



## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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### **Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of February 5, 2019**

*A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco*  
<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

#### **Mayor London Breed delivers State of the City address and announces Director of Health**

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Mayor London N. Breed delivered her first State of the City Address as Mayor, calling on San Francisco to rise to the challenges facing the City. In her speech, Mayor Breed announced a ballot measure to streamline the creation of new affordable and teacher housing, called for the City to create 4,000 new placements for unhoused residents, and named a new Director for the Department of Public Health.

Mayor Breed announced she will pursue a charter amendment that would streamline all affordable and teacher housing projects by making their approval as-of-right, which will pair with her support for an upcoming \$300 million bond to fund the creation of affordable housing. The charter amendment, which she proposed for the November 2019 election, would allow 100% affordable and teacher housing proposals that comply with existing zoning laws to bypass the usual bureaucratic and appeals process that can result in long and costly delays.

Mayor Breed also announced that she has chosen Dr. Grant Colfax to serve as the new Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH). Dr. Colfax is a national leader on HIV Prevention and was trained at UCSF. He currently serves as Director of Marin County Health and Human Services. He previously worked at DPH as Director of HIV Prevention and Research before leaving to join the Obama White House as the Director of National AIDS Policy.

Mayor Breed stated that addressing behavioral health issues in San Francisco continues to be a priority for her. She called for the Board of Supervisors to pass conservatorship legislation that she is authoring with Supervisor Rafael Mandelman to help people suffering from severe mental health and addiction issues on the streets. She committed to opening 100 new mental health stabilization beds in addition to the 50 that have already opened during her time as Mayor, and announced that she is creating the position of Director of Mental Health Reform, who will be tasked with revamping and overseeing the City's entire approach to mental health.



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Additionally, Mayor Breed stated her support for an upcoming measure with Supervisor Aaron Peskin to charge ride-hail companies to help relieve congestion on the streets of San Francisco. She re-iterated her support for advancing street safety and Vision Zero projects, including building protected bike lanes on the City's high-injury corridors.

### **Senator Wiener Introduces Complete Streets Bill to Ensure State Highways that Run Through Local Communities Are Safe and Usable by Transit Riders, Pedestrians, and Cyclists**

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Senator Scott Wiener joined a coalition of transportation and health advocates to announce the introduction of Senate Bill 127 (SB 127) at Zuckerberg San Francisco General, which will prioritize the creation of 'complete streets,' including safer and better designed sidewalks, bikeways, and crosswalks, on state highways that run through cities, towns, and neighborhoods. SB 127 sets new policies to help Caltrans implement the agency's already adopted Strategic Management Plan goals to ensure that state highways that are actually surface streets - e.g., 19th Avenue and Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco - are safer and more accessible for everyone, including children, seniors, families, and people with disabilities, and to accommodate all transportation modes, including walking, biking, and public transit.

SB 127 is sponsored by the California Bicycle Coalition, the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, California Walks, and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

### **Behavioral Health Services Awarded Funds to Administer School-Based Prevention Project**

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) approved a new Mental Health Services Act Innovation project for the City and County of San Francisco. The project is entitled the *Fuerte*. *Fuerte* is a unique intervention culturally tailored to address the needs of newly immigrated Latinx youth, ages 12 to 18. It consists of a school-based group prevention program which uses a sociocultural, ecological lens and an evidence-based Attachment Regulation and Competency (ARC) framework. This project is a unique collaboration between San Francisco Unified School District, Behavioral Health Services, and University of California, San Francisco.

Funding would provide for a robust evaluation for the program, allowing it be successfully adapted to other populations. Parent-caregiver education and peer-based support would be provided as part of this program. The project was approved by the MHSOAC in an amount of \$1.5 million for a period of five years.



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### **Health Department Employee Engagement Survey**

In addition to providing the highest quality of care for patients and our communities, the Health Department (DPH) is also committed to providing a positive workplace for our staff and providers. Understanding the values, feedback, and thoughts of our workforce is vital to our commitment and success to making DPH a better place to work. The employee engagement survey is an important step in understanding where and how we can continue to develop our organization as a great place to work. The department-wide survey will be administered from February 11<sup>th</sup> through March, highlighting employee engagement and safety.

