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## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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# Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of, July 7, 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>

### **Affordable Care Act Survives Legal Challenge**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the United States Supreme Court once again upheld the Affordable Care Act. The challengers in *King v. Burwell* argued that federal subsidies are not valid toward insurance purchased through federally-run health care exchanges. In a 6-3 decision, the Court ruled that not only are such subsidies consistent with the intent of the Affordable Care Act, but are essential for the stability of the law and the health insurance market. Although Californians buying plans on Covered California would not have been directly affected had the Court ruled otherwise, millions of Americans in other states would have lost their health insurance. Such a disruption in the insurance market would contribute to a "death spiral," where only the sickest and most costly would remain in the insurance pool, causing insurance rates to skyrocket. The Supreme Court's ruling avoids market destabilization and solidifies the reforms enacted under the Affordable Care Act.

### **Immunization Personal Belief Exemption Disallowed**

Governor Brown signed SB277 into law on June 30<sup>th</sup>, making California's vaccination requirements among the strictest in the country. Effective next year, the law requires nearly all children entering public or private school to be immunized against a standard list of diseases. Parents may no longer refuse immunization for their children on the grounds that it runs contrary to their personal beliefs. The new law does retain medical exemptions if a physician certifies that immunization would be harmful to the child's health. Children who are home-schooled would also be exempt from mandatory immunization.

### **FY 15/16 State Budget**

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, Governor Brown signed a \$167.7 billion state budget for fiscal year 15/16, including nearly \$32 billion for health programs. Alongside significant investments in higher education, drought relief, and debt repayment, the budget increases Health and Human Services spending by 6.2% over last year. Health highlights include:

- Full-scope Medi-Cal is extended to undocumented children under age 19, effective May 1, 2016.
- The Legislature will hold a Special Session on Health, focusing on Medi-Cal financing and program sustainability. Topics will include provider reimbursement, access to services, and a fix for the state's tax on managed care organizations.
- A 10% rate reduction is restored for Denti-Cal providers, but the budget does not increase provider rates or restore AB97 cuts.
- Medi-Cal copayments for beneficiaries are repealed.
- \$3M is included for Mental Health Wellness Grants for developing and expanding local peer respite sites.
- Behavioral health treatment for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder up to age 21, now a required Medi-Cal benefit, is funded at \$228M.
- Public health investments include \$3M for needle exchange programs, \$228M for high-cost Hep-C drugs, and \$2.2M for a care linkage pilot for people at risk for Hep-C infection.
- The state Department of Public Health is required to establish a Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Navigator Services Program, to provide grants to local entities for HIV outreach and prevention.
- The upper income eligibility threshold for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is increased from \$50,000/year to 500% of the federal poverty level (\$58,850 in 2015).

### **SFDPH Trauma Informed Systems Initiative Recognized Nationally**

The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently recognized SFDPH Trauma Informed Systems for being a leader in the effort to expand awareness and trauma-informed approaches throughout primary care, behavioral health schools, jails and prisons. "Trauma-informed" treatment realizes, recognizes and responds to the effects of all types of trauma. Many DPH patients and clients have experienced trauma in their lives, and that can be exhibited in their behavior and health status. Our staff needs training to effectively serve this population, and to support their own resilience doing this challenging work. Our work was recognized for its novel approach to integrating concerns of cultural humility, racism and historical trauma in the response to trauma and violence in the community. So far over 1,850 staff (mostly from Behavioral Health, Maternal Child Health, Laguna Honda, and Children, Youth and Families) have been trained.

### **SFGH New Hospital Ribbon Cutting and Opening Schedule**

The entire health department has been intensely focused on the construction of San Francisco General Hospital's new acute care and trauma building. From the planning that started in 2006, to the 2008 bond measure and the groundbreaking in 2009, the exciting project is now nearing its conclusion. Today I am glad to share some important updates.

The new hospital ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on **Sat, Dec 5, 2015**. There are several steps that must be accomplished between now and then. The California Office of Statewide Planning and Development (OSHPD) must first certify that the building is safe and meets all

construction inspection standards. This process is ongoing and will soon conclude. When OSHPD gives final certification to the building, the hospital can begin staff orientation and training, and stocking with equipment and supplies. This will prepare us for the ultimate step of licensing by the California Department of Public Health (CA-DPH). Successful licensing will certify the hospital is completely prepared to care for patients on its very first day, and every day after that.

We expect the new building to open for patient care in the spring of 2016, targeting a May date. The schedule has been adjusted to accommodate the advanced technologies and critical care services that we will provide, as the city's only trauma center.

