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Hello Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will request approval for two (2) retroactive items at the March 1st Full Board of Supervisors meeting. We'd like to provide you with brief 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 #11 - File no. 220042 - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Gerson Bakar Foundation - San Francisco General Hospital Foundation - Clinic-to-Clinic Access and Patient Technology Support - \$1,000,000 - Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Public Health to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Gerson Bakar Foundation through the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation for participation in a program, entitled "Maximizing the Reach of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Telehealth: Expanding Clinic-to-Clinic Access and Patient Technology Support for San Francisco Department of Public Health Epic Video Visit Integration," for the period of October 1, 2021, through April 30, 2023.

- **Description:** The COVID-19 pandemic increased the need for digital skills and access in order to complete many basic life functions, and patients' needs to remotely access healthcare via telehealth are paramount. This grant supports ZSFG in providing Clinic-to-Clinic access and Patient Technology support for DPH Epic video visit integration. Through this grant, the proposal will extend the reach of telehealth by improving patient experience in accessing ZSFG clinical services via telehealth throughout the city, and by extending the patient support desk.
- **Reason for Retroactive Request:** We respectfully request retroactive approval to accept and expend these funds. DPH received the award on October 22nd, 2021 for a program start date of October 1st, 2021.
- **DPH Representative:** Jeff Scarafia | Epic Program Director, San Francisco Department of Public Health | jeff.scarafia@sfdph.org

Agenda item #12 – File no. 220043 - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - PS20-2010: Integrated Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States - \$3,090,288 - Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Public Health to accept and expend a grant increase in the amount of \$350,000 for a total amount of \$3,090,288 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for participation in a program, entitled "PS20-2010: Integrated Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States," for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022.

- **Description:** The CDC funds San Francisco's participation in a program, entitled "PS20-2010:

Integrated Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States”. This resolution represents a grant increase of \$350,000 from \$2,740,288 for the period August 1st, 2021 through July 31st, 2022. For background, San Francisco has implemented a data-driven high impact prevention (HIP) strategy over the last decade, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) surveillance data has shown significant reductions in new HIV diagnoses and increasing linkage to care and number of people living with HIV who are virally suppressed. For this program, DPH’s component A proposal addresses overlapping vulnerabilities, health disparities and inequities, and use a community and individual approach to address the root causes, thereby increasing access to treatment and prevention. DPH’s Component C proposal addresses more timely identification of HIV status, increasing capacity through expansion of express visits, and reducing HIV disparities by increasing the proportion of patients who are most vulnerable to HIV.

- **Reason for Retroactive Request:** We respectfully request retroactive approval to accept and expend these funds. DPH received the revised subaward agreement on October 13th, 2021 for a program start date of August 1st, 2021.
- **DPH Representative:** Stephanie Cohen, MD, MPH | Medical Director, City Clinic and Section Director, HIV and STD; San Francisco Department of Public Health | stephanie.cohen@sfdph.org

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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