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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday November 1, 2022 4:00 p.m. 101 Grove Street, Room 300 San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: 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 Dan Bernal President

Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm. Commissioner Green chaired the meeting.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2022.

Action taken: The Health Commission approved the minutes of the October 18, 2022 meeting.

3) <u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u>

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

ANNUAL DPH SUBSTANCE USE TRENDS REPORT SHOWS DECLINE IN DRUG OVERDOSES IN 2021

DPH released the "<u>Substance Use Trends in San Francisco Through 2021</u>" report with data showing the first decline in overdose deaths in three years. Even with this encouraging decline, the annual count of people dying of overdoses last year remained at crisis levels.

In 2021, 625 people died from drug overdoses involving opioids, cocaine or methamphetamine, an 11% decrease compared to 2020, but still 41% above pre-pandemic 2019 levels. The pandemic likely contributed to the especially high number of deaths seen in 2020.

Fentanyl remained the primary driver of overdose deaths in the city with 75% of overdose cases involving this powerful, synthetic opioid, whether taken alone or in combination with cocaine or methamphetamines. The report also highlighted the deep and profound inequities that persist as Black/African Americans in San Francisco experience an overdose death rate that is five times higher than the citywide total.

DPH also released "Overdose Deaths are Preventable: San Francisco's Overdose Prevention Plan," a four-point strategic roadmap with new and enhanced strategies to reduce the number of deaths and eliminate disparities associated with drug use in San Francisco. The report includes measurable goals to reduce overdose deaths and increase treatment among people at high risk.

San Francisco has the highest overdose death rate among large California counties, a rate that is similar to other major cities across the United States due to the 2018 arrival of fentanyl in local drug supplies. Data show that overdoses continue to be highly concentrated in the Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods but are present in many other areas of the City as well.

The racial disparity in overdose deaths underscores the need for tailored and focused approaches toward overdose deaths and substance use disorders that is informed by the community and supported with sufficient resources to make meaningful change.

In 2021, DPH advanced a number of efforts to save lives and improve the wellness and recovery of people who use drugs. Working with community partners, San Francisco substantially expanded the distribution of naloxone, a life-saving opioid reversal medicine, to more than 33,000 kits. The effort saved lives – distribution sites reported 9,492 overdose reversals in 2021, more than doubling the 4,307 reversals in 2020.

Innovative new programs were also launched last year, including the Street Overdose Response Team, which responded to more than 1,670 calls involving people who had survived a known or suspected overdose. SoMa RISE opened as a drug sobering center, bringing people who are intoxicated on drugs off the streets to sober up safely, receive basic care, and be connected to services.

Meanwhile, DPH offered low-threshold outpatient medications for addiction treatments, such as buprenorphine, at more sites including urgent care, homeless shelters, and on the street, while continuing to expand residential treatment programs to deliver timely and appropriate level of care for people ready to enter overnight programs. San Francisco is now two-thirds of the way toward a goal of expanding its behavioral health bed count by 400 beds.

Under the overdose prevention plan, new efforts are underway to create safe, welcoming "wellness hubs" in multiple neighborhoods for people who use drugs and people experiencing homelessness. The first wellness hub is expected to open this year, with several more to follow in 2023 and will build on the successful elements of the Tenderloin Center in community-centered, drop-in locations that provide overdose prevention services, access to treatment, housing, and other benefits.

MARIA X MARTINEZ HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

Welcome to the newest member of the San Francisco Health Network family! DPH's newest Ambulatory Care clinic, the Maria X Martinez Health Resource Center, opened on Friday September 19, 2022. The building is the new home of WPIC's Urgent Care clinic (formerly 50 Ivy), Street Medicine, WPIC admin, and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's (HSH) SF Homeless Outreach Team (SFHOT).

Services provided at the Maria X are focused on serving people who are experiencing homelessness and who are unconnected to care elsewhere in the system. Services provided include urgent care, low barrier medication assisted treatment, integrated transitional primary care, dental, and podiatry. The clinic is anticipated to serve about 5,000 unduplicated clients for over 18,000 encounters this year. It is meaningful that the clinic opened

during the National Hispanic Heritage/Latinx Month as this is one of the communities that Maria dedicated her life to serving and who are experiencing increased rates of homelessness in San Francisco.

Maria worked for DPH for 23 years and was serving as the Director of Whole Person Care when she passed away in 2020. Prior to that she served in DPH roles including Deputy Director of Community Programs, Senior Staff to the Director of Health and Chief Integrity Officer. Maria passionately championed the needs of vulnerable populations and brought a racial and equity lens to create collaborations and develop care models for high-risk populations. In her role as Director of Whole Person Care, Maria focused on developing partnerships and an example of Maria's visionary leadership was the creation of an Integrated Homeless Resources Center which, after her death, was named in her honor by the Health Commission as the Maria X Martinez Health Resource Center.