Before moving patients into our new facility, the hospital staff is going to be very busy -- installing equipment and IT, testing systems, training and orienting 5,400 employees. We also will complete the state-of-the-art "hybrid operating room." This is a new life-saving feature that brings interventional radiology into the surgical suite for our trauma center. There are very few hospitals with such advanced technologies, and we are fortunate to offer this to our most critically ill patients.

We are on track to deliver a beautiful new hospital to our patients, staff and San Franciscans. The expertise and dedication of the entire SFGH Rebuild team, DPH and hospital leaders, DPW project managers, Webcor Builders, Fong & Chan Architects, Jacobs, and the support of San Francisco residents and the SFGH Foundation have culminated in an impressive new building that will improve care for future generations.

### **SFDPH Pride in Flying Colors**

The SFDPH has participated in San Francisco's LGBTQI Pride Parade for many years. This year, the parade was especially celebratory, coming on the heels of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide. DPH had the best representation we have ever had. Staff from the following areas participated: Applied Research; Community Health, Epidemiology, and Surveillance (ARCHES); Bridge HIV; Center for Learning and Innovation; Communications; Community Health Equity and Promotion; Disease Prevention and Control; Environmental Health; Family Mosaic; Fiscal and Budget; HIV Health Services; Office of Contracts Management and Compliance; Office of Equity and Quality Improvement; Potrero Hill Health Center; and San Francisco General Hospital. Our contingent included musicians from Maracatu Pacifico Group and dancers including Halima Mahdee whose participation earned us "Most Fabulous Musical Contingent" in the parade.

This year the SFDPH highlighted three important health issues: 1) the contribution of gay/bisexual men and trans communities to the significant decrease in new HIV infections in San Francisco (see attached ad placed in Bay Area Reporter). 2) Healthy Hearts in San Francisco, and 3) education about prevention of invasive meningococcal disease. The award-winning syphilis awareness social marketing campaign "Healthy Penis" characters wore tuxedos in celebration of the groundbreaking decision.

We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this important event. Heartfelt thanks go to the organizers: Chairperson of the DPH Pride Contingent committee: Travis Tuohey; committee members included: Hanna Hjord, Brandon Ivory, Rector Amadeia, Nnenna Ozobia, Jose

Asencios, Marianne Szeto, Uzziel Prado, Nina Davis, Kavon Jones, Robin George, Giuliana Martinez, Brittney Doyle and Jacque McCright.

### **San Francisco General Launches Healthy Beverage Initiative; Will no longer sell or provide Sugar Sweetened Beverages on campus**

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH) announced June 12 that the hospital will no longer sell or provide any sugar sweetened beverages on campus. This action, which will ultimately extend across the department, supports patients and community by offering healthier drinks that do not promote obesity, tooth decay and chronic disease.

Consumption of sugar sweetened beverages is linked with increased rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, liver disease and tooth decay. Our patients, many of whom are Latino and African American, are disproportionately affected by these conditions. The policy extends to patient meals, the cafeteria, vending machines, gift shop and food trucks. The hospital will continue to offer beverages such as water, carbonated water, flavored waters, milk, tea, coffee, diet soft drinks, and 100 percent fruit and vegetable juices.

The Healthy Beverage Initiative was kicked off Friday June 12 at the hospital's Summerfest celebration, which brings together hospital staff, patients and community partners for a variety of wellness activities including dancing, cooking demonstrations and free food samples from the hospital's garden. Summerfest and the healthy beverages program are part of the SFGH Wellness Program's Healthy Food Environment Initiative, led by Shermineh Jafarieh, Director of Diagnostic and Wellness Services.

### **Oral Health Collaborative Hosts Mission Community Meeting to address Dental Health**

The San Francisco Children's Oral Health Collaborative, led by the SF Department of Public Health and UC San Francisco, held a community meeting in the Mission District of San Francisco. The June 9 meeting included community health providers such as Mission Neighborhood Centers Head Start/Early Head Start, Instituto Familiar de la Raza, Chicano/Latino/Indigena Health Equity Coalition and the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN). The meeting is the second in a series of neighborhood meetings, with the first occurring in April in Chinatown.

