



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

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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of February 7, 2017

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Mayor Edwin M. Lee response to the Executive Order on immigration

Shortly the recent immigration ban was announced, Mayor Ed Lee sent this email to all city departments. Here's what he said "I commend the judge that granted the emergency stay today, allowing Muslim immigrants with valid visas to enter the United States. As the son of Chinese immigrants, I am disgusted by the President's Executive Order to target the Muslim community and ban immigrants from entering the United States. Our country was built by immigrants in search of religious freedom and a life free of persecution and violence. These actions are a direct betrayal of those American values. We cannot turn our backs on those looking for a better, safer life for themselves and their children. Now is the time to be firm in our values of inclusion, compassion and liberty for all. In San Francisco, we stand shoulder to shoulder with our Muslim and immigrant communities and promise to continue to lift the lamp for all those in search of a better life."

City Attorney files federal lawsuit to protect Sanctuary City Policies

On Wednesday, Jan 31st, City Attorney Dennis Herrera filed a federal lawsuit against President Donald Trump and his administration for his Executive Order directing enforcement action against sanctuary cities and threatening to withhold federal funding from these cities. The suit claims that the order is unconstitutional and exceeds the president's power.

"The president's executive order is not only unconstitutional, it's un-American," said Herrera. "That is why we must stand up and oppose it. We are a nation of immigrants and a land of laws." We are all safer when everyone, including undocumented immigrants, feel safe reporting

crimes,” Herrera said. “We are all healthier when every resident has access to public health programs. We are all smarter and economically stronger when every child attends school.” A copy of the case can be seen here: <http://www.sfcityattorney.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Complaint.pdf>

Response to ICE appearance at Good Samaritan Family Resource Center

On Thursday, January 26th, agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) appeared at Good Samaritan Family Resource Center in the Mission District. According to news reports, immigration officials said it was not a raid, but that they were attempting to find a convicted sex offender wanted for deportation at an address nearby. We don’t know all the details of what happened, and why. But we do know that the visit was very rattling to the staff at Good Samaritan and to the broader community based organizations and immigrant community. Coming on the heels of President Trump signing executive orders to set in motion building a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and to strip federal funding from sanctuary cities, this brief visit by ICE sounds an alarm for many members of our community. At the Health Department, our mission has not changed. We are dedicated to serving all those in need of care, without regard to immigration or insurance status. The Mayor has pledged that San Francisco always will be a sanctuary city.

We are working with community organizations, the Mayor’s office and other city agencies to ensure that all San Franciscans, including immigrants, continue to access services in their communities. On January 31st City Attorney Dennis Herrera brought suit against President Trump and his administration for his order directing enforcement action against sanctuary cities and threatening to withhold federal funding. We are consulting with the City Attorney to make sure we have the strongest legal advice moving forward. We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. We will be collecting your questions and concerns and continuing to support you. Please refer any questions to post-election@sfdph.org.

SFDPH Social Worker Responds to Fears of Immigrant Families

Shauna Riley is a Social Worker with San Francisco Department of Public Health and works with families enrolled in California Children’s Services (CCS). CCS is a state program for children with complex medical conditions and other special health care needs. Through this 90 year old program, children from birth to 21 years old can get the health care and services they need. The staff of CCS have received several comments and telephone calls from our immigrant families expressing concern regarding the newly elected President’s immigrant policies. Families still express worry even knowing that we live in a sanctuary city and are fearful for their family’s future. When clients call in, Shauna reassures them our mission has not changed. We are dedicated to serving all those in need of care, without regard to immigration or insurance status. The Mayor has pledged that San Francisco always will be a sanctuary city. Shauna provides the staff and families she works with resources such as the hand-out from the National Immigration Law Center. <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Rights-No-Matter-Who-Is-Pres-2016-11-10.pdf>

Health Department Supports City Priorities

The Health Department is fully committed to many of the City's major initiatives, as outlined January 26 by Mayor Ed Lee in his State of the City address. Our mission is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans. We do that in many ways, including tackling today's priorities in the arenas of mental health, active drug users and homeless health. We will be working with the Mayor's office, other city agencies and community partners this year to make our streets and sidewalks safer and healthier for all San Franciscans. To accomplish that, we are expanding services and capacity in many areas -- adding hours and beds and expanding outreach and response activities.

