



City & County of San Francisco

# HEALTH SERVICE BOARD

1145 Market Street ♦ Suite 200 ♦ San Francisco, CA 94103

## Minutes

Special Meeting

### CLOSED SESSION

Thursday, December 10, 2009

2:00 P.M.

City Hall, Room 416  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, California 94103

Call to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll call      President Scott Heldfond  
Vice President Claire Zvanski  
Commissioner Karen Breslin  
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, excused  
Commissioner Sharon Johnson  
Commissioner Mitch Katz, M.D.  
Commissioner Sharon Ferrigno

Additional attendees: Catherine Dodd, PhD, RN, HSS Interim Director,  
Robin Courtney, HSS Chief Financial Officer and Sandy Lynch, United  
Healthcare Account Executive.

This meeting was called to order at 2:26 p.m.

12102009-01S    Action item      Vote on whether to hold closed session to hear  
Member's appeal of Health Service System decision,  
under Charter §12.200(5), (California Constitution  
Article I, Section 1; the Confidentiality of Medical  
Information Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§56 et seq; and the  
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act,  
42 U.S.C. §§1320d et seq.) (President Heldfond)

Staff recommendation: Hold closed session.

Public comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session: None.

Action: Motion was moved and seconded by the Board to hold a closed session to hear Member's appeal.

Motion passed 6-0.

Closed session pursuant to California Constitution Article I, Section 1; the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act, California Civil Code §§56 et seq; and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§1320d et seq.

□ 12102009-02S Action item

Member appeal, under Charter §12.200(5), regarding UHC's denial of coverage for medical procedure (Catherine Dodd)

Documents provided to Board prior to meeting:

1. Memorandum from HSS Interim Director;
2. Member's appeal request;
3. Letter from UHC to member dated August 11, 2009;
4. Letter from UHC to member dated August 26, 2009;
5. Letter from Northwestern Memorial Hospital to HSS dated November 6, 2009;
6. Previous correspondence from April 9, 2009 appeal hearing.

Action:

Reconvene in Open Session

12102009-03S Action item

Possible report on action taken in closed session (President Heldfond)

Public Comments: None.

Action: Motion was moved and seconded by the Board not to report on action taken in closed session.

- 12102009-04S Action item

Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussion held in Closed Session (President Heldfond)

Public Comments: None.

Action: Motion was moved and seconded by the Board not to disclose any of the discussion held in closed session.

Motion passed 6-0.

Adjourn: 2:46 p.m.

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