



City and County of San Francisco  
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# Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of January 20, 2015

*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>

### **Flu Season has Arrived**

The Bay Area is seeing increased flu activity and all residents are encouraged to get flu shots and to wash their hands. Though the flu season has been relatively mild in the Bay Area so far this year, that could change. Flu is widespread in 46 states throughout the country. Locally, cases are increasing, and everyone can play a part to prevent its spread.

Being a commuter hub, the Bay Area is a region that is particularly prone to the spread of the flu. The number of daily commuters makes it easier for the virus to be spread. For this reason, it was vital that Health Departments throughout the region join together to disseminate important information about the flu and how to stay protected. A press release with information from Bay Area Health Officers was issued on January 16.

The press release prompted media coverage of the Adult Immunization and Travel Clinic at 101 Grove and interviews with Dr. Naveena Bobba about the effectiveness of this year's flu shot. Depending on the formulation, flu vaccines protect against three or four different flu viruses. Even during a season when the vaccine is only partially protective against one flu virus, it can protect against the others. In addition to getting vaccinated, it's important to practice good hand washing and health habits.

### **Michael Brown leaves for Civil Service Commission**

Michael Brown assumed the role of Executive Officer at the Civil Service Commission, City and County of San Francisco early this month. The Civil Service Commission oversees the merit system for the City and County of San Francisco. It manages an array of policies, rules, requirements and other merit system matters. Michael has been with the Department since 1992, working his way up through the organization with increasingly challenging and responsible positions. He has done a great job for us and will be missed. It is exciting that the Civil Service Commission has gained such a talented employee!

## **Governor Brown's FY15/16 State Budget Proposal**

Governor Brown released a \$164.7 billion budget proposal for FY15/16 on January 9. The proposal reflects a positive economic outlook for the state, with General Fund (GF) revenues projected to increase 4.5% over the current fiscal year. However, total discretionary spending increases by only 1.4%, as the Governor stresses the importance of paying down debts, investing in the education system, and preparing for future liabilities.

Governor Brown proposes \$31.9 billion in state GF for Health and Human Services, an increase of 4.7% over FY14/15. In its current form the budget is expected to have a neutral impact on the San Francisco Department of Public Health. The next version will be released in May, and is likely to include important adjustments related to the state's submission of its 1115 Medicaid Waiver Renewal, implementation of the President's Executive Action on immigration, and AB 85 county realignment funding. Health highlights in the Governor's January budget include:

### Medi-Cal

- State spending on Medi-Cal projected to increase 4.3% (\$18.6B compared to \$17.8B in FY14/15), largely reflecting ongoing implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- No extension of enhanced primary care provider payments under the ACA, which expired at the end of December 2014
- AB 97 provider payment reductions maintained
- Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) could be discontinued as of 2017, due to high opt-out rates, an expiring Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax, and lower than expected share of savings for the state
- Medi-Cal behavioral health expansion projected to cost more than \$150M in GF annually
- Funding for behavioral health treatment for individuals under age 21 with Autism Spectrum Disorder: \$190 million in FY14/15 and \$320 million in FY15/16
- \$300 million reserved for high-cost Hepatitis C treatment in state prisons, hospitals, Medi-Cal, and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Proposed expansion of the Pediatric Palliative Care pilot to seven counties in addition to the current 11, at GF savings of \$1.4 million in FY15/16
- County savings under AB 85 Realignment projected to be \$698.2 million for FY15/16, compared to \$725 million in FY14/15; these figures will be revised in May to reflect ACA enrollment

### Public Health

- \$3.1 billion allocated to (\$124.4 million in GF) for the state Department of Public Health (a 3% increase over FY14/15)
- \$21.8 million added to current year funding for quality improvement of the Licensing and Certification Program
- Tobacco: \$8.9 million increase in the Prop 99 Health Education Account, from which each county receives a minimum of \$100,000; \$677,000 for Local Lead Agencies; and \$1.08 million for the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) program
- \$697,000 to extend the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program for three years
- GF authority for the construction of a new BSL3 laboratory

## **SF Health Network Kicks off New Year by Going Folic!**

Health Department Clinics around the nation celebrated National *Folic Acid Awareness Week* from January 4 to 11. The San Francisco Health Network (SGHN) in collaboration with its Family Planning Program, gave all female clients between the ages of 13 to 44 a free three-month supply of multi-vitamins containing 100 percent of the daily folic acid requirement. The vitamins, along with educational materials in English, Chinese and Spanish were packaged in Go Folic! cosmetic bags. Women who are not clients of a San Francisco Health Network clinic were able to pick up a bottle of free vitamins at the Go Folic! office at 30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 260, in San Francisco.

