



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

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Governor proposes a balanced budget for FY 2014-15

Governor Brown released his proposed FY 2014-15 State Budget on January 9th. Reflecting a positive financial outlook, the budget prioritizes education, Health Reform implementation, public safety, and stabilizing the State's finances. While the Governor does not propose cuts to Health and Human Services (HHS) programs, the budget does not include any restoration of funding lost in previous years. The majority of the \$118 billion (\$28.8 billion from the General Fund) HHS budget is designated to Medi-Cal, which is expected to enroll an additional one million Californians, and the implementation of Affordable Care Act (ACA) reforms. Although the overall impact is neutral for the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the following two items are of relevance to San Francisco and the Department.

- **County realignment funds for indigent care:** The proposed budget includes a placeholder estimate of \$900 million in redirected realignment funding from counties in FY 2014-15 as the Medi-Cal expansion is implemented. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will revise and update this realignment estimate in the Governor's May Revision to the budget and will work with counties to ensure the estimates accurately reflect the number of county indigent care patients successfully transitioning to Medi-Cal or Covered California.

- **Medi-Cal rate reductions:** For some providers and services (physicians/clinics, certain high-cost drugs, dental, intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, and medical transportation) the budget eliminates the retroactive portion of the 10% Medi-Cal reimbursement cuts instituted in 2011. This proposal costs the General Fund \$296 million in FY 2013-14. However, the prospective cuts remain in place for these providers/services and are projected to save the General Fund \$120 million in FY 2014-15.

Distinct part nursing facilities, such as Laguna Honda Hospital and Jewish Home, which were relieved of the prospective cuts through legislation last year, are not provided relief from the retroactive payments. The retroactive payments will be recovered over the course of 58 to 72 months, with Laguna Honda owing \$41.5 million and Jewish Home owing \$16 million. San Francisco and DPH continue to advocate for the restoration of all Medi-Cal rate reductions.

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.

Congress expected to pass \$1.1 trillion omnibus bill

As of this writing, a bipartisan spending bill totaling \$1.1 trillion is on its way to the President for signature. He is expected to sign it prior to Saturday, January 18, when stopgap funding expires. The bill packages all 12 of the individual annual spending bills into one “omnibus” bill that includes the entire breadth of the government’s discretionary spending. Funding for the Affordable Care Act remains largely intact. There have been reports of a \$1 billion reduction to the Prevention and Public Health Fund but, the instead bill allocates the Fund’s resources into specific program accounts, as always intended under the Affordable Care Act.

Covered CA update

Recently released federal data indicates that 498,794 people have signed up for health insurance through Covered CA as of December 31, 2013. Eighty-five percent of these enrollees were eligible for subsidized coverage, and the California enrollees represent 22% of overall national enrollment. Covered CA is expected to release more detailed data later this month.

State Plan Amendment 13-034

SB 239, the Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Improvement and Restoration Act of 2013 provided legislative approval to restore Medi-Cal payments to all hospital distinct part skilled nursing facilities by removing the rate freeze at 2008-2009 levels and eliminating the ten percent cuts. We are now pleased to report that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has received federal approval to implement the State Plan Amendment (SPA #13-034), which exempts DP/NF providers from the payment reduction and rate freeze. Approval of the SPA paves the way for implementation of full and unreduced 2013-14 rates, retroactive to Oct. 1, 2013.

MediCal and Palliative Care

At the request of the California Department of Health Care Services, The Coalition for Compassionate Care has convened an advisory group that is developing an informed menu of possible actions it might take to improve and advance palliative and end-of-life care for MediCal beneficiaries. Anne Hughes, RN, Advance Practice Nurse at LHH’s Hospice and Palliative Care Unit has been invited to be a part of this group to provide input. The first meeting will be held January 27th in Sacramento to review draft recommendations.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Week Press Conference and Candlelight March

