



# San Francisco Department of Public Health

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## Director’s Report for Health Commission Meeting of

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### **The Public Health Week Edition**

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

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## **Public Health Week, April 1-7, 2013**

In 1995, former President Clinton proclaimed the first full week of April as National Public Health Week (NPHW). Each year since then, the public health community has celebrated this observance by focusing on an issue that is important to improving the public's health. The theme of this year’s National Public Health Week, “Public Health is Return on Investment: Save Lives, Save Money” focuses on ways evidence-based public health programs will result in healthier communities and reduced cost in treating diseases. Each day has a different theme.

<b>Monday, April 1</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 2</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	<b>Thursday, April 4</b>	<b>Friday, April 5</b>
Ensuring a Safe, Healthy Home for Your Family	Providing a Safe Environment for Children at School	Creating a Healthy Workplace	Protecting You While You're on the Move	Empowering a Healthy Community

The Department is leading San Francisco in joining the movement through various initiatives which focus on prevention and wellness. The attachment lists the range of prevention and wellness activities and programs from a number of sections throughout the Department.

### **New Prevention Integration Practice and Science Leadership Group**

Building on the concept of “Return on Investment: Saving Moneys, Saving Lives” theme of Public Health Week 2013, the Population Health Division is pleased to announce the launch of a new Prevention Integration Practice and Science (PIPS) Leadership Group to strengthen the science of prevention practice and recognize the impact of prevention.

Opportunities for the PIPS Leadership Group include: mapping collaborative prevention efforts across the Department; identifying how prevention can support health systems; and linking the science of prevention to support and disseminate information on innovative and evidence based approaches.

PIPS Leadership Group membership will be open to all staff from across DPH who are interested in strengthening existing or engaging in prevention efforts. This is an exciting time for

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prevention efforts. To join, learn more or share thoughts about this Leadership Group, contact Gary Najarian at [gary.najarian@sfdph.org](mailto:gary.najarian@sfdph.org) or Patricia Erwin at [patricia.erwin@sfdph.org](mailto:patricia.erwin@sfdph.org).

### **Shape Up with the Annual Walking Challenge: April 1 - June 7**

Perhaps as part of your own observance of Public Health Week, the Commissioners may wish to consider participating in the Shape Up Walking Challenge. It's not too late to sign up. All San Francisco Commissioners, residents and workers, are welcome to join us as we walk the coastline of California (1016 miles). Whether you choose to walk, bike, run, swim, skate, skip, or square dance for exercise, it all counts. As of March 27<sup>th</sup>, 90 teams with over 950 participants are ready to compete for the most miles. Visit <http://shapeupsfwalkingchallenge.org> for more information and to register.

### **Tier 1 Grants for Direct Access to Housing Program**

On March 13<sup>th</sup> the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department announced the award of \$1.5 billion in grants to fund the operation of 7,000 state and local homeless, housing, and service programs across the country. These grants are referred to as Tier 1, or high priority grants. San Francisco received \$19,624,008 in Tier 1 grants which will support 50 existing housing and services programs, including two Supportive Housing Program grants for the Housing and Urban Health Section Direct Access to Housing program.

Through a competitively-ranked application process, the Empress and Folsom Dore program received \$690,265 and the Chronic Alcoholics program received \$823,058. The Empress Hotel and Folsom Dore Apartment program provides 88 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless adults with on-site supportive services. The Chronic Alcoholics program provides 62 units of permanent supportive housing for chronic inebriates coupled with intensive case management services provided by SFFIRST. Both programs target clients who have the longest histories of homelessness and also have a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness or chronic physical illness or disability. These unique programs have proven their success over the last few years by providing stable housing to this difficult to serve population and improving their health outcomes. I am sure Commissioners join me in congratulating all of the other City Departments and our own DPH staff for securing the grants to keep these programs operating at optimum capacity.

### **Laguna Honda Gift Fund Accepts Major Gift from Knight Trust**

I am pleased to report that the Laguna Honda Gift Fund is the recipient of a \$500,000 gift from the trust of the late Dolorous Knight. Mrs. Knight, a resident of San Francisco's Excelsior District, died in 2012 at the age of 98. She was a longtime supporter of community projects and public works. The Gift Fund will use the money to support the quality of life and independence of Laguna Honda residents that cannot be addressed through public funding such as tickets for concerts, movies, cultural celebrations and sporting events. We are deeply grateful to the Knight Trust for their contribution to the LHH Gift Fund.

### **Adolescent Health Working Group to Address Trauma**

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The San Francisco Adolescent Health Working Group, in collaboration with the Department's Community Behavioral Health Services division, invites the Commissioners and any others who are interested in learning about and discussing how to design programs and services for people who have suffered trauma in their lives to join them for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen/Young Adult Provider Gathering, Friday, May 10, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the San Francisco State Building, 445 Golden Gate Avenue. This annual provider's gathering will draw nearly 250 attendees from health, juvenile justice, education, and workforce and youth development programs who share an eagerness to improve citywide coordination of services to individuals and families for whom trauma has played a major and significant role in their lives.