WPIC is continuing to build out integrated care aspects of the Maria X Martinez Health Resource Center to add in increased behavioral health, coordinated entry, and benefits assistance. The work at the Maria X continues Maria's life's work to provide high quality and equitable services to Latinx community members and all of our most vulnerable neighbors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GARZA

DPH is deeply saddened by the recent passing of Garza, a core member of the Bridge HIV team for 17 years, an HIV prevention unit that is part of the Population Health Division DPH. Garza joined the Community Programs team at Bridge HIV in September of 2005, quickly learning about all the HIV prevention studies we conduct. She was hired as a recruiter but became so much more—she was a true liaison to many communities with whom we work. Garza elevated how we support our communities with programs such as *Hot and Healthy*, a monthly drag production that raised funds for Bay Area HIV/LGBTQ/trans organizations. In addition to recruiting volunteers to participate in our studies, Garza did community outreach and education about HIV (and later COVID) prevention, and was a peer health navigator for transgender women, providing counseling and linkage to many different types of services. Garza created deep ties over many years with multiple organizations in the community, serving a diverse array of clients, and used her considerable talents to raise funds for these organizations. Garza passed on September 27, 2022, leaving behind a legacy of activism, compassion, and deep community ties. She embodied the heart and soul of who we at DPH aspire to be.

NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

October 23-29, 2022 is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW). NLPPW highlights the many ways that a community can work together to reduce children's exposure to lead in their environment and prevent its serious health effects. In San Francisco, the main source of lead exposure comes from the lead-based paint in children's homes. The Children's Environmental Health Promotion Program (CEHP) of DPH's Environmental Health Branch will participate in NLPPW by continuing its outreach and education to property owners, construction professionals, and families who all play a role in reducing lead exposures. Social media messages will highlight *Fix Lead SF*, a brand-new funding opportunity for property owners to reduce the amount of lead on their property. Construction professionals will be invited to take advantage of *Fix Lead SF* to get training to use safe work practices in all their jobs that disturb lead-based paint. Also, as part of CEHP NLPPW activities, their team will participate in a health fair for San Francisco families with young children, and the Fall edition of *Word on Lead*, a regular CEHP educational bulletin, will be distributed to over 7800 families, medical providers, childcare providers, and a multitude of our partners throughout the City.

MPX UPDATE

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES AS OF 9/13/22 (probable and confirmed)
San Francisco	824
California	5,136
U.S.	27,096
Worldwide	72,457

In alignment with <u>CDPH's recent eligibility expansion</u>, San Francisco has updated the eligibility for pre-exposure prophylaxis with the MPX vaccine. Added criteria include:

- Persons living with HIV.
- Persons who are taking or are eligible to take HIV PrEP.
- Clinicians who are likely to collect laboratory specimens from persons with MPX.

See the SF MPX vaccine eligibility criteria for full details.

Since the onset of MPX, DPH has persistently advocated for more vaccines. As a result of these efforts, DPH secured a special allotment of 10,000 additional MPX doses from the Federal government to provide protection for people who were attending large, public events such as Folsom Street Fair and Castro Street Fair.

DPH and its partners administered 100% of the special allotment of 10,000 additional MPX doses from the Federal government during the weeks surrounding the Folsom and Castro Street Fairs. In fact, DPH utilized additional supply to administer 15,965 doses total during this period. The vaccines, which includes first and second doses of Jynneos, were available at various pop-up vaccination sites, neighborhood vaccine clinics, community-based events and events at health system providers.

We are continuing to work with trusted community partners at various venues to reach communities most highly at risk and supporting pop-up vaccine clinics at neighborhood events, including but not limited to:

- 24th and Capp Streets every Friday, Saturday and Monday from 9am to 3:45pm
- Pan Dulce Wednesday at Beaux Nightclub, from 8pm to 11pm on October 19

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of September 29:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of new COVID cases per day is 88 and 40 people are hospitalized, including 8 in the ICU.
- San Francisco's remaining ICU capacity is 34.3% and remaining non-ICU capacity is 19.8%.
- Eighty-six percent of all SF residents have been vaccinated and 75% have received booster dose(s).

DPH in the News

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow noted that the previous location for the Chinatown Child Development Center had significant space and asked if there will be adequate room for the Center to move to the Chinatown Health Center. Director Colfax stated that he has been assured by the team managing the move that the Center can be accommodated on the third floor of the renovated health center building.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5) FY 2021-22 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green thanked Ms. Louie for addressing Commissioner questions sent ahead of the meeting during her verbal presentation. She also expressed gratitude for the practical manner in which Ms. Louie develops and presents the complex DPH budget.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding the use of the term, "Continuing Funds," noted on lines 39 and 40 of each section. Ms. Louie stated that the Controller allows unspent operating funds from capital projects from one fiscal year to be rolled over and spent the next fiscal year; this depends on construction costs and issues related to management of the project.