Thursday, February 7, 2014 is our nation’s 14th *National Black HIV Awareness Day*. The San Francisco Department of Public Health, Community Health Equity & Promotion Branch and various community-based organizations will kick off National Black HIV Awareness Day at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Goodlett Steps, followed by a candlelight march to SF Quaker’s Meeting House. There will also be free HIV and STI testing, entertainment and refreshment. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Following the march, a community discussion will be held at the SF Quaker’s Meeting House with keynote speakers Cynthia Carey-Grant, Executive Director at Women Organize to Respond to Life-threatening Disease (WORLD) and Ernest Hopkins, San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

For more information about the week’s activities and events, contact Vincent Fuqua, Population Health Division, 415-437-6208, Vincent.Fuqua@sfdph.org.

SFDPH Patient Experience Collaborative

LHH has been included in the SFDPH Patient Experience Collaborative that will focus on service excellence. Consultants from ExperiaHealth will lead a one-day workshop where they will conduct an analysis of the patient and employee experience. Consultants will then work with LHH to identify and implement innovative solutions to help improve the experience of staff and patients.

Give Kids a Smile Day

On February 7th, 2014 from 10a.m. to 3p.m., the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Child Health and Disability Prevention program (CHDP) together with the SF Dental Hygiene Society will be hosting the Sixth Annual Give Kids a Smile Day at the San Francisco General Hospital WIC Office (2250-23rd St. Bldg. 9). This event combines community outreach, health education, and delivery of health services into one fun activity-filled day for San Francisco families. Children ages 0-10 can receive free dental screenings, cleanings, and fluoride varnish treatment, as well as health education for the whole family! Volunteers will also help connect children to dental homes if they are not already seeing a dentist. There will be giveaways such as toys, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and a raffle for more prizes!

Conservation Improvements

Significant improvements to the front lawn of the LHH campus are being completed as a result of a PUC conservation grant that gardeners, Noah Santiago and John Alexander, applied for in October of 2011. With the help of DPW architects, LHH neighbors and local native plant enthusiasts, a plan was developed that will result in significant water savings and restoration of many native and drought tolerant plants. Retaining walls are being built with trees recycled from the Presidio. Work began early December of this year and the lawn should be re-planted by February.

Utilizing Local Community Based Organizations During Disasters

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy hosted their second annual "Safety Datapalooza," highlighting innovators from the private, nonprofit, and academic sectors who have used freely available government data to build products, services, and apps that advance public safety in creative and powerful ways.

The event featured new safety data resources as well as tools to improve disaster preparedness and emergency response. Cynthia Comerford from the San Francisco Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Branch profiled the department's Community Resiliency Indicator System, which will be used to assess stressors to advance community and individuals' interventions that increase collective adaptive capacity. The indicator system will take scientific data and translate it into useable information on a neighborhood scale. This indicator system will be piloted in the Bayview Neighborhood in San Francisco as part of the Resilient Bayview project to create a dialogue on actions to education the neighborhood about community resilience. The event also included a series of panel discussions and brainstorming sessions in which Cynthia led a group to discuss how technology and open data are being used to address public safety challenges across America.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

January 2014
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
(12/19/13 BUSINESS-MEC)

	01/2014	07/2013 to 06/2014
New Appointments	9	166
Reinstatements		
Reappointments	31	335
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	13	143
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension	0	
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		1
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	5	73
Additions	11	85
Proctorship Completed	8	106

Current Statistics – as of 12/9/13		
Active Staff	536	
Courtesy Staff	498	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	253	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,287	

Applications in Process	55
Applications Withdrawn Month of January 2014	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 2/2014 to 4/2014	125

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

JANUARY 2014

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(January 9, 2014 Medical Exec Committee)

	January	(FY 2013-2014) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	0	9
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	2	30
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	1	8
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	5
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 12/31/2013	
Active Medical Staff	37
As-Needed Medical Staff	15
External Consultant Medical Staff	42
Courtesy Medical Staff	1
Affiliated Professionals	6
TOTAL MEMBERS	101

Applications in Process	1
Applications Withdrawn Month of January 2014	0