In San Francisco, nearly 40 percent of children have experienced tooth decay by the time they reach kindergarten. Low-income kindergartners are eight times more likely to have untreated tooth decay, and Latino children experience more than twice as many cavities compared to white children. Medi-Cal reimbursement rates are among the lowest in the country, and San Francisco Denti-Cal providers are often unable to cover their operating costs, due to high costs of doing business in San Francisco. At the well-attended meeting, there was discussion of issues that play into the high rates of tooth decay among Latinos and other minorities. For example, Hispanic Americans are accustomed to avoiding tap water because in their countries, the tap water is not safe. But bottled water doesn't have fluoride, which is a mineral that protects the teeth, and is in San Francisco tap water. In addition, Latino families often gift sweet foods to children and it's not interpreted as giving them dental decay. We can work to improve outreach and education on these issues and others.

The purpose of the neighborhood meetings is to solicit input and solutions to the epidemic problem of tooth decay in the communities we serve.

## **Historic Kidney Swap Shows Cooperation, Lifesaving Partnership in SF's Health Sector**

A unique collaboration between UCSF Medical Center and Sutter Health's California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) resulted in what is believed to be one of the nation's first nine-way kidney transplant chains occurring in one city over a 36-hour period. This ambitious and lifesaving partnership between UCSF Medical Center and California Pacific Medical Center (on June 4) is a testament to the cooperation that happens in San Francisco's health sector. The burden of kidney disease afflicts one in nine people in our country - that's nearly 100,000 people in San Francisco alone, where the average wait time for a kidney is eight years. Creative approaches like this multi-kidney swap are one tool in the toolbox to transplant more patients.

## **Violence Prevention for the Latino Mission Community**

Director of Health, Barbara Garcia was recognized by the Road To Peace Coalition for her support of Violence Prevention Services for the Latino Mission Community on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Public Health has been working with this community group with their effort to reduce violence in the Mission through a collaboration of several organizations serving the Latino Community of San Francisco. The Mayor's Office in this coming year budget has provided funding for these organizations to provide services to over 500 youth. Services supported by DPH will include tattoo removing services, mental health and other culturally specific health activities.

## **Shannon Smith-Bernardin Selected for the 2015 California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM) Community Service Award**

This CSAM award is based on merit and has been awarded to a wide variety of legislators, activists, community leaders, etc., all with one thing in common: they have improved the lives of those suffering from the disease of addiction, and by doing so have contributed a valuable service to the community. Recent previous recipients have been: Assembly Member Tom Ammiano (2014), Lawrence Neinstein, MD and Michele Kipke, PhD (2013), and Alice Gleghorn, PhD (2012).

Shannon is being recognized with this award for her outstanding work at the SFDPH Medical Respite and Sobering Center where she has successfully demonstrated that this kind of innovative approach can be effective, and for her ability to form ongoing relationships with frequent users and provide the support necessary when they are ready for positive change. This award will be presented to her on Friday, October 23, 2015, at the CSAM State of the Art Conference during the general session.

## **Women's Health Days at Tom Waddell Urban Health**

On Saturday, May 16th Tom Waddell Urban Health hosted a Women's Health Day. 106 clients joined for the festivities, which included breast cancer screening from the SFGH-Avon Mammovan and cervical cancer screening from Tom Waddell clinic. Attendees also enjoyed music, healthy food and cooking demonstrations, clothing distribution, a jewelry "raffle," foot

massage, naloxone education, needle exchange, reproductive health education and more. Many thanks to our community partners for participating. **The next event is planned for July 18.**

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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.

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**JUNE 2015**

**Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary  
(6/18/15 BUSINESS-MEC)**

	<b>6/2015</b>	<b>07/2014 to 06/2015</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>New Appointments effective 7/8/15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>520</b>
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	<b>5</b>	<b>124</b>
Additions	<b>13</b>	<b>119</b>
Proctorship Completed	<b>24</b>	<b>237</b>

<b>Current Statistics – as of 5/29/15</b>		
Active Staff	<b>524</b>	
Courtesy Staff	<b>505</b>	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	<b>269</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,298</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of JUNE 2015</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 7/2015 to 9/2015</b>	<b>191</b>

# LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

## JUNE 2015

### Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(JUNE 4, 2015 Medical Exec Committee)

	June	(FY 2014-2015) Year-to-Date
<b>New Appointments</b>	1	17
Reinstatements	0	1
<b>Reappointments</b>	5	49
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	8	16
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	0	0
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	0	0
<b>Deceased</b>	0	0
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	9
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 5/26/2015</b>	
Active Medical Staff	35
As-Needed Medical Staff	13
External Consultant Medical Staff	41
Courtesy Medical Staff	1
Affiliated Professionals	8
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>98</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn this month</b>	<b>1</b>