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SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH PLAN'S CEO APPOINTED TO STATE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – Yolanda R. Richardson, Chief Executive Officer of San Francisco Health Plan (SFHP), has been appointed to the statewide Health Care Affordability Advisory Committee. The advisory committee will provide input on a variety of topics to the state's Health Care Affordability Board and Office of Health Care Affordability, including statewide health care spending targets for areas such as behavioral health, goals for adopting alternative payment models, and standards to help stabilize California's health care workforce. Richardson's two-year term on the committee begins today.

"I am honored to represent local health plans across the state as we work to make quality care affordable, accessible, and more importantly, equitable to all California residents," said Richardson. "I believe that through collaboration on this inaugural committee, we can help facilitate meaningful change that helps address the health disparities in communities across our state."

Prior to joining SFHP, Richardson served as secretary of the California Government Operations Agency, appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom. In this role, she was appointed as the state's vaccine czar, and was instrumental in helping California lead the way for the rest of the nation with a robust response to the COVID-19 pandemic, helping transition the state workforce to

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telework and the procurement of personal protective equipment and testing supplies. Before joining the agency, she was one of the founding executives of Covered California.

"Yolanda's exceptional achievements and diverse experience as a leader is invaluable to the board as we work to shape the future of health care in California," said Linnea Koopmans, Chief Executive Officer of Local Health Plans of California, the organization that nominated Richardson to the committee. "We value her insight and believe she will do an excellent job representing local health plans as she begins her term on the advisory committee."

The Health Care Affordability Advisory Committee's first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21. Richardson's term runs through June 30, 2025.

About San Francisco Health Plan

Established in 1994 by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Health Plan (SFHP) is an award-winning, not-for-profit, managed care health plan committed to improving the health outcomes of San Francisco's diverse communities through successful partnerships. SFHP members have access to a full spectrum of medical services including preventative care, specialty care, hospitalization, prescription drugs, and family planning services through the Medi-Cal and Health Workers HMO programs. To learn more, visit www.sfhp.org.

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