



City and County of San Francisco
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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

March 18, 2014

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>

Conference on LGBT Suicide Risk & Prevention

A conference on Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Suicide Risk and Prevention will be held in San Francisco State University's Cesar Chavez Student Center on Sat., March 22, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the SF Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the conference will feature nationally known suicide prevention researchers and practitioners who will present research and best practices to guide practice, programs and policies for suicide prevention and mental health services and care of LGBT youth, transgender youth and adults, LGBT adults and seniors – across the life course.

Registration will include a continental breakfast, lunch and a networking reception. A certificate of attendance will be provided for practitioners. This one-day conference is a great training opportunity and includes top experts in research, clinical care and community practice.

Topics will include: Role of Families in Preventing Suicide & Promoting Well-being in LGBT Children & Youth; Minority Stress, Vulnerability & Resiliency for LGBT People; Multicultural Issues in Suicide Prevention for LGBT People; Suicide Risk and Prevention in Transgender Communities, and more.

Medication Error Reduction Program at SFGH

A surveyor from the California Department Public Health (CDPH) arrived Monday, March 3, 2014, to conduct its unannounced triennial 2014 CDPH Medication Error Reduction Program (MERP) survey. This survey stems from state regulations that require all general acute care hospitals to formalize a plan to eliminate or substantially reduce medication-related errors. The surveyor reviewed medication-related documentations and observed medication-related activities in specific units and in the pharmacies. This included observing the prescribing, dispensing, and administration of medications, conducting chart reviews, conducting staff and patient interviews, and ensuring quality improvement activities with measures of success.

The survey lasted 5 days. Upon the surveyor's exit, he reported that there were no findings or deficiencies to be noted in the Medication Error Reduction Plan. This is the first MERP survey

we know of where there are no findings. A "Super Congratulations" to the SFGH MERP Team and to all the hospital's staff for their fine work.

Healthy Stores for Healthy Communities

The Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch coordinated an amazing turn out of advocates for healthy retail in San Francisco. This press event focused on the results of San Francisco youth and young adult surveys of over 200 stores in 6 zip codes including the Tenderloin, Mission, Bayview/Hunter's Point and Marina for comparison purposes. Survey results revealed the disproportionate promotion of unhealthy products in low income neighborhoods. It was clear that a collaboration of strong community agencies and coalitions, youth advocates, policymakers, store owners and staff, and city agencies had been working long and hard on the critical issue of promoting community health, addressing the influence of the tobacco, alcohol, and processed food & drink industries while working with small independent stores and strengthening community itself. Speakers at the event included community advocates, a representative from a participating corner store, Tomas Aragon and Supervisor Eric Mar. See the State of California Healthy Stores for Healthy Community website (www.healthystoreshealthycommunity.com) for press materials, data and other information from San Francisco and other California counties. Here's a sampling of the news coverage. <http://blogs.kqed.org/stateofhealth/2014/03/06/survey-alcohol-and-tobacco-ads-target-californias-children/>

Scientific Presentations and Publications on HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

Dr. Stephanie Cohen, Medical Director of the San Francisco City Clinic, and Drs. Albert Liu and Susan Buchbinder, HIV prevention researchers at Bridge HIV, presented a poster at the 2014 Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) in Boston in early March. They presented preliminary data from the US PrEP Demonstration Project (The Demo Project), a multi-site project evaluating the delivery of PrEP in STD clinics in San Francisco and Miami and a community health center in Washington DC. PrEP, or the use of anti-HIV medicines daily to reduce the risk of HIV acquisition, has been demonstrated to be safe and effective in clinical trials, and demonstration projects are now evaluating the delivery of PrEP in real-world clinical settings. This project is ongoing and will report final results in 2015.

In collaboration with Dr. Hiroyu Hatano at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and Dr. Oliver Bacon at the San Francisco City Clinic and UCSF, this group also presented a late breaker poster presentation at CROI describing an individual who was identified very early in HIV infection through the PrEP Demo Project.

Drs. Liu, Cohen, and Buchbinder also recently published an article in PLOS Medicine describing early experiences implementing PrEP in San Francisco. This article describes initial lessons learned implementing PrEP in 3 delivery settings: a municipal STD clinic (the Demo Project described above), a private health maintenance organization (Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco), and an HIV-specific reproductive health program (Bay Area Perinatal AIDS Center at the UCSF).

Finally, Drs. Buchbinder and Liu published an article in the March issue of Lancet Infectious Diseases on how to prioritize PrEP for maximal public health impact. The article uses two epidemiologic tools, the population attributable fraction (PAF) and number needed to treat

(NNT), to identify populations who may benefit the most from PrEP. It explains why PrEP may be most effective at a population level if prioritized for MSM and transgender women who report receptive anal sex without a condom; substance use history and testing for sexually transmitted infections should also inform provider and patient decisions to initiate PrEP.

“Transgender Tuesdays”

This month, San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the much beloved and highly regarded “Transgender Tuesdays” clinic at Tom Waddell Urban Health. On March 6, SFDPH honored patients, providers, and community supporters who have demonstrated an unflagging commitment to the clinic’s success.

Since its founding, “Transgender Tuesdays” – every Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. – has served as a vital access point for transgender people seeking resources, health care, safety, and community. In 1994, patients, advocates, and activists led a grassroots effort to create a safe place in San Francisco for transgender persons to receive compassionate and appropriate health services. They did this in partnership with medical and mental health providers who recognized the unmet need, and committed themselves to help address it.

“Transgender Tuesdays” has the added distinction of being the first clinic of its kind in the country to provide primary care services specifically for transgender people. Originally housed at Tom Waddell Health Center at 50 Ivy Street, “Transgender Tuesdays” moved last year to the new Tom Waddell Urban Health Clinic (230 Golden Gate Avenue) on the 1st floor of the Kelly Cullen Community.

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson

After 33 years with SFDPH Primary Care, Elizabeth Johnson, M.D. is retiring. During her tenure, Lisa dedicated herself to Primary Care quality improvement and systems integration. She brought the highest standard of leadership, commitment, and clinical care to her work, the staff she directed, and most importantly to patients in the safety-net.

Lisa’s insight, wisdom, and ability to work across disciplines and departments helped steer primary care’s transformation into medical homes, the adoption of an ambulatory electronic medical record, and put in place the essential building blocks of high functioning primary care. Her commitment and vision laid the foundation of a quality improvement infrastructure which will always be a part for her lasting legacy in SFDPH Primary Care. Thank you Lisa and wish you all the best in your next stage of life.

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.

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

March 2014
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
(2/20/14 BUSINESS-MEC)

	03/2014	07/2013 to 06/2014
New Appointments	11	194
Reinstatements		
Reappointments	35	411
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	9	165
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased	1	3
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	10	105
Additions	7	101
Proctorship Completed	12	142

Current Statistics – as of 2/3/14		
Active Staff	549	
Courtesy Staff	492	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	255	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,296	

Applications in Process	44
Applications Withdrawn Month of March 2014	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 4/2014 to 6/2014	170

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MARCH 2014

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(March 13, 2014 Medical Exec Committee)

	March	(FY 2013-2014) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	0	10
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	5	38
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	1	10
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	1	9
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 2/28/2014	
Active Medical Staff	36
As-Needed Medical Staff	15
External Consultant Medical Staff	42
Courtesy Medical Staff	1
Affiliated Professionals	6
TOTAL MEMBERS	100

Applications in Process	1
Applications Withdrawn Month of March 2014	0