Featured speaker is nationally known Vincent Felitti, MD, a Co-Principal Investigator in the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study, a long-term, in-depth analysis of over 17,000 adults that revealed a powerful relationship between our emotional experiences as children and our physical and mental health as adults, as well as a strong link to the major causes of adult mortality in the United States. The organizers will be releasing the Trauma & Resilience Module of the AHWG Adolescent Provider Toolkit series. Online registration is open at <https://www.ahwg.net/onevent/events.php>. Early registration is encouraged as the provider gathering is always a sell-out.

### **Free EPA Lead Certification Training for Spanish Speakers**

The Children's Environmental Health Promotion Program and community partner, LEAD FREE, have teamed up to reach contractors who do renovation and repair work to buildings built before 1978 to offer their Spanish-speaking workers a free training that meets USEPA's [Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule \(RRP Rule\)](#) requirements. 91% of San Francisco's housing is covered by the RRP Rule.

USEPA requires this RRP certification training because common renovation, repair, and painting activities that disturb lead-based paint, such as sanding, scraping, cutting, replacing windows, at the same time create hazardous lead dust and chips which are harmful to children, adults and pets. Having trained and certified workers lower the risk of lead poisoning from home renovation activities to both residents and workers.

LEAD FREE, a social enterprise in the Mission District, will be offering monthly *free* lead certification training federally required for all workers engaged in renovating, repairing, or painting older homes. This includes anyone engaged in window installation, floor refinishing, carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, painting and general maintenance work. Contractors can avoid tens of thousands of dollars in fines and take advantage of the monthly certification training offered by LEAD FREE. Classes have been scheduled monthly through December.

### **COPC-QI Wins Challenge Grant**

Congratulations to Community Oriented Primary Care Quality Improvement (COPC-QI) which was awarded a Safety Net Innovation Challenge Grant by the Center for Care Innovations, in partnership with the Blue Shield of California Foundation. COPC was one of 12 recipients statewide who were funded to support new ideas for improving access in primary care.

The TAPS (Timely Access to Patient Services) Team, comprised of Lisa Golden, MD, Judith Sansone, Winnie M Tse, Amy Petersen and Andrea Scobi, will receive in-depth training and

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coaching from experts in innovation design as they engage in a Rapid Cycle Innovation process to improve patient access and to develop non-traditional and novel ways of engaging patients in their health care. In order to build a culture of innovation and foster innovation skills, Roxana Salinas from Castro Mission Health Center, Ruth Wang from Ocean Park Health Center, Ben Lui from Chinatown Public Health Center, Cesar Gillen from Community Health Programs for Youth, Milagros Ramos from Silver Avenue Family Health Center and Tiffany Chin from Maxine Hall Health Center, will also participate on the team and spread innovative best practices for the benefit of our system and patients.

### **Department to Observe Nurses Week in May**

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. As in year's past, the nursing leadership groups throughout the Department are planning a series of activities to celebrate nurses and their contribution to our healthcare system, our nation, and our lives. I hope the Commissioners will make time in their schedules to attend one of the many observances being planned. Here is a partial list of events.

#### Laguna Honda Hospital & Rehabilitation Center

May 6 - Nursing High Five's ( Nursing Leadership meets and greets each staff all shifts)

May 7 - Nursing Fair 11 am – 2 p.m. (Posters, Wellness, Neighborhood Best Practices, etc)

May 10 - Keynote Speaker TBD and Reception

#### San Francisco General Hospital

May 9 –Nurses Week Reception & Awards Ceremony, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

We will announce the winners of the six awards after the May 9<sup>th</sup> ceremony.

#### Community Oriented Primary Care

To kick off Nurses Week, COPC and SFGH primary care nurses will participate in the first session of a year-long Primary Care Nursing Leadership Academy the last week in April. The Academy spans 12 months and offers four in-person sessions. It will focus on leadership training and development, quality improvement and clinical excellence. The Academy is a unique opportunity for community and hospital-based primary care nursing to come together to learn, share best practices, and engage in strategizing how the nursing role can develop in the climate of health care reform.

### **Women Making History Award**

Please join me in congratulating Stephanie Felder, Director of CBHS Comprehensive Crisis Services, as a recipient of the prestigious “Women Making History” Award. Each year, in celebration of National Women's History Month, the SF Commission and Department on the Status of Women, in partnership with the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, recognize the exceptional contributions of women in the community. Ms. Felder was recognized on March 19<sup>th</sup> at a ceremony hosted by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor John Avalos honored her for her exceptional team leadership in providing mental health services in the community, particularly for those families impacted by incidents of violence or suicide.