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Hello Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will request approval for three (3) retroactive items, at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Full Board of Supervisors meeting. We would like to provide you with background information and reason for retroactivity prior to the meeting. Please see below for a brief description of each item and our DPH representatives who may be contacted directly should you have any questions.

**Agenda item #12 - File no. 210797 - Performance Contract Agreement - Retroactive – California Department of Health Care Services - Mental Health Services Act and Various Programs -**

Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Public Health to enter into Performance Contract No. 21-10108, with the California Department of Health Care Services, incorporating the Mental Health Services Act, Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant, and Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

- **Description:** The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) administers the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant (SABG), and Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP). DPH-Behavioral Health Services (BHS) operates the aforementioned programs for San Francisco County through the San Francisco Mental Health Plan. This Performance Contract sets forth conditions and requirements, such as compliance and reporting standards, to receive funding for these programs. The Performance Contract only includes performance requirements and does not have funding attached to it, as the Board of Supervisors has already approved the budget components for these programs during the annual City budget process.
- **Reason for Retroactivity:** DPH respectfully requests retroactive approval of this contract agreement. DPH received the initial correspondence including the new multi-year performance contract from DHCS on June 17, 2021. DPH received a revised performance contract on July 9, 2021 for a program start date of July 1, 2021.
- **DPH Representative:** Marlo Simmons, MPH | Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services | San Francisco Department of Public Health | [marlo.simmons@sfdph.org](mailto:marlo.simmons@sfdph.org)

**Agenda item #13 - File no. 210798 - Agreement Amendment - Retroactive - California Department of Health Care Services - Whole Person Care Pilot Program - Not to Exceed \$197,589,948 -**

Resolution retroactively authorizing the Director of Health to sign an amended agreement with the

California Department of Health Care Services for the Whole Person Care Pilot program to fund coordination of health, behavioral health, and social services in a patient-centered manner with the goal of improved beneficiary health and wellbeing through more efficient and effective use of resources, extending the program by one year, from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, for a total agreement term of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2021; and increasing the agreement amount by \$35,839,948 for a total amount of \$197,589,948.

- **Description:** The Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot is a 5 year Medi-Cal waiver through Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) focusing on “the coordination of health, behavioral health, and social services in a patient centered manner in order to improve Medi-Cal beneficiary health and well-being through more efficient and effective use of resources, providing support to integrate care for a particularly vulnerable group of individuals who have been identified as high users of multiple systems who continue to have poor health outcomes”. San Francisco’s WPC Pilot was implemented through DPH and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH). The waiver lasted from 2016-2020 and due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved this 12-month extension of the WPC Pilots program, from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- **Reason for Retroactivity:** DPH respectfully requests retroactive approval for this agreement amendment. DPH received the notice of program extension and funding allocation on March 29, 2021 retroactive to a program start date of January 1, 2021.
- **DPH Representative:** Kiersten Robertson | Whole Person Care | San Francisco Department of Public Health | [kiersten.robertson@sfdph.org](mailto:kiersten.robertson@sfdph.org)

**Agenda item #18 - File no. 210878 - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - PS21-2103: Integrated Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Funding for Health Depts - \$315,000** - Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Public Health to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$315,000 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for participation in a program, entitled “PS21-2103: Integrated Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Funding for Health Depts,” for the period of May 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022.

- **Description:** This CDC grant funds DPH’s participation in the program “PS21-2103: Integrated Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Funding for Health Departments” for a total grant amount of \$315,000. Component I of the grant (\$115,000) focuses on hepatitis C elimination planning and supports the Strategic Director position for End Hep C SF. Component II (\$200,000) focuses on regular hepatitis data reporting and supports hiring of an epidemiologist in hepatitis surveillance.
- **Reason for Retroactivity:** DPH respectfully requests retroactive approval to accept and expend this grant. DPH received the revised letter of funding allocation on June 25, 2021 retroactive to the program start date of May 1, 2021.
- **DPH Representative:** Katie Burk, MPH | Viral Hepatitis Coordinator, Community Health Equity & Promotion Branch | San Francisco Department of Public Health | [Katie.Burk@sfdph.org](mailto:Katie.Burk@sfdph.org)

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,  
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