



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

September 2, 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>

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake in San Francisco

Many in the San Francisco Bay Area were awoken early Sunday morning by the largest earthquake in the Bay Area since the Loma Prieta earthquake nearly 25 years ago. Thankfully, no damage was reported in San Francisco. This is a good reminder that we need to do what can now, before the next earthquake, because that will make our City's recovery all the more effective. Our thoughts are with the residents and first responders in Napa County and other Northern California cities that reported injuries and damage.

It is timely to point out that the new hospital being built on the San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center campus will have the most seismically-resistant design available today. This is critical given The General's role as the only trauma center serving San Francisco and northern San Mateo counties.

The new SFGH will be the first hospital in San Francisco to have a base-isolated foundation. A base-isolated foundation is the most earthquake-resistant design known today. Rather than placing the hospital building directly into the ground, the foundation is a "bathtub" with rolling disks that the hospital rests upon. This type of foundation will allow the hospital building to glide 30 inches in any direction, in the event of an earthquake. The hospital will remain open and operational, able to care for current patients and treat disaster victims.

SFGH is a first responder. In addition to being the city's only trauma center, SFGH is part of the city's emergency response system. The new hospital will be the hub of San Francisco's health care emergency response, housing the Department of Public Health's Departmental Operations Center, which coordinates all medical responses for the city.

Ebola Update

Health Officer Tomas Aragon and his Population Health Division team have been keeping abreast of the Ebola situation and ensuring that the public and San Francisco clinicians have the information they need. There is no Ebola in San Francisco and the risk of Ebola to the San Francisco general public is extremely low. DPH has been working closely with the California Department of Public Health (CA DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to make

available the most up-to-date, comprehensive information on the Health Alerts section of SFPDPH.org.

San Francisco is well prepared to respond to any communicable disease outbreak, including Ebola. DPH is taking steps to ensure that clinicians and hospitals citywide are educated and prepared. There has been frequent, regular communication with local hospitals to share information and guidance concerning Ebola. Health advisories are issued as new information is received.

Dr. Aragon also has reached out to the community through the media including Sing Tao Radio, San Francisco Chronicle and KQED Radio. An Ebola fact sheet and additional resources are posted on the DPH website.

Women in Medicine

I attended the conference on ‘Women in Medicine’ sponsored by the Committee of interns and residents. I was so impressed with the SFGH residents who attended the conference and their commitment to SFGH and our community members.

NEMS / SFHN Agreement

San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) and North East Medical Services (NEMS) have recently entered into an agreement to form a network partnership, with NEMS offering primary care services and SFHN offering hospital and ancillary services to Medi-Cal patients. This agreement is the first of its kind for SFHN and is a positive step towards retaining our existing Medi-Cal managed care patients as well as expanding our membership population. The target date for enrolling patients into this new NEMS/SFHN network is November 1, 2014. Many thanks to the executive leaders and staff at all campuses who are working to administer this new provider network by the target date.

Warm Line

Robin Williams’ recent death drew attention once again to depression and other chronic mental illnesses that can make life challenging for so many people in our communities. San Francisco has one of the most comprehensive public mental health systems in the country, and we have just added another service intended to fill an important gap.

The City’s new telephone Mental Health Triage Warm Line will offer peer counselors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to people who need someone to talk to right now.

The Warm Line, a project of the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFPDPH), is funded by a \$1.2 million grant from the state Mental Health Services Act that supports programs to reduce hospitalizations due to mental illness. The Warm Line is operated by the non-profit Mental Health Association of San Francisco (MHASF), under a SFPDPH contract. It augments the City’s existing mental health telephone services, which include a 24-hour Suicide Prevention Hotline and an Access Helpline for referrals to mental health services.

The Warm Line plans to serve 20,000 people in the first four years of operation. Callers will be able to talk for as long as they like, as often as they like, though calls are often 20 minutes or less. There will also be an online chat version available on the MHASF website at

<http://www.mentalhealthsf.org/>. This program will provide support and resources to people who are not suicidal and help prevent escalation of their problems and decrease hospitalizations.

