



City and County of San Francisco  
Edwin M. Lee, Mayor

## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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Director of Health

### Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

May 5, 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>

#### **Hummingbird Place – Peer Respite Now Open**

Mayor Lee and Director Garcia were the first to visit Hummingbird Place, a Peer Psychiatric Respite, when it opened its doors on April 20, 2015. Located at 887 Potrero, Hummingbird Place will provide respite to clients in need of a safe space to rest and consider healthy options. Staffed by Peers and CNAs, clients can come and engage in onsite activities, talk to Peers or just relax. The program is designed to work with individuals who are not quite ready to engage in treatment or are in need of a safe space to go to instead of seeking out urgent/emergent care. This respite will function as a daytime, closed referral center.

Mayor Lee and Director Barbara Garcia co-sponsor the CARES Task Force, a 21-member advisory body charged with developing a range of policy and programmatic recommendations designed to serve those residents with the most challenging symptoms. A year after the Task Force was established, state funding was approved to support bringing a new service to San Francisco – Hummingbird Place – which provides a secure and safe environment within the community for those that need support staving off a crisis. After it has been up and running for a period of time, DPH will run an evaluation to quantify success, and bolster arguments to get more state and federal funding to expand these services elsewhere in the City.

#### **Be sure to hold your patients' Protected Health Information (PHI) as precious as you hold their well-being**

High-profile health care data breaches are on the rise and expected to increase with the use of new technologies employed by criminals. The need to reduce the ways that patient data can be compromised is greater than ever.

It is SFDPH policy to comply with state and federal laws governing the protection and confidentiality of PHI in any form, including paper. PHI should only be used, accessed, or disclosed in accordance with the DPH policies. Be mindful to never take printed material containing PHI out of the worksite without a specific business need or without prior authorization. If you must transport PHI, ensure the documents are secure and with you at all

times. Doing your part as a health provider can go a long way to protecting patients even after they have been cared for within our Network.

Staff should notify their program supervisor and their Privacy Officer **immediately** of any suspected breach of patient privacy. Notices, inquiries, concerns, or questions about Privacy may be directed to the Office of Compliance and Privacy Affairs's toll-free hotline number at 1-855-729-6040, or directly to the following individuals:

- Maria X Martinez - Chief Integrity Officer, Director, Office of Compliance and Privacy Affairs, 415-554-2877
- Jill LeCount - Privacy Officer, Laguna Honda Hospital 415-759-4500
- Maggie Rykowski - Privacy Officer, SFGH Campus 415-206-4294
- (CBOs) - Please notify your program's Privacy Officer
- (Human Service Agency) Dan Kelly - Privacy Officer, 415-557-5871

### **Homeless Prenatal Program Annual Gala**

This year's Homeless Prenatal Program's (HPP) Annual gala will celebrate the rich history of the Mission District, while underscoring the Homeless Prenatal Program's mission to break the cycle of childhood poverty. With the theme: *Our House, Our Mission*, this year's event will present curated collaborations with local artists. Exhibitions will showcase portraits of HPP clients by Janet Delaney, whose photographs are currently showing at the deYoung Museum; an unveiling of new work by Ivan Lopez, owner of Artillery Apparel Gallery; and limited edition screenprints by Marsha Shaw, manager of Mission Grafica.

Being honored at the gala will be long-time supporter and community advocate, Dr. Daniel Włodarczyk, attending Physician at San Francisco General Hospital & South East Health Center Former Medical Director of Healthcare for the Homeless. Dr. Dan has played an integral role in promoting public health in San Francisco. His humility and unwavering commitment to the city's most vulnerable citizens is an inspiration to be celebrated by the community he has helped create.

### **Joseph Pace Receives Jan Bailowitz Award**

Congratulations to Joseph Pace on being chosen as the 2015 recipient of the *Jane Bailowitz, MD Award!* The Medicine Service established this award in 2010 to recognize a volunteer faculty for his/her outstanding contributions and assistance to the Medical Service at SFGH. This is a tremendous and very well-deserved honor. Joseph is recognized for his inspiring, incredible work with students and residents and for his mastery of the art of primary care.

Thank you for your significant contributions to the Medical Services and to San Francisco General Hospital. We appreciate all you do for your patients, the communities we serve, your staff, and the learners who gain so much from their time with you. The 2015 SFGH Medicine Faculty Awards will be presented on Tuesday, May 19, at 1 pm in Carr Auditorium following Medicine Grand Rounds.

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