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**THROUGH:** Barbara A. Garcia, MPA, Director of Health *CME for*

**DATE:** January 15, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Ordinance to Establish a Procurement Process for an Integrated Electronic Health Record (EHR)

Attached please find an original and two copies of a proposed ordinance for Board of Supervisors approval, which would establish a procurement process for an integrated electronic health record. Specifically, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) is requesting that the competitive solicitation process requirement in Administrative Code Section 21.1 not apply to DPH 's contract for a modern, secure and fully integrated electronic health record.

Approval of the proposed ordinance will authorize the Director of Health to enter into negotiations with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), as the preferred contractor. Through a successful agreement, DPH will be extended the use of UCSF's Epic EHR system. Selecting UCSF as an EHR partner offers unique benefits. Those benefits include leveraging a pre-configured EHR system which offers a pre-existing familiarity by a shared physician and resident population, enabling providers to optimize the care they deliver to patients, contributing to improved patient satisfaction, safety and continuity of care.

By approving the proposed ordinance, The Board will recognize the urgency of procuring a modern, fully-integrated, and unified EHR to promote the health of the people of the City and County of San Francisco. With its current assortment of outmoded EHRs, DPH faces several time-sensitive risks including loss of vendor support for the primary EHR used at the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, loss of reimbursement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and ongoing obstacles to having actionable medical information available to clinicians in a timely manner. This ordinance offers DPH the opportunity to mitigate those risks while strengthening a 150 year partnership with a world-renowned medical institution that shares a common interest to serve the healthcare needs of Bay Area residents.