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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

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

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New Director of Human Resources

Please join me in welcoming Ron Weigelt as the new Director of Human Resources. Ron comes to us from Seattle King County Public Health Department where he served as the Director of Human Resources for the past 10 years. Ron brings many essential skills, innovations and experiences to his new position. As a positive change agent, he participated as a subject matter expert in Seattle King County's transition to PeopleSoft in 2012, and introduced new processes for human resources that improved customer service and was equally popular among staff. A certified Senior Human Resources Professional since 2003, he also has extensive experience as a labor negotiator. We look forward to having Ron help us as we move toward integration, certification and the many exciting challenges that lay ahead for our department.

As Ron settles into his new position, I also want to thank Michael Brown for his great work and his willingness to assume the duties of the position while it remained unfilled over the past six months.

Restaurant Worker Diagnosed with Typhoid Fever

On Friday, May 3, Communicable Disease Control issued a health advisory and a media alert that a restaurant handler who worked at the Nordstrom Café in Stonestown Galleria was diagnosed with typhoid fever. We believe the infectious disease was acquired by the individual during a trip outside of the United States. In addition to informing the clinical community and the media, the Department also worked closely with Nordstrom to ensure the health and safety of their staff and the public. I am pleased with the coordination of this incident both within the Department and also with the many outside agencies and individuals that required notification and follow up. A copy of the press release is posted on the Department's website.

Avian Influenza A: H7N9 Health Advisory Updated

On May 1, based on updated guidance from CDC and CDPH, SFDPH Disease Prevention & Control updated its Influenza A:H7N9 Health Advisory for San Francisco Clinicians regarding treatment, infection control, case definition and laboratory testing. The Health Alerts/Advisories page is at <http://www.sfdcp.org/healthalerts.html>. Cases continue to be reported in multiple

The Whistleblower Program, operated by the Controller's Office, receives complaints regarding the misuse of City funds, improper activities by City officers and employees, deficiencies in the quality and delivery of government services, and wasteful and inefficient City government practices. There are a number of ways to file a complaint. Go to www.sfcontroller.org and click on the Frequently Requested tab to access the Whistleblower complaint instructions in the drop down menu.

provinces in China and one human case was detected in a person from Taiwan who had traveled to China. There is currently no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission and no cases have been reported in the USA. This is an evolving situation which we are closely monitoring, and will provide additional updates to clinicians and the public periodically as information changes. A document containing FAQ for the public about Avian Influenza A:H7N9 was developed jointly by the Community Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Control and Public Health Emergency and Preparedness Branches. It is currently available in English at <http://www.sfdcp.org> and will shortly be available in Spanish and Chinese. It has been a busy couple of weeks for communicable disease control

MHSA Innovations: 12N Project Begins Rolling Out

Chapter 12N of the San Francisco Administrative Code requires all City departments to provide lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender sensitivity and anti-stigma training to all staff who have direct contact with youth, or whose work directly affects youth. The 12N ordinance specifies that the training must include issues faced by: LGBT youth with disabilities, LGBT youth with mental health issues, LGBT youth with HIV, Immigrant LGBT youth, LGBT youth of color, sexually abused LGBT youth, runaway and homeless LGBT, and LGBT youth from non-accepting households. The 12N work committee worked diligently to develop a youth-inspired training video on LGBTQ sensitivity issues, supporting documents, and pre/post evaluation. The City and County of San Francisco is committed to its LGBTQ youth community, and mandates that the City's service providers engage youth in a manner that fosters respect and dignity, self empowerment, a safe space, cultural sensitivity and competency, compassion, acceptance, and tolerance.

All SF City and County employees who provide direct services to youth or whose work affects youth will be required to watch this video on a yearly basis. Additionally, agencies receiving \$50,000 or more from the city must also comply with training of their staff.

The 12N Planning Committee selected Bayview Hunters Point Center for Arts and Technology (BAYCAT) to develop a youth inspired video product. Nearly a dozen LGBTQ youth who were recruited by BAYCAT and 12N worked on various aspects of production. Early versions of the training video were seen and evaluated by the 12N Planning Committee and the CBHS executive team, followed by four pilot sessions with civil service employees from all levels of administration, clinical, and support staff.