Central American Refugee Youth

On August 25, SF Gate featured an article by Drs. Heyman Oo and Clem Donahue, pediatricians in the Department of Pediatrics of SFGH. The piece was about the Central American refugee youth that are arriving in San Francisco and being served by our city, consistent with our history of being a sanctuary for Central American refugees.

Medical Director of Chinatown Public Health Center

We are pleased to announce that Ben Yee-Bun Lui MD, MPH has accepted the permanent position as Medical Director of Chinatown Public Health Center.

At the age of twelve, Ben emigrated from Hong Kong to the US with his family. He, his parents and siblings all received their health care from the Safety Net system where Dr. Lui has worked for his entire professional career. After graduating from Harvard University, Dr. Lui attended Yale Medical School where he completed his MD and MPH in International Health and Health Policy and Administration. Dr. Lui is a graduate of the UCSF Internal Medicine Primary Care Residency Program.

Dr. Lui was a staff physician and the Associate Medical Director at Asian Health Services, an FQHC in Oakland before coming to the San Francisco Department of Public Health. He also served as Assistant Program Director for PRIME-US at UCSF. In addition to being the Medical Director at Chinatown Public Health Center, Dr. Lui is an Assistant Clinical Professor at Division of General Internal Medicine-SFGH. His interests include team-based care, patient-centered medical home, quality improvement, medical education, health care leadership and management. We are thrilled to have you in this permanent position, Dr. Lui.

Midday Tooth brushing Program

In the 2013-2014 program year, the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Child Care Health Program, in collaboration with the UCSF School of Dental Public Health reached out to 42 low-income and state subsidized SF child care sites to implement and support midday tooth brushing programs in the classroom. The goal was to establish a tooth brushing program at each child care site to ensure that children receive at least one daily protective application of fluoride toothpaste to prevent the formation of dental caries. Success was achieved at 36 of the sites.

The daily consequences of early childhood caries and poor oral health to: families, communities and society, often goes unnoticed. The Child Care Health Program is committed to promoting optimal oral health practices for young children age birth to five years old in San Francisco. MCAH is a lead partner in the development and implementation of the new citywide SF Children's Oral Health Strategic Plan which will be launched in the fall, making oral health for all our SF children a priority!

The Commonwealth Club of California

Dr. Alice Chen, Chief Integration Officer for San Francisco General Hospital, was the moderator for the Commonwealth Club of California program "Reinventing American Health Care." She interviewed Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel about the history and importance of the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Barry Zevin, Medical Director for the SF Homeless Outreach Team, also moderated the Commonwealth Club of California program recently discussing the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the LGBT community. Thank you Dr. Chen and Dr. Zevin for being voices on important health matters in our State.

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**

AUGUST 2014
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
(7/17/14 BUSINESS-MEC)

	08/2014	07/2014 to 06/2015
New Appointments	37	48
Reinstatements		
Reappointments	60	107
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	12	31
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	8	22
Additions	15	21
Proctorship Completed	15	31

Current Statistics – as of 7/7/14		
Active Staff	540	
Courtesy Staff	482	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	260	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,282	

Applications in Process	124
Applications Withdrawn Month of August 2014	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 9/2014 to 11/2014	149

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

AUGUST 2014

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(August 7, 2014 Medical Exec Committee)

	August	(FY 2014-2015) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	1	3
Reinstatements	1	1
Reappointments	3	5
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	1	2
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Administrative Suspension	0	1
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	0
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 8/1/2014	
Active Medical Staff	35
As-Needed Medical Staff	14
External Consultant Medical Staff	43
Courtesy Medical Staff	1
Affiliated Professionals	6
TOTAL MEMBERS	99

Applications in Process	3
Applications Withdrawn Month of August 2014	1