San Francisco Department of Public Health



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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of, Aug 18, 2015

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

First cohort of Year-Up interns

On Monday, August 3rd, DPH Human Resources provided an orientation to the first cohort of Year-Up interns. Year-Up is a national program which provides a pipeline of talent to more than 250 corporate and organizational partners nationally by matching their entry-level needs with young adults from urban communities who are motivated, loyal, and trained. The program is geared towards 18 to 24 year olds who are high school grads or students with their GEDs. It provides these students with technical and professional skills, internships and college credits.

This first cohort consists of nine interns who will be working with a number of Information Technology managers throughout the department in areas such as field services, project management and help desk functions. Prior to this orientation, the interns attended a week long training on ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library). Their internship will last until early next year.

Integrated Surveillance Report for Communicable Disease

Applied Research, Community Health, Epidemiology & Surveillance (known as "ARCHES") is pleased to have published the first ever SFDPH Integrated Surveillance Report for Communicable Diseases. It can be found online at https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/reports/default.asp. ARCHES staff coordinate the collection, management, analysis and interpretation of data related to health and morbidity in San Francisco. In this report, we highlight demographic disease trends for HIV, tuberculosis, hepatitis B and C, STDs, and communicable diseases in San Francisco. We hope that this Integrated Surveillance Report will provide a useful snapshot across the disease programs in the Population Health Division. We look forward to producing future reports that will continue to expand the level of detail and cross-cutting analyses that are useful to our community and public health partners.

International Overdose Awareness Day: August 31, 2015

Heroin overdose fatalities in San Francisco have declined substantially since 2000, from over 120 annually to approximately 10 deaths annually from 2010-2012. This change occurred in the context of SFDPH and community partners institutionalizing drug treatment on demand and making the opioid reversal agent naloxone, also known as "Narcan," available to drug users as an overdose antidote. The Community Health, Equity and Promotion (or CHEP) Branch, in collaboration with Behavioral Health Services, funds the Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Project (DOPE Project), a program of the Harm Reduction Coalition, to distribute naloxone to opioid users in San Francisco and the community-based organizations that serve them.

The DOPE distributes naloxone primarily to drug users, as they are the most likely witnesses to overdoses and in the best position to act rapidly to reverse them. They distribute an average of 200 kits a month, and receive anywhere from 30-50 overdose reversal reports each month. In 2014, they received a total of 365 overdose reversal reports primarily from drug users in San Francisco. Since the program began distributing naloxone in 2003, they have trained over 6,000 people and have received over 1,800 overdose reversal reports.

SFDPH has collaborated with the DOPE Project on several successful overdose prevention efforts including partnering with the San Francisco Police Department to provide overdose trainings and naloxone, co-prescribing naloxone in safety clinics, providing naloxone to methadone and buprenorphine recipients, and to people who are discharged from SFGH after an overdose event.

In the past 6 to 8 weeks, syringe access program staff has observed a drastic increase in reversal reports, connected to the use of what has been confirmed to be the synthetic opioid analgesic, Fentanyl. Sites that distribute naloxone are receiving multiple reports of overdoses that have been reversed with naloxone, sometimes several per day. It is important to note that despite the dramatic increase in overdose reversals, a corresponding spike in overdose-related mortality has **not** been observed in San Francisco. This is a strong indication that SF's overdose prevention efforts are working effectively. It is also a testament to the expertise and talent of our community agency partners and the users who are most often the ones who administer the naloxone.

Each year, the DOPE Project, along with community partners, organizes an event for International Overdose Awareness Day, August 31st. This year it will be held on Sunday, August 30th at the UN Plaza/Civic Center from 5:30-7:30pm. People will be gathering to celebrate the lives saved by drug users and their friends and community. They will offer naloxone trainings, food, live music, an opportunity for those affected by overdose to tell their stories, and will erect an altar to memorialize those we have lost to drug overdose.

Sugar Sweetened Beverage Ordinance Implementation at Laguna Honda

The new city-wide ordinance regulating caloric sugar sweetened beverages, passed by the Board of Supervisors, will go into effect on September 1, 2015. Laguna Honda is working towards implementing this regulation hospital-wide. A short Q&A has been prepared to address general questions about the regulation and changes that will affect the beverage offerings on campus. A nutrition fair was held on Wednesday, July 29, near the Cafeteria where Registered Dietitians

made themselves available for information about the ordinance going into effect and to provide handouts about the ordinance and the associated health benefits of unsweetened beverages. More nutrition fairs will be held during the month of August.		

COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER

JULY 2015

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary (7/16/15 BUSINESS-MEC)

	7/2015	07/2015 to 06/2016
New Appointments Reinstatements	35	35
Reappointments Delinquencies: Reappointment Denials:	51	51
Resigned/Retired: Disciplinary Actions Administrative Suspension	28	28
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges Voluntary Relinquishments Additions Proctorship Completed	12 15 20	12 15 20

Current Statistics – as of 7/1/15		
Active Staff	522	
Courtesy Staff	493	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	269	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1284	

Applications in Process	104
Applications Withdrawn Month of JULY 2015	2
SFGH Reappointments in Process 8/2015 to 10/2015	190

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

AUGUST 2015

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(August 6, 2015 Medical Exec Committee)

	August	(FY 2015-2016) Year-to-Date
New Appointments Reinstatements	6 0	8
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Reappointments	4	9
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	5	5
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	2	3
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 7/31/2015		
Active Medical Staff	36	
As-Needed Medical Staff	13	
External Consultant Medical Staff	43	
Courtesy Medical Staff	1	
Affiliated Professionals	9	
TOTAL MEMBERS	102	

Applications in Process	5	
Applications Withdrawn this month	0	