### **#CURB IT - New Ad Campaign Targets E-cigarettes in SF**

#CurbIt is the theme of a new advertising campaign sponsored by San Francisco's Tobacco Free Coalition will launch January 19 in San Francisco. The innovative new campaign – the first of its kind in the country to target e-cigarettes – borrows successful tactics from past campaigns against the tobacco industry. Hard-hitting transit ads on buses, trains, shelters and stations portray the negative health impacts of e-cigarettes while highlighting the new San Francisco laws that protect residents. The \$115,000 multi-lingual campaign features five distinct ads in English, Spanish and Chinese that counter the misleading advertising by e-cigarette companies - many of which are owned by big tobacco companies.

### **Heroes and Hearts; Hearts After Dark**

The annual Heroes and Hearts Luncheon will take place on Thursday, February 12. The Luncheon is an outgrowth of 2004's Hearts in San Francisco series – a city-wide art installation and fundraiser project. For the first six years, Heroes & Hearts took place under a tent at Union Square. As the popularity of the luncheon continued to grow, the fundraiser moved to a tent on the field at AT&T Park. Tickets can now be purchased to join the celebration of exceptional community heroes and new heart artworks to be displayed.

The Hearts After Dark benefit for the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation will take place Thursday, February 12 at AT&T Park. Building off of the success of the Heroes & Hearts luncheon, Hearts After Dark was launched in 2010. Hearts After Dark brings together over 1,000 young professionals in support of the Foundation's mission. Guests enjoy live music, dancing, hors d'ouvres and cocktails under a tent on the field at AT&T Park. Tickets are now available for purchase.

Heroes & Hearts, in combination with Hearts After Dark, generates the Foundation's largest source of unrestricted revenue. In the past, these events combined have raised nearly \$11.5 million for the SFGH Foundation.

### **Open Truth**

Open Truth is a new campaign developed by SF Bay Area Youth, public health officials, and concerned community members to OPEN the TRUTH about the beverage industry's tactics and the negative health impacts of its products.

The Open Truth website, a corresponding social media campaign on Twitter and Instagram, as well as paid ads on public transportation in the Bay Area went live on January 12, 2015.

The Open Truth campaign aims to:

- 1) Increase awareness about how sugary drinks are making us sick;

- 2) Expose the tactics of the sugary drinks industry, which targets young people, parents, and communities of color in order to increase profits and brand loyalty; and
- 3) Inspire policy changes that will increase access to healthy drinks, limit marketing to kids, educate consumers, and provide funds for sugary drink education.

The Open Truth Campaign is a collaboration between the Shape Up San Francisco Coalition (project of the Population Health Division of the SFDPH) and The Bigger Picture (Youth Speaks and Center for Vulnerable Populations/UCSF), Alameda County Department of Public Health, Sonoma County Department of Health Services, the American Heart Association Greater Bay Area Division, and UCSF's Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) Community Engagement and Health Policy Program.

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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](http://www.sfcontroller.org) and click on the Frequently Requested tab to access the Whistleblower complaint instructions in the drop down menu.

# LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

## JANUARY 2015

### Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(January 8, 2015 Medical Exec Committee)

	January	(FY 2014-2015) Year-to-Date
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>
Reinstatements	0	1
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	1	1
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 1/6/2015</b>		
Active Medical Staff	35	
As-Needed Medical Staff	14	
External Consultant Medical Staff	45	
Courtesy Medical Staff	1	
Affiliated Professionals	9	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>104</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of January 2015</b>	<b>0</b>	

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

**JANUARY 2015**  
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary  
(12/18/14 BUSINESS-MEC)

	<b>1/2015</b>	<b>07/2014 to 06/2015</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>149</b>
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>313</b>
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>
Additions	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>
Proctorship Completed	<b>12</b>	<b>130</b>

<b>Current Statistics – as of 12/8/14</b>		
Active Staff	<b>532</b>	
Courtesy Staff	<b>512</b>	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	<b>260</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,304</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of JANUARY 2015</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 2/2015 to 4/2015</b>	<b>122</b>