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MEMO

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This memo summarizes the current status of San Francisco's recently-enacted Ordinance No. 300-10, which provides for the creation of a Health Care Services Master Plan.

Summary

San Francisco Ordinance No. 300-10, which became effective January 2, 2011, requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Planning Department to create a Health Care Services Master Plan (HCSMP) for adoption by the Board of Supervisors, to identify the current and projected needs for health care services in San Francisco and to help guide land use decisions for health care-related projects. The Ordinance mandates the following two requirements: 1) development of the HCSMP; and 2) a Consistency Determination with the HCSMP for certain "Medical Use" land use projects that meet specified size thresholds, as defined by the Planning Code and specified in the Ordinance.

Required Elements

The Ordinance requires DPH and the Planning Department to prepare a HCSMP that includes the following components:

- Health System Trends Assessment
- Capacity Assessment
- Land Use Assessment
- Gap Assessment
- Historical Role Assessment
- Policy Recommendations to promote and equitable and efficient distribution of services

Development of the HCSMP

Given the health care focus of the HCSMP, DPH is leading the development of the HCSMP. The Planning Department is collaborating with DPH by participating in scoping some elements of the project, leading the land use assessment, and participating in the community process to develop the Plan. The Department will also lead the environmental review effort.

DPH has retained a consultant with expertise in health care systems and data analysis to assist with the research, data collection, analysis and public meetings that will be required to draft the assessments required as part of the HCSMP.

HCSMP Task Force & Public Process

DPH convened a 41-member HCSMP Task Force to guide the HCSMP's development. Members include broad representation among San Francisco stakeholders. The role of the Task Force is that of an advisory body whose membership will contribute their expertise to HCSMP development process

and will hold meetings in the community to solicit broader community participation into the final HCSMP. The Task Force will propose recommendations for DPH consideration focused on health care access and the needs of San Francisco's more vulnerable populations (e.g., low-income, uninsured, non-English speakers, etc.). The Planning Department is a member of the Task Force.

The HCSMP Task Force convened its first meeting in July 2011, and the first public meeting held in the community was held in September in Bernal Heights. The Task Force will meet in the community approximately three additional times over the next year to obtain community feedback on the draft assessments and to develop recommendations. In addition, the Task Force will have the opportunity to meet at City Hall four additional times to around specific themes related to access. All meetings will be open to the public. In addition DPH will conduct stakeholder interviews, focus groups and other forms of community participation.

Environmental Review

The Planning Department and DPH are in the process of preparing for the selection of an environmental review consultant. The Planning Department will ask for additional funding during the next budget process to support the retention of the consultant.

Timeline

Preparation of each of the five assessment components of the HCSMP is currently underway. It is anticipated that drafts of the assessments will be completed by January 2012. The HCSMP's recommendations will be developed through the community process, which will conclude in May 2012. A draft of the Plan for public review is expected by August 2012. Final consideration of the Master Plan by the Health Commission and the Planning Commission will be determined by the required environmental review but it is estimated to occur sometime in early 2013.

The effective date of the land use provisions of the ordinance is January 2, 2013 or upon adoption of the HCSMP by the Board of Supervisors, whichever is later. The HCSMP must be updated every three years or more frequently if necessary. These deadlines may be extended by the Board of Supervisors.

Next Steps

The Planning Department and DPH will schedule regular updates at the Planning and Health Commissions. The first scheduled update on the progress of the HCSMP to the Planning Commission will be in late fall. Additional materials can be found on DPH's website:

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/HCSMP/default.asp>