



City and County of San Francisco
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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

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

Universal Healthcare Council Final Report Released

The Universal Healthcare Council (UHC) released its final report to the Mayor on January 6th, 2014. The 41-member group, which included representatives from the City's health care, business, labor, and government sectors, studied how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) intersects with the San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance (HCSO). The two key findings of the Council are that the local law can exist alongside the federal law, but some affordability concerns will remain for some individuals and businesses that seek to comply with both laws. The report contains a series of suggestions offered by Council members to modify the Health Care Security Ordinance to improve health care access and affordability in San Francisco. The full report and materials from the proceedings are available through the DPH website at <http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/uhc/default.asp>.

FY2014 Federal Budget Signed

On December 26th, 2013, President Obama signed a bipartisan budget deal to keep the federal government funded for the next two years. The proposed budget includes a key provision with implications for DPH. The bill delays planned payment cuts to Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) under the Affordable Care Act. The DSH cuts, which were slated to begin in fiscal year 2014, have been eliminated for 2014, and 2015 cuts are delayed until 2016. While this provides DPH's hospitals a reprieve next year, the cuts in 2016 will be twice those planned for 2015. The DSH cuts are also extended into 2023, and the bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to make annual reports on the cuts, beginning in 2015, in order to determine the impact of and necessity for the cuts.

Covered CA Update

Covered CA released regional enrollment statistics in late December 2013. As of November 30th, 3,483 San Franciscans enrolled in health insurance through Covered CA. Eighty-two

percent (2,854) of these individuals were eligible for federally subsidized coverage, while 18% (629) purchased unsubsidized plans. Also, on January 4th, Covered CA announced that it will extend the deadline (to January 15th, 2014) for payment of first month's premiums for coverage effective January 1st, 2014.

PHP Staff Featured in Public Health Report

In December 2013, the U.S. Public Health Service and the Office of the Surgeon General released a supplemental issue of the Public Health Reports (PHR) which presents a selection of innovative approaches, studies, and lessons learned from efforts to implement program collaboration and service integration (PCSI) in the prevention and control of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and tuberculosis (TB) in the United States. Three articles from SFDPH, Population Health Division staff (current and former) are featured in the report.

Partner Services as Targeted HIV Screening—Changing the Paradigm Kyle T. Bernstein, PhD, ScM / Sally C. Stephens, MPH / Nicholas Moss, MD, MPH / Susan Scheer, PhD, MPH / Maree Kay Parisi, BA / Susan S. Philip, MD, MPH

A Public Health Framework for Developing Local Preventive Services Guidelines

Priscilla Lee Chu, DrPH / Israel Nieves-Rivera, BS / Jennifer Grinsdale, MPH / Sandra Huang, MD / Susan S. Philip, MD, MPH / Amy Pine, MPH / Susan Scheer, PhD, MPH / Tomás Aragón, MD, DrPH

Epidemiology of the Viral Hepatitis-HIV Syndemic in San Francisco: A Collaborative Surveillance Approach Melissa A. Sanchez, PhD, MA / Susan Scheer, PhD, MPH / Sue Shallow, MPH, CACLS / Sharon Pipkin, MPH / Sandra Huang, MD

A link to the full report can be found at

<http://www.publichealthreports.org/issuecontents.cfm?Volume=129&Issue=7>

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January 10th begins Human Trafficking Awareness Month in San Francisco. This annual campaign was formally recognized by San Francisco elected leaders in 2010 and takes place each year nationally between January 11 (National Human Trafficking Awareness Day) and February 12 (Abraham Lincoln's birthday). In San Francisco, various city and community partners work together to educate the public about this issue of modern day slavery that occurs throughout the Bay Area and the world.

Training

The Department of Public Health's Newcomers Health Program and partner agencies of the Cross Bay Collaborative to Combat Human Trafficking Trainings provide training on human trafficking, indicators, and local resources. For more information or to inquire about training for

your agency, program, or community group contact Cristy.Dieterich@sfdph.org, or call (415) 581-2479.

Kick-Off Event at San Francisco City Hall

Friday, January 10, 2014, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

San Francisco City Hall, Room 400, 1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place

Join us to learn the winner of the Teen Poster Contest and to mark the launch of San Francisco's efforts to enforce recently-enacted state legislation, Senate Bill 1193, a landmark bill requiring certain businesses to post anti-trafficking notices.

Third Year Anniversary of the move to the "New" Laguna Honda Hospital

December 7, 2013, marked the third year anniversary of the move to the new Laguna Honda Hospital. In acknowledgement, a holiday celebration was held in the hospital lobby on December 9. Holiday celebrations were held in every LHH neighborhood in December adding cheer and a sense of festiveness throughout the hospital. Each resident received an individualized gift provided by the Laguna Honda Gift Fund, and distributed by the Volunteer Office elves. A "gratitude" olive tree was planted in the meadow where individuals left notes expressing what they are thankful for at LHH.