6) <u>FY22-23 APPROVAL REQUEST FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAGUNA HONDA GIFT FUND</u> Lily Conover, LHH Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung asked for more information about medical clowns. Ms. Conover stated that this program provides clowns to visit medical facilities in order to perform and provide cheerful activities.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the F22-23 Gift Fund Budget.

7) OFFICE LEASE BETWEEN CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, AS LANDLORD, AND SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, AS TENANT FOR THE LEASE OF 2789 25TH STREET, SUITE 2028 SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Mark Primeau, DPH Capital Oversight Advisor, Jeff Suess, Department of Real Estate, Kim Meredith, SFGH Foundation CEO, and Jason Zook, DPH Executive Project Manager, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green noted the importance of ZSFG in the health and wellbeing of many San Franciscans; the SFGH Foundation contributes vital funding to assist ZSFG in providing its many services.

<u>Action Taken</u>: The Health Commission unanimously approved the office lease between CCSF and the

SFGH Foundation.

8) RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION54953(e)

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

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

9) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Chung, Committee Chair, stated that the Committee reviewed all items on the Consent Calendar and recommended that the full Health Commission approve them. In addition, the committee received an update on the Baker Places/PRC contract transition; more information will be provided to the full Commission as contract transitions move forward in months ahead.

10) CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- NOVEMBER 2022 CONTRACTS REPORT
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUPS OTTP
 TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL
 DISTRICT (SFUSD), AND PRIMARILY TO SUPPORT THEIR SUCCESS OPPORTUNITY
 ACHIEVEMENT & RESILIENCY (SOAR) CLASSROOMS, USING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES
 THAT INCLUDE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT.
- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH HELUNA HEALTH TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMATIC ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO SISTER WEB. SISTER WEB

WILL PROVIDE EQUITY BASED COMMUNITY DOULA SERVICES WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO DOULA SUPPORTIVE HEALTH CARE, WITH TIMELY AND ACCESSIBLE SCREENINGS TO PRE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLIENTS AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE FOR STRATEGIES THAT SECURE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH.

11) OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Giraudo noted that the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation will hold its Hearts fundraiser event in February of 2023.

12) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow, ZSFG JCC chair, stated that at the October 25, 2022 meeting, the Committee reviewed and discussed standard reports including the Regulatory Affairs Report, Human Resource Vacancy Report, CEO Report, and Medical Staff Report. The Committee approved the following during open session: Neurosurgery Rules and Regulations, and Primary Care RN HTN Management Standard Procedures. He noted that the committee also reviewed the draft Environment of Care Report. In closed session, the Committee approved the Credentials and PIPS Minutes reports.

13) OCTOBER 18, 2022 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Giraudo, Chair, stated that the committee discussed a presentation on the DPH Environmental Health Emergency Response Team (EHERT), which responds to crisis situations 24/7, 365 days a year. She noted that the team conducts necessary and very important work. Although there are usually 4 to 5 members, the team is currently comprised of 2 members due to vacant positions. These two staff take turns being on call. The most common incidents to which the team responds involves environmental waste/spills, suspicious letters and packages, and special events such as the Super Bowl. The committee also discussed DPH Public Health Accreditation, a process necessary every five years. The next application is due in 2023.

14) CLOSED SESSION

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

There was no public comment for this item.

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

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

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

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

C) Vote on whether to hold a Closed Session in relation to item 14.E below.

<u>Action Taken</u>: The Health Commission unanimously voted to hold a close session.

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

PROPOSED ACTION: SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION: Margarita Herrera – CITY TO PAY \$650,000.

MARGARITA HERRERA, Plaintiff, vs. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, Defendant.

(San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-19-578026)

PROPOSED ACTION: SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION: Jo-Theresa Elias-Jackson – CITY TO PAY \$92,000.

JO-THERESA ELIAS-JACKSON, Plaintiff, vs. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, Defendant. (U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 3:21-cv-02937-PJH)

PROPOSED ACTION: SETTLEMENT OF UNLITIGATED CLAIM: Cassandra McQuaid – CITY TO PAY \$75,000.

E) <u>Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b); and San Francisco</u> Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

> PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, GRANT COLFAX MD, DPH DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- 1. Discussion and Vote to elect whether to disclose any portion of the closed session discussion that is not confidential under Federal or State law, The Charter, or Non-Waivable Privilege (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)
- 2. Possible report on action taken in closed session (Government Code Sections 54957.1(a) and 54957.7(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b).

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

15) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Health Commission City and County of San Francisco Resolution No. 22-23

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 November 1, 2022, adopted the foregoing resolution

Mark Morewitz, MSW Health Commission Executive Secretary