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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of August 2, 2022

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco
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Today, there are over 168,291 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 937 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

NEW SOUTHEAST FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OPENS TO SERVE AS HEALTHCARE HUB FOR BAYVIEW-HUNTERS POINT NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS

The 22,000-square foot neighborhood health clinic provides a family-oriented primary care model with comprehensive behavioral health services tailored to serve the diverse health needs of the Bayview-Hunters Point community. The facility is built to receive LEED Gold certification.

Mayor London N. Breed, Supervisor Shamann Walton, DPH, and San Francisco Public Works today announced the opening of the new Southeast Family Health Center (SEFHC), which will serve residents of the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood and San Francisco Health Network patients.

SEFHC is part of an important legacy of community-driven health advocacy in the neighborhood, and expands the original Southeast Health Center, which first opened its doors as a stand-alone, community-based clinic in 1979. The existing health center has been among the busiest clinics in the San Francisco Health Network, serving more than 4,000 patients annually who are predominantly low income and rely on the health center for their healthcare. The existing primary care clinic will remain next door and will continue to support the healthcare needs of the community, including office space for clinic staff and dental services for patients.

The new SEFHC expands a community vision to support the health of Bayview-Hunters Point residents by providing affordable and quality healthcare and meet the increasing need for health services that approach health care from a 'whole person' approach, integrating physical health, mental health, and other supports aimed at improving overall wellbeing.



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The state-of-the-art facility expands health access for residents and includes 21 patient care rooms for medical and behavioral health needs, as well as additional services including podiatry, optometry, clinical pharmacist consultation, and laboratory with plans to add X-ray services in the near future. Additionally, SEFHC has spaces dedicated for community groups to provide education and community services as well as two large rooms for community events.

SEFHC features artwork of San Francisco-based artists with deep ties to the Bayview community. Funded through the Art Enrichment Ordinance, which allocates 2% of the total construction costs of public projects for public art, the San Francisco Arts Commission reviewed over 200 Bayview Artist Registry applications before selecting and commissioning three finalists to create installations celebrating African American culture and the community's historic role in establishing the original Southeast Health Center.

The \$39.5 million Southeast Family Health Center project is primarily funded by the Public Health and Safety Bond, overwhelmingly passed by San Francisco voters in 2016. The \$350 million bond supports essential seismic and service delivery improvements to aging facilities that San Francisco relies on to protect the health and safety of residents, neighborhoods and businesses. The bond also funds capital improvements to the Maxine Hall and Castro Mission health centers as well as clinic facilities at Zuckerberg San Francisco General.

The Southeast Family Health Center was also funded by the San Francisco Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which funded environmental sustainability features such as photovoltaics panels on the roof and electric vehicle charging stations in the staff parking areas. These environmental sustainability features will help the facility achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, a globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement and leadership.

DPH AND VACCINE PARTNERS PRIORITIZE FIRST DOSES OF MONKEYPOX VACCINE

In effort to provide vaccines to broader at-risk populations, second doses will be deferred until supply increases

San Francisco has a significant number of monkeypox cases and lacks sufficient vaccine supply for the number of people who need the vaccine. Given the rapid increase in cases, and in accordance with guidance being developed at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the strategy of DPH is to prioritize first doses for at-risk people until adequate vaccine supply is received.

DPH and vaccine partners will prioritize first dose of Jynneos vaccine to as many at-risk people as



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possible and will defer second dose appointments until sufficient supply is received. Given the rapid increase of cases and very limited number of vaccines, this strategy will allow more people to receive a dose. This approach is endorsed by the CDPH and is consistent with approaches taken by New York City, the United Kingdom and Canada. This decision is based on the available scientific evidence, the accelerating outbreak, the high number of eligible people and extreme shortage of Jynneos vaccine nationally.

According to the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#), Jynneos is indicated for prevention of smallpox and monkeypox disease in adults. However, since no vaccine is 100 percent effective, it is important for individuals to reduce their risk of potential exposures to monkeypox both before and after being vaccinated.