In terms of mental health, we are continuing to expand capacity throughout the city. We will soon open the City's newest navigation center at Hummingbird Place with 15 beds for homeless clients with mental health and substance abuse issues. Our Assisted Outpatient Treatment program (aka Laura's Law) has shown great success in its first year, helping connect people to needed treatment by collaborating with families and the courts. Next, we propose to extend that collaborative approach to the Conservatorship Court in order to help keep people in care until they are on solid footing on a path to wellness and recovery.

For the overlapping issues of active drug users, syringe litter and homeless health, several activities are underway and expanding. We will add more syringe disposal boxes and boost the response to complaints about discarded needles. We will expand services for active drug users, to promote safety and provide alternatives to the streets. We are increasing services for this group by adding 40 hours per week at the Harm Reduction Center. We are expanding the Medical Respite for homeless patients by 30 new beds. Our street medicine team will continue to pilot working directly with active drug users, providing urgent care, access to treatment and making it easier for them to start breaking the cycle of addiction. We will continue to monitor the possibility of legal supervised injection services.

Board of Supervisors unanimously approves UCSF research building at ZSFG

On Tuesday, January 31st, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted 11-0 to allow UCSF to build their research building on the campus of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. The lease agreement allows UCSF to build the 175,000 square foot, \$200 million facility in the space that is now the parking lot outside the former Emergency Room. The research and academic building will replace the seismically unsafe buildings that currently house UCSF offices and labs, which must be evacuated by 2019 under UCSF policy. UCSF has agreed to pay \$10 million dollars toward the \$28 million dollar cost of reestablishing the 130 parking spaces that will be demolished for the building. UCSF will also vacate 130 spaces in the current multi-level parking structure to allow for patient parking. UCSF employees will be asked to park offsite and will instead be shuttled to ZSFG. SFDPH will work with SFMTA to manage parking plans going forward and will report back to the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis.

Medical Clown Project at Laguna Honda featured on Smithsonian Institution website

The Smithsonian Institution Folklife Website features the work of the Bay Area Medical Clown Project at Laguna Honda (<http://www.festival.si.edu/2017/circus-arts/profiles/smithsonian>). The Medical Clown Project provides medical clown services at hospitals, long-term care facilities

and elder day programs throughout the Bay Area. The medical clowns have specialized training in therapeutic medical clowning, and clowns are able to connect with patients/residents through music, humor, acrobatics and more.

The Medical Clown Project began providing services on dementia focused units at Laguna Honda Hospital in 2013. Over the past couple of years, Laguna Honda has successfully hosted two Medical Clowns shows - in May 2015 and November 2016 respectively.

Electronic Health Record Request for Proposal Update

Our Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Electronic Health Record went out on January 17, 2017. We expect to have demos in July and to make an award by August 31, 2017. We hope to start January 2018 with a new Electronic Health Record. Staff have been informed of the very strict guidelines that exist for the RFP process and were cautioned not to discuss specifics or vendors in order to maintain a fair and ethical RFP process. FAQs are being developed to inform and guide the staff in the RFP process, and how review panels will be selected.

Addressing overdose by Increasing Naloxone Availability

California's Assembly Bill AB1535 allowed pharmacists to furnish naloxone to any person at risk of experiencing or witnessing an overdose. In the fall of last year, the Behavioral Health pharmacy staff hosted a public event to announce the pharmacy's ability to furnish naloxone without a prescription. Since that event, the pharmacy's monthly distribution of naloxone has quadrupled. Since the implementation of pharmacists furnishing naloxone without a prescription 50 percent of the naloxone being dispensed is to consumers not connected with our substance use treatment programs, indicating the expansion has been successful. The pharmacy staff looks forward to continuing to expand its role in community safety and substance use services.

Environmental Health and Policy & Planning honored at City Data and Innovation Awards

SFDPH staff from Environmental Health and Policy & Planning, as well as their partners from Planning and OEWD, are being honored by the Mayor at a lunch on February 16th as a part of the first City Data and Innovation Awards for their innovative work