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It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Dr. Claire Horton as the San Francisco Health Network's Chief Medical Officer. As the senior physician in the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN), Dr. Horton will be responsible for providing effective clinical leadership, vision, direction and expertise in the oversight and operations of the SFHN with a focus on clinical integration; access, quality and cost of care; patient satisfaction and retention; and strategic initiatives and programs for enhancing clinical effectiveness.

Many of you know Dr. Horton, has been at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) since 2008 as faculty in the UCSF Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine. Over the past 12 years, she has served first as Associate Medical Director, and then as Medical Director, of the Richard Fine People's Clinic; since 2018 she has served in the elected position of Chief of Staff for ZSFG. She has a primary care practice at the Richard Fine People's Clinic and attends on the inpatient service at ZSFG. She is a dedicated educator within UCSF, serving as founder and co-director of the SF primary care residency's Health Systems and Change Management curriculum, a coach for the UCSF Center for Health Profession's Institute for Physician Leadership, and an active member of the UCSF Academy of Medical Educators.

Prior to San Francisco General Hospital, Dr. Horton served as a primary care internist at La Clínica de la Raza, a community health center network in the East Bay, as well as La Clínica's first Medical Director for Quality.

Dr. Horton is a graduate of Duke University, Duke University Medical School, and the maternal and child health program of the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill School of Public Health. Her training includes a primary care internal medicine residency at UCSF and the California HealthCare Foundation Leadership Fellowship. Her interests include health systems improvement, systems-based medical education, social justice and the social determinants of health, women's health, and the health of immigrant communities.

Dr. Horton will formally assume the role July 1, 2020. In this role she will report directly to me as the Director of the SFHN. In advance of her July 1 start date, Dr. Horton will begin working on SFHN priority initiatives in support our Covid-19 activation response.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Horton to her new leadership role within our organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roland Pickens".

Roland Pickens, MHA, FACHE  
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