Demand for vaccine is high and supply extremely limited. DPH requested 35,000 doses to begin to meet the need.

DPH and vaccine partners will notify the community when vaccine supply is available for second doses to complete the vaccine series. If a person receives one dose, a second dose can be administered without having to restart the series, even if the second dose is given after the minimum interval of four weeks.

San Francisco has currently identified 281 cases of monkeypox to date but anticipates more cases will occur. DPH will continue to keep the public updated on vaccine supplies and other resources, such as testing and treatment, that are essential to curbing the spread of monkeypox and protecting the community.

In addition to vaccine, prevention measures offer some level of protection. These include avoiding close physical contact if sick, especially if there is a new or unexpected rash or sore. For those who choose to have sex while sick, it is best to avoid kissing and other face-to-face contact. Also, sores should be covered with clothing or sealed bandages. This may help reduce — but not eliminate — the risk of transmission. Cleaning hands, sex toys, and bedding before and after sex or other intimate activities is advised. When making plans, people should consider the level of risk. Having sex or other intimate contact with multiple or anonymous people can increase risk of exposure.

For more information on monkeypox in SF, including eligibility for vaccine, case counts, vaccine locations and ways to avoid infection visit: sf.gov/monkeypox. If you are a provider, please visit [here](#) for important information for your patients.



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LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL TO PAUSE PATIENT TRANSFERS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) terminated Laguna Honda Hospital's participation in the Medicare and Medicaid Provider Participation Programs in April 2022. As a result, CMS required Laguna Honda to transfer or discharge all residents by mid-September. Finding appropriate placements at a new facility is a challenge and takes time. In many cases, residents have relied on us for their healthcare for years and their continued wellbeing is our highest priority.

This is an extremely challenging time for our community of residents and their families, our staff and all those who care about Laguna Honda Hospital. The transfer and discharge of residents has been challenging as many have complex healthcare needs. Regulators agreed to the City's urgent request to pause all transfers at Laguna Honda Hospital. Accordingly, **Laguna Honda will pause the discharge and transfer of all residents. This impacts approximately 600 residents.**

CMS, CDPH and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) are all in agreement with decision. Laguna Honda continues to work towards recertification in the Medicare and Medicaid Provider Participation Programs.

FY 2022-23 AND FY 2023-24 BUDGET APPROVED

On July 27th the Mayor signed the Board approved FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 budget legislation into law. DPH's FY 2022-23 DPH's budget is \$2.997 million and includes significant investments in the department which focus on continuing COVID-19 Response, increased investments in Behavioral Health Services, hospital operations for both ZSFG and LHH, strengthening population health infrastructure and support for DPH operations. This budget could not have been developed without the incredible support of the finance team and we are grateful for their work.

The FY 2022-23 and 2023-24 budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, July 26th and Mayor London Breed signed the budget legislation into law on July 27th. The City's final approved budget is \$13.9 billion and focuses on investments to deliver on basic services including homelessness, public health, street cleanliness, public safety, and equity. Overall DPH's budget remains at \$2.997 billion as it did in the Mayor's Proposed June 1 budget, with only minor changes described below.

As part of the review by the Budget and Finance Committee, DPH's budget was reduced by \$12.3 million in FY 2022-2023 and \$2.2 million in FY 2023-2024. These cuts represent less than 1% of DPH's total budget. The reductions are administrative in nature, and primarily one-time to reflect delays in implementation, but will not affect our ongoing ability to deliver services.

Offsetting the reductions, the Board of Supervisors allocated back \$2.7 million in FY 2022-2023 and



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\$200,000 in FY 23-24 for the following initiatives for DPH.

