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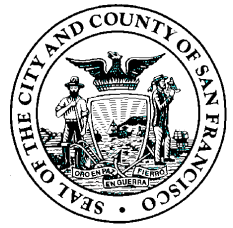
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**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday November 3, 2025 4:00 p.m.**  
**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 408**  
**San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: President Laurie Green, MD, President  
Vice President Tessie Guillermo  
Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D  
Commissioner Karim Salgado

Excused: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.  
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D  
Commissioner Judy Guggenhime

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm. Max Gara, DPH Office of Policy and Planning, served in the role of Commission Secretary for the meeting.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2025.**

Public Comment:  
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Comments:  
There were no Commissioner comments.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the October 20, 2025 meeting minutes.

**3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Ward Kline stated that a lawsuit was filed against the Trump administration that will force the University of California institutions to show they are doing unethical research. Everyone needs to understand the ethics behind the Belmont Report.

Marta Lindsay, Walk SF, stated that the DPH has done groundbreaking work with the development of the High Injury Network. The Street Safety Act builds on first decade of Vision Zero. It will only succeed if agencies operationalize it. She noted that the Last High Injury Network report was released in 2021. She urged the Commissioners to identify why the next report has been so delayed.

Glennis Fowler, Mission Bay resident, spoke on behalf of the of the Street Safety Act. She witnessed a August 2023 car accident that resulted in the death of a child. She would like to advocate for public health measures that could have prevent other deaths.

Victoria Hutti, District 10 resident, has witnessed 5 car crashes, 3 resulting in fatalities, from window of her apartment. Watching people bleed out was very disturbing. San Francisco streets are not designed to keep people safe. She encouraged acceleration on the progress on Vision Zero and to address traffic safety in systemic, data-driven aways. DPH has opportunity to do good work.

Dr. Lailah Shiffman, retired primary care physician, noted that she is in the demographic vulnerable to unsafe streets. She supports the Street Safety Act from a professional standpoint and has worked to keep people safe and healthy as professional and out of ZSFG Emergency Department. The Street Safety Act could promote safe streets for all of us, elderly people, those with disabilities and children.

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

We need a reliable method of preventing transfer of San Francisco residents to out-of-county nursing homes. The existing provisions for Laguna Honda placement of San Franciscans with “exceptional” needs are NOT being used. More importantly, the need for decent nursing home care near your loved ones is normal, not exceptional. City Retirees represented by the Health Service System have bargaining power on the behavior of insurance companies. San Francisco City Retirees can assist in making these big insurers work with LHH Admissions. But LHH Admissions must have the will to do this. We must to prevent transfers of San Franciscans to out-of-county nursing homes. Start with getting this on the agenda: Both agencies need to form a working group and listen to the people they say they represent! The next Laguna Honda JCC is Monday Nov 10 at 4 PM. The next Health Service System Board is Thursday November 13.

#### **4) DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Naveena Bobba, MD, DPH Deputy Director of Health, presented the item. She noted that the DPH was notified in October of this year by the Navy of a November 2024 air monitoring result for Plutonium that exceeded approximately twice the Action Level concentration. The Plutonium measurement was identified from an air filter sample collected during field work operations, including asphalt grinding, at Parcel C. The DPH sent a letter to the Navy noting its deep concern by both the magnitude of this exceedance and the failure to provide timely notification of the findings. It also has reached out to the community to notify them of these results.

#### **BEAKER, SOFTBANK, AUTOMATION TRACK GO-LIVE A SUCCESS!**

On Saturday, October 25, the DPH laboratory information systems (ZSFG Clinical Lab, ZSFG Pathology Lab, and Public Health Lab) successfully transitioned to the Epic Beaker application. The Blood Bank also transitioned to Soft Bank software.

This was an enormous and complex undertaking, years in the making and involving many departments and staff. What made this go-live particularly complicated was that it was paired with go-live for the automated track for Chemistry and Hematology instruments. This automated track utilizes robotics and software that guide specimen tubes so they can be centrifuged, uncapped, sampled, tested, and then recapped and stored in a refrigeration unit. Meanwhile test results flow from instruments into Beaker and then into Epic where providers can see results.

We extend gratitude to everyone who contributed to ensure a successful go-live. We now have integrated Beaker software in place, which will increase efficiency, improve communication, allow for better management of shared specimens, and help with utilization management across all three labs.

#### **NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

On October 30, 44 families who successfully completed Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health's Nurse-Family Partnership program were honored in one of the program's largest graduation ceremonies to date.

