation Network) Program to the Department of Public Health (DPH); and

WHEREAS, The Health Commission had approved of the resolution previously in Resolution 22-25 on December 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, DPH is forwarding an amended version of Resolution 22-25 to the Health Commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Health Foundation notified the Department of Public Health that the gift has been distributed to DPH; and

WHEREAS, The gift will be in the form of healthy snack and hygiene boxes to be distributed to people experiencing homelessness (PEH); and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Health Foundation provides gifts to entities that help low income and at-risk populations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission authorizes the Department of Public Health to accept and expend an in-kind gift of up to fifteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$15,750) to help PEH; 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 10.100-201.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on January 16, 2024, adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Health Commission
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 24-02

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT OF \$24,999 TO THE LAGUNA HONDA GIFT FUND FROM
THE ANTHONY R GUARDINO EXEMPTION TRUST.**

WHEREAS, The Anthony R Guardino Exemption Trust provides for the distribution of twenty-four thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$24,999) to the Laguna Honda Gift Fund; and

WHEREAS, The trustee of The Anthony R Guardino Exemption Trust has notified Laguna Honda that proceeds from the trust will be distributed; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (Laguna Honda) is part of the San Francisco Health Network operated by the Department of Public Health and is a safety net and community hospital, with a mission to provide a welcoming, therapeutic, and a healing environment that promotes the individual's health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Laguna Honda Hospital Gift Fund is used to benefit the residents at Laguna Honda, including providing comfort and support for hospital residents; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission authorizes the Department of Public Health to accept and expend a gift of cash of twenty-four thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$24,999) donated to the Laguna Honda Hospital Gift Fund to support resident care programs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the donation 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 10.100-201.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Health Commission is grateful to the Anthony R Guardino Exemption Trust.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on February 6, 2024, adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary

