



City and County of San Francisco
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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

March 19, 2013

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

National Association of County and City Health Officials Awards SFDPH "Model Practice" Designation

On March 13, 2013, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) awarded the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) the designation of "Model Practice" for its successful local health department/nonprofit hospital partnership, key in completing recent and past community health improvement processes.

Per NACCHO, the selection of the SFDPH/nonprofit partnership as a Model Practice "demonstrates exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a local public health need." To ensure information sharing and nationwide learning from San Francisco's collaboration, SFDPH's Model Practices application will be posted to [NACCHO's Model Practices Database](#) in the coming months. In addition, a team from DPH will present the Model Practice at the [NACCHO's 2013 Annual Conference](#), which will take place in Dallas, TX, July 10-12, 2013. To learn more about San Francisco's recently-completed community health improvement process and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), go to [SFDPH website](#).

Update on Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI)

Bridge HIV was well-represented at the 20th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) March 3-6 in Atlanta, GA. The opening workshop focused on engaging new investigators and trainees in the HIV research topics discussed at the conference. Susan Buchbinder, MD, who is also on the organizing committee, provided an overview of the major HIV prevention questions for 2013. These include understanding and addressing disparities, designing and testing interventions for the largest impact that are scalable, and integration of clinical trial and modeling of where the epidemic is heading.

Hyman Scott, MD, also presented an analysis of four large cohort studies of sexual risk and HIV infection which found age and racial disparities among men who have sex with men (MSM) in the US. This analysis calculated the chance of becoming HIV-infected per sexual act and found that the risk was higher for younger MSM and some MSM of color. Another important highlight from the conference was the news of a child being functionally cured of HIV (no detectable levels of HIV and no signs of disease in the absence of antiretroviral therapy) after receiving antiretroviral for 10 months after birth. All of these presentations are available for viewing on the CROI 2013 conference website (<http://retroconference.org/>).

I think the Commissioners will agree that our HIV/AIDS research staff continue to be among the best in the world and remain a constant source of pride as well as a sober reminder that there is still much to be done and more research to continue until we have found a cure for this dreadful disease.

Patient Safety Awareness Week

Congratulations to Thomas Holton, *Patient Safety Officer*, SFGH and Janet Kosewic, *Associate Patient Safety Officer*, SFGH, whose articles were accepted for publication by the National Association of Public Hospitals. Mr. Holton's article discussed the hospital's efforts to reduce hospital-acquired pressure ulcers and falls with harm. The article tells a compelling story about how they were able to create easy, low-tech clinical outcome dashboard data walls and the enthusiastic response it garnered from staff. The article is a quick and lively read and available at

<http://www.naph.org/Main-Menu-Category/Newsroom/Safety-Net-Matters-Blog/How-participating-in-the-NSN-has-raised-awareness-about-patient-safety-issues-in-our-hospital.aspx>

Ms. Kosewic is leading SFGH's effort to reduce patient falls with injuries by 40% by the end of December 2013. With the introduction of fall communications diagrams, staff began sharing stories of patient's falls which ultimately lead to identifying gaps in the current fall reduction process. Read more about how storytelling brought the team together and strengthened their resolve to work to reduce falls.

<http://www.naph.org/Main-Menu-Category/Newsroom/Safety-Net-Matters-Blog/Sharing-patient-fall-stories-at-San-Francisco-General-Hospital-and-Trauma-Center.aspx>

***We Can Chinese Families* Workshop Series to Begin**

Chinatown Public Health Center will be launching the *We Can Chinese Families* Workshop series on March 23, April 13 and April 20, at 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Chinatown YMCA. This bilingual nutrition and physical activity program focuses on obesity prevention in the Chinese community, using the traditional Chinese family concept to involve the whole family to learn and adopt a healthy eating and active living lifestyle together. A youth, children and parent session will be conducted concurrently. The *We Can!*[®] Afterschool Program launched at five elementary schools on March 18th to help children ages 8-13 to maintain a healthy weight. The program runs for six weeks.

Tools for Change Conference: A Conference to Help with Reducing Stigma and Discrimination of Mental Illness

The inaugural 2013 *Tools For Change: Freeing Our Communities from the Stigma of Mental Illness*, is a conference scheduled for March 21-22 at the Westin Hotel in Millbrae organized by the Center for Dignity, Recovery & Stigma Elimination, a project of the Mental Health Association of San Francisco in partnership with the California Mental Health Services Authority. The aim of the conference is to help communities find long term ways to reduce the stigma and discrimination of mental illness. For information, visit the conference link at <http://www.mentalhealthsf.org/stigma-conference/>.

Sequestration to Affect Social Security Applicants and Disability Claims

On March 7th, the Acting Commissioner for the Social Security Administration, informed us that

due to sequestration, clients will begin seeing delays in Social Security's ability to respond to requests and claims. In a letter to agencies, Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin, informed us that, " As a result of sequestration, visitors in our field offices will wait significantly longer, and callers to our 800-number will wait almost 10 minutes for us to answer. We also estimate that pending levels of initial disability claims will rise by over 140,000, and, on average, applicants will have to wait about two weeks longer for a decision on an initial disability claim and nearly a month longer for a disability hearing decision. At this time, we are taking every step to mitigate the effects of these cuts on our service delivery to the American public. We will try to prioritize our reductions to avoid furloughs that would further harm services and program integrity efforts; however, the possibility of furloughs remains uncertain at this time."

This information has been disseminated throughout the Department and to our partner agencies so they can keep our clients informed of these delays in response.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

March 2013
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
(2/11/13 BUSINESS-MEC)

	3/2013	07/2012 to 06/2013
New Appointments	8	143
Reinstatements	0	1
Reappointments	31	385
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	13	136
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Administrative Suspension	0	1
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	1
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	7	107
Additions	10	118
Proctorship Completed	29	213

Current Statistics – as of 2/4/2013		
Active Staff	528	
Courtesy Staff	518	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	243	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,289	

Applications in Process	30
Applications Withdrawn Month of March 2013	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 4/2013 to 6/2013	153

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

March 2013

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(March 14, 2013 Medical Exec Committee)

	March	(FY 2012-2013) Month-to-Date
New Appointments	0	5
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	3	29
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	0	11
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	1	14
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 3/1/2013

Active Medical Staff	35
As-Needed Medical Staff	12
External Consultant Medical Staff	47
Affiliated Professionals	6
TOTAL MEMBERS	100

Applications in Process	1
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