DPH's Nurse-Family Partnership program pairs low-income, first-time parents with a Public Health Nurse from pregnancy through age 2, offering home visits and vital support to boost health and economic outcomes. Program participants that stay with the program until their child's second birthday are celebrated at one of our two yearly graduation ceremonies. In 2025, a total of 72 families have successfully completed the program.

Over the course of the Nurse Family Partnership, Public Health Nurses regularly check on the health of parents and baby, providing information on topics such as prenatal care, the signs of postpartum depression, child development and breastfeeding, to name a few. The nurses also help connect clients with resources to improve the economic self-sufficiency of their families, such as helping them develop a vision for their future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work.

Because the program runs for more than 2 years, the nurses are able to establish trusting relationships and partner with clients on preventative health efforts, for example improving nutrition, family planning and reducing use of habit-forming substances. Public health work like this aims to reduce health disparities by addressing the upstream socioeconomic factors that contribute to poor health outcomes. Thank you to our participating Public Health Nurses and congratulations to the graduating families!

#### **GREAT SHAKEOUT DRILL AND TABLETOP EXERCISE STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

DPH took part in the annual Great ShakeOut commemorating the anniversary of the 6.9 magnitude Loma Prieta Earthquake that struck the Bay Area on October 17, 1989.

At 10:17 a.m. a campuswide announcement and DPH-ZSFG Everbridge text alert prompted staff to drop, cover, and hold on.

Following the drill, ZSFG Hospital held an emergency response tabletop exercise simulating a mass casualty event following a major earthquake. The HICS team — led by ZSFG's Emergency Department Disaster Coordinator & Hospital Disaster Liaison, Amber Quelvog — coordinated logistics and resource planning under simulated disaster conditions.

The exercise provided a valuable learning experience for trainees and staff new to HICS operations, including hands-on coordination of patient transfers to Laguna Honda Hospital under disaster conditions. Throughout the simulation, representatives from multiple departments discussed essential operations such as maintaining fuel and water supplies and preparing contingency plans for limited power, communications, and road access.

The exercise strengthened inter-hospital coordination and emergency response protocols between two key DPH facilities, reinforcing preparedness across the City's public health system.

#### **PROMOTORES WELLNESS DAY**

On October 18, DPH hosted *Reencuentro y Bienestar* (Reunion and Wellness), a community wellness day for participants of the Promotores Community of Practice. This network represents over 18 community-based organizations and independent promotores who serve San Francisco's underserved communities through health promotion and advocacy. Held at Mission Neighborhood Centers' Wolfsohn Campus, the event was

coordinated with support from the Office of Equity and Community Engagement, the Center for Learning and Innovation, and the Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch.

The purpose of *Reencuentro y Bienestar* was to create a restorative space for promotores, many of whom are immigrants, to reflect on their vital contributions to community health, foster collective healing amidst federal budget constraints and heightened immigration activity, and strengthen unity within the field.

The event opened with welcoming remarks from Health Officer Dr. Susan Philip and concluded with an inspiring musical performance by Francisco Herrera, local artist. The gathering closed with heartfelt expressions of appreciation from the promotores, who spontaneously joined together in a chorus of “¡Viva DPH!”, a celebration and recognition of their enduring partnership with the Department of Public Health.

### **13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL D10 HEALTH FEST**

On October 18, staff from DPH joined community partners and neighborhood residents at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual District 10 Health Fest. The event featured free health screenings, family-friendly activities, wellness hubs, and cultural performances all focused on promoting wellness and connection.

Staff from the Stroke Program, Trauma Program, and Pulmonary Clinic were on-site alongside community partners to provide valuable education and resources. Together, our teams performed 81 blood pressure screenings and educational sessions, conducted 128 motivational interviewing style surveys for stroke awareness, and provided 144 boxes of Narcan.

DPH extends sincere thanks to the many volunteers who made this outreach possible.

### **CELEBRATING NOVA12 SF WALKERS**

On Saturday, October 25, 125 walkers braved the rain for a 12-mile walk around San Francisco followed by a health fair. The annual 12-mile NOVA12 walk represents the 12% of women who develop breast cancer and highlights disparities in health care access while helping to build strong community partnerships.

Over 90% of the funds raised directly support ZSFG’s most vulnerable patients fighting breast cancer by providing financial assistance for groceries, living expenses, and treatment supplies.

We thank everyone who supported the event, including organizers, walkers, and donors.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

As of 10/30:

- San Francisco’s 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 2.2%.
- Fourteen percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.

### Public Comment:

Dr. Teresa Palmer requested clarification in regard to what the DPH is requesting of the Navy in the letter.

### Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Salgado stated that it is disappointing and disgusting that the Navy took a year to notify San Francisco of these findings. San Francisco often gets blamed for the issues at the Shipyard although the federal government is ultimately responsible. She requested that the DPH work with City leadership to do all it can to hold the federal government accountable and possibly explore the possibility of compensation for residents. Dr. Bobba stated that the testing conducted by the Navy takes 3-4 months to get results but the 11 month wait to notify San Francisco is not justified. She noted that the DPH is limited in what it can do to hold the federal government accountable.

Commissioner Giraudo appreciates the strongly worded letters from the DPH. She appreciates that in the last several years, the DPH has really stepped up to plate in meeting and listening to the community.

Vice President Guillermo noted appreciation that the DPH has shifted into an advocacy role for the community.

Commissioner Giraudo noted that the ZSFG Nursing Family Partnership was grant funded when it was first started and asked the current funding source. Dr. Bobba stated that the program is funded through the state.

#### **5) ZSFG EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

The Health Commissioners acknowledged the exemplary work of the following ZSFG teams:

- Administrators on Duty
- Environmental Health Services Team
- CHC Healthy Steps Program
- Emergency Department Triage Taskforce
- Core Lab Team

#### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

President Green thanked all the members of the ZSFG teams being honored for their dedication and innovative work.

#### **6) ZSFG FY2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT**

Susan Ehrlich, MD, Chief Executive Officer, presented the item.

#### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Giraudo asked for more information on the impact of federal cuts on UCSF research grants. Dr. Ehrlich noted that many grants led by researchers at ZSFG were cancelled following the presidential executive orders, disproportionately affecting UCSF grants because of the type of research UCSF conducts. However, approximately half of the UCSF grants have been renewed following appeals by researchers. One researcher was a lead plaintiff in lawsuit against the Trump administration that led to ruling that the research cancellations were unconstitutional.

President Green asked how the community can be educated about the ZSFG Annual Report. She suggested that each member of the SFGH Foundation Board be asked to email the report to 10 colleagues. Commissioner Giraudo, who sits on the SFGH Foundation Board as a Health Commission representative, suggested that a handful of slides with key information from the annual report be shared at the ZSFG Hearts Gala each year. She also suggested that the report be the focus of the December 2025 SFGH Foundation Board meeting.

Commissioner Salgado stated that all San Francisco residents should be proud of ZSFG. It provides so much more than just medical care and is a vital part of the community.

Vice President Guillermo noted gratitude and admiration for the impactful work highlighted in the report. She added that ZSFG is proactive in addressing issues and making necessary changes.

## 7) **FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Vice President Guillermo, Member, thanked Commissioner Giraudo for attending the meeting so there would be quorum. She noted that the committee reviewed and recommended that the full Commission approve all the items on the Consent Calendar. She added that the DPH Business Office staff requested that the San Francisco AIDS Foundation contract be removed from the November 2025 Contracts Report because it is not finalized. They will bring this contract back to the Commission in December or January.

## 8) **JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Green, ZSFG JCC member, noted that at the October 27, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and gave feedback on the draft ZSFG Annual Report. It also reviewed the extensive and thorough Environment of Care Annual Report, which outlines the incredible amount of work conducted to ensure the infrastructure supports the patient care provided at the hospital. The Committee also reviewed a presentation on the hospital's new True North KPIs, which will be tracked and discussed at ZSFG JCC meetings throughout the year. The Committee recommended that the full Health Commission approve the ZSFG policies listed on the Consent Calendar. In closed session, the Committee approved the Credentials Report and the PIPS Minutes Report.

## 9) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to approve the following items:

1. **November 2025 Contracts Report, with the exception of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation contract, which the DPH Business Office staff requested to defer until the December for approval due to continued contract negotiations.**
2. **Requesting approval of a new contract with Agiloft, Inc. for implementation, license, hosting, support, maintenance, and training of an electronic Contract Management System (eCMS) in the total amount of \$4,759,762, which includes a 12% contingency, for the term January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030 (5 years).**
3. **Request approval of a new Agreement with PartsSource, Inc. to acquire access to purchase OEM parts at a discounted price, and, as-needed part repair services and training credits. The access to the web-based portal allows SFHN to procure Biomedical and Diagnostic Imaging replacement parts needed for its equipment and or machines that supports the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) medical & clinical operations/services. The total proposed contract amount is \$2,490,468.50 which includes a 12% contingency for the term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030 (5-years).**
4. **ZSFG Policies and Procedures:**
  - Medicine Rules and Regulations
  - Primary Care Registered Nurse HTN Standardized Procedures
  - Standardized Procedure Preamble
  - Hospital Medicine Privileges

## 10) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Comments:

There were no Commissioner comments.

## 11) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.