The video has begun rolling out in a series of workshop-oriented screenings. The next screenings are scheduled for Friday, May 24th and Friday, June 21st, 1-3 p.m. at 25 Van Ness, Room 610. If the Commissioners would like to attend any of the upcoming workshops, please contact Norman.Aleman@sfdph.org, or 255-3553, in the office of Health Equity, Cultural Competency and Workforce Development.

2013 National Transgender Health Summit, May 17-18th in Oakland



The Center of Excellence for Transgender Health and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health invite

health care providers, health and human service professionals, mental health professionals, health administrators, researchers, students and advocates to attend the [2013 National Transgender Health Summit](http://transhealth.ucsf.edu/summit) on May 17-18th in Oakland, CA. Programming includes plenary sessions by world-renowned experts in the field of transgender health care, training tracks for medical and mental health care providers interested in building their skills for working with transgender patients and clients, a research track for the dissemination of cutting edge developments in the field of transgender health, and a transgender health policy institute. Full program information is available online at <http://transhealth.ucsf.edu/summit>. CME and CEU course credit is available.

DPH Awarded Four University Community Partnership Grants

We have been informed by the University of California that the University Community Partnerships (UCP) Council has awarded UCP Partnership Grants to four Department of Public Health programs. The awardees represent a broad range of partnership projects that serve diverse communities throughout San Francisco, involve most schools at UCSF, and include a mix of students/learners, faculty and staff members. Congratulations to all of the programs who will be recipients of these \$2500 grants.

1. *Painting Healthier Smiles*, Child Care Health Project and Child Health & Disability Prevention Program
2. *Cribs for Kids*, Maternal Child Adolescent Health, Public Health Nursing
3. *Healthy Transitions for Older Adults Pilot Project*, Jail Health Services
4. *Patient Voices in Wellness Promotion*, San Francisco General Hospital's Community Wellness Program

More information on the grants program is available at <http://partnerships.ucsf.edu/partnership-grants>.

Whistleblower Program

This is a reminder that the City's Controller's Office operates a Whistleblower Program, open to all members of the public as well as any City employee. The Whistleblower Program is an important option in that it allows anyone, whether anonymously or self-identified, to report suspected cases of abuse, waste, fraud or other activities that may be unethical or illegal. Details about how to contact the program appear in the footer of all Director Reports and I have directed staff to make it a permanent link on the DPHnet *Fast Facts* page. The Department fully supports the Whistleblower Program and staff who use it to report issues they want to bring to the attention of the Controller's Office.

SFGH to Screen *The Waiting Room* Documentary

The acclaimed documentary *The Waiting Room*, which follows the stories of several patients and providers in the emergency room at Oakland's Highland Hospital, will be screened at SFGH on May 15, at 5 p.m., in Carr Auditorum. The event is sponsored by the hospital's Community Wellness Program. The film will be shown again on June 1 at the Bayview Opera House, followed by a panel discussion featuring Supervisor Malia Cohen and SFGH trauma surgeon Dr. Andre Campbell. We invite the Commissioners, staff and members of the public to attend one of

the special screening events. We appreciate the efforts on behalf of the Community Wellness Program to make this documentary available to us.

SHARP Interns Arrive

The Center for Learning and Innovation (CLI) within the Population Health Division, has accepted six undergraduate scholars into the Summer HIV/AIDS Research Program (SHARP), an internship program designed to encourage underrepresented students to pursue careers in HIV-related research. On behalf of the entire Department, we welcome Ali Zahir, Aminta Kouyate, Erikan Obotetukudo, Lexi Adsit, Nathan Kim, and Nneka Okeke. The program runs from June 3rd through August 23rd. Please save the date for the SHARP Symposium on Friday, August 16th, noon - 3:30 p.m., where the scholars will present on their research projects. For more information about SHARP, go to www.sharpinternship.org.