

County of Santa Clara
Health and Hospital Committee

Supervisor S. Joseph Simitian, Chairperson. Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Vice Chairperson.

By Virtual Teleconference Only



DATE: June 4, 2020, Special Meeting

TIME: 10:30 AM

PLACE: By Virtual Teleconference Only

MINUTES

Opening

1. Roll Call.

Chairperson Simitian called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. A quorum was present via teleconference, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 by the Governor of the State of California.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
S. Joseph Simitian	Chairperson	Remote	
Susan Ellenberg	Vice Chairperson	Remote	

Regular Agenda - Items for Discussion

2. Special hearing relating to the status and future development of contact tracing operations in Santa Clara County. (ID# 101613)

- a. Panel discussion relating to the scientific, medical, and epidemiological aspects of contact tracing including best practices for implementing widespread contact tracing; how contact tracing results interact with testing capabilities; the state of current technological efforts to supplement traditional contact tracing methodologies; and, specific answers for why contact tracing is being pursued, the value of contact tracing, and how contact tracing can control the spread of disease.

Scheduled panelists:

- George Rutherford, M.D., Director of the Prevention and Public Health Group and Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UC San Francisco School of Medicine
- Lorene Nelson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health, Stanford University School of Medicine

- b. Panel discussion relating to operational aspects of contact tracing, including a workplan for implementing widespread tracing within Santa Clara County, any practical or logistical challenges that may exist, and how a fully established tracing regime would look.

Scheduled panelists:

- Evelyn Ho, Health Program Specialist, Public Health Department
- Douglas Press, Assistant County Counsel
- Sarah Rudman, M.D., MPH, Assistant Public Health Officer, Public Health Department

Dr. Rutherford provided information relating to the history, methods, training, accessibility, feasibility, and privacy concerns regarding the development of contact tracing operations in response to COVID-19.

Ms. Nelson provided information relating to benefits, challenges, and privacy concerns regarding the use of contact tracing technologies in response to COVID-19.

Dr. Rudman provided information relating to data sharing protocols, operational processes, and needs assessments regarding contact tracing and case investigation.

Ms. Ho provided information relating to contact tracing procedures and plans regarding the expansion of contact tracing infrastructure in the County.

Peter Dale, Chief Program Officer, Heluna Health, provided information relating to the background, mission, and organizational efforts regarding COVID-19 contact tracing.

Mr. Press provided information relating to legal aspects of COVID-19 contact tracing.

Chairperson Simitian and Vice Chairperson Ellenberg requested that Administration provide an off-agenda report to the Committee on date uncertain relating to partnerships to fund and support ongoing services to address food insecurity, childcare, and elder care services, including plans for alternative options after July 1, 2020 to support individuals in isolation and quarantine to reduce overall COVID-19 transmission within the County.

Vice Chairperson Ellenberg further requested that Administration report to the Committee on June 26, 2020 relating to addition of information to the Public Health Department COVID-19 indicators and data tracking website regarding the status and progress of the development of contact tracing operations, and an analysis of the demographics of the contact tracing workforce, including city of residence and the languages spoken.

3. Public Comment. (ID# 101660)

No public comment was received.

Adjourn

- 4. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.**

Chairperson Simitian adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Soriano

Deputy Clerk