### **Asian Citrus Psyllid detected in San Francisco**

Due to a recent detection of an Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), the entire zone of San Francisco County has been placed under a plant pest quarantine by state agricultural officials as of January 17<sup>th</sup>. San Francisco Department of Public Health's Agriculture Program is working closely with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) on a survey and treatment program. This plant pest quarantine is a regulatory program designed to limit the artificial movement of ACP host plants, thereby isolating the insect and prohibiting the spread of the pest.

Agricultural officials have placed insect detection traps throughout the area where the insect was detected to determine if it is a single insect or one of a larger breeding population. The traps assist with establishing the distribution of the pest. The officials plan to treat citrus host plants within 50 meters of the site where the insect was trapped. State and local agricultural officials will contact residents within the treatment area in advance and plan a community outreach meeting in the district.

The ACP is an insect that causes harm to all citrus plants – including oranges, mandarins, lemons, kumquats, pomelos, and limes, and related plants, such as curry leaf trees. The insect can carry the bacteria that causes the disease Huanglongbing (HLB) and can transmit the disease to host plants. While this plant disease is not harmful to humans, there is no cure once a tree becomes infected with HLB. The ACP quarantine prohibits the movement of citrus and curry leaf tree nursery stock, including all plant parts except fruit, out of the quarantine area and requires that all citrus fruit be cleaned of leaves and stems prior to moving out of the quarantine area. Residents with backyard citrus trees in San Francisco are asked not to transport or send citrus fruit or leaves, potted citrus trees, or curry leaves from the quarantine area. Retail nurseries will be required to only sell citrus nursery stock that has been treated for ACP and tagged with a blue quarantine tree tag. Citrus fruit may only be sold at farmer's markets, flea markets, and swap meets if they are free from all stems and leaves prior to the fruit arriving at the market.



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### CBHS Pharmacy's first kaizen workshop

Throughout the week December 3-7, 2018, Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) Pharmacy participated in a one-week rapid improvement kaizen event focused on sorting, setting in order, shining, standardizing, and sustaining improvements to the pharmacy workspace. This is the first kaizen workshop tied to the October 2018 CBHS Pharmacy Value Stream Mapping of the pharmacy's buprenorphine services. CBHS Pharmacy provides low-barrier buprenorphine treatment amongst high risk persons marginally housed or experiencing homelessness in collaboration with prescribers from the Street Medicine Team, Tom Waddell, Ward 86 & 93, and others. This improvement work is in direct alignment with the SFDPH's strategic initiative on Homelessness and Street Conditions along with a breadth of important activities across the department in this area.

Key improvements from CBHS Pharmacy's December kaizen include:

- 70% movement reduction for CBHS pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in daily work.
- Collocation of pharmacist and technician staff providing buprenorphine services together.
- Standard work developed for 5-minute daily checks for the 5 workspace zones identified.
- Improved environment, health, and safety scores for all 5 pharmacy workspace zones.

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<http://www.sfexaminer.com/state-city-breed-vows-house-4000-homeless-four-years/>

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**ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL  
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**January 2019**  
**Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary**  
**(1/17/19 MEC)**

	<b>1/2019</b>	<b>07/2018 to 07/2019</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>150</b>
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>301</b>
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	<b>7</b>	<b>83</b>
Additions	<b>9</b>	<b>84</b>
Proctorship Completed	<b>16</b>	<b>168</b>

<b>Current Statistics – as of 8/1/18</b>		
Active Staff	<b>554</b>	
Courtesy Staff	<b>548</b>	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	<b>274</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,376</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>		<b>27</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of January 2019</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 02/01/2018 to 04/30/2019</b>		<b>145</b>



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**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

**January 2019**  
**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**  
*(1/3/19 MEC)*

	<b>January</b>	<b>(FY 2018-2019) Year-to-Date</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
Reinstatements	0	0
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	2
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 07/31/2018</b>	
Active Medical Staff	33
As-Needed Medical Staff	15
External Consultant Medical Staff	45
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Health Practitioners	14
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>109</b>

Applications in Process	1
Applications Withdrawn this month	0