DPH Division	Description	FY22- 23	FY23-24
SF Health Network	Enhanced Mental Health Services for Long Term Survivors of HIV - Enhancing the system of mental health services to benefit long term survivors of HIV	200,000	200,000
Population Health	Community Services for the Mayan/Indigenous community - Provide a range of services including CT/CI, service navigation and linkage, and health education and promotion, including specific capacity within the Mayan/indigenous community.	200,000	
SF Health Network	CBO Prevention and Response Pilot in Permanent Supportive Housing - Community Based Overdose Prevention and Response Pilot in PSH	100,000	
Population Health	Support for Black African American Wellness Peer Leaders	250,000	
Behavioral Health	Suicide Prevention - Suicide prevention and crisis services support	100,000	
Behavioral Health	Drop- in services for women - Services and operation of of a drop-in services for women	1,500,000	
Behavioral Health	Support for transitional housing for mothers with children	178,985	
Behavioral Health	Staffing to coordinate case management and case advocacy to help residents navigate behavioral health resources, income support, access to housing and other support needs in Tenderloin and other neighborhoods	75,000	
Behavioral Health	Accessible mental health services for the Latinx population in District 11	28,000	
Behavioral Health	District 11 mental health coordinator to create a mental referral and services system between schools and CBOs to support the mental health needs of the families, youth, and seniors	100,000	
	Total\$	2,731,985	200,000

We are pleased that the FY 2022-23 and 2023-24 budget continues to support the major strategic initiatives of the department and are grateful for the support we have received from the Mayor's Office and Board of Supervisors.

ZSFG MONKEYPOX VACCINE UPDATE

At ZSFG and at DPH, we are at the frontlines of this emergency; at ZSFG we have mobilized quickly to vaccinate thousands of San Franciscans. As of 7/27/22, the ZSFG monkeypox clinic has given out 3,127 vaccines to San Franciscans who may have been exposed to monkeypox, prioritizing those who are disproportionately impacted including SFHN patients and Latino/a/x and Black/African American men who have sex with men. The drop-in appointments were busy all week until vaccine ran out on Monday, July 25. We have been told we will receive another 4,220 doses and will resume appointments and walk-ins as soon as possible. A big shout out to the incredible ZSFG and primary care staff who have been critical to this work including the nursing staff from SFHN Primary care, ZSFG Specialty care and ZSFG Inpatient teams! You make us proud.

PASSING OF DPH EMPLOYEE QUIJUAN MALOOF

DPH is saddened to share the news of the passing of Quijuan Maloof, Jail Health Services Health Tech and Health Worker III on Wednesday, July 20, 2022.



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Born and raised in San Francisco and a graduate of San Jose State, Quijuan worked for the department of public health (DPH) for 20 years. Prior to working for DPH he was a marine and later an EMT. His first thirteen years were with the DPH's Adult Immunization and Travel Clinic. Quijuan served the department and the community as a disease investigator with the Communicable Disease Control team and then as front desk operations manager. He brought a lighthearted sense of humor to his work, made lasting friendships, and treated clients and staff with the utmost respect. In 2011 the health department held its first DPH Got Talent! Show. A fundraiser to send foster kids to summer camp. Quijuan auditioned along with 31 other staff and was selected to showcase his talent as a master magician. His performance was a big hit, and those in attendance, still remember it to this day.

The past seven years he has been an integral team member of Jail Health Services. Although Quijan didn't have a great deal of experience working with people with severe mental illness, he quickly became one of the most loved, and respected staff at Jail health. His creativity and enthusiasm were infectious and brought an energy to the jail that was transformational. His colleagues and his patients loved him dearly.

It is important to note that Quijuan's presence outside of work was even larger. He was the most enthusiastic, engaged, and adventurous person many of us have ever met. He went to magician school and did brilliant magic tricks, he traveled the world, he went sky diving, he started a podcast with one of his former Jail health colleagues, he was a talented artist, and those who knew him well know that his favorite meal was a burger at 7-Mile Restaurant. His favorite place was Hawaii where he married his beloved wife Marsha, and later officiated one of his colleague's wedding. And that is just the half of it, as Jail Behavioral Health and Reentry Services Director Tanya Mera stated: "*He was the definition of a ray of sunshine and had the biggest and best heart.*"

On behalf of the department, we extend our deepest condolences to his wife Marsha, the Maloof family, Quijuan's friends, and all those in the community who are impacted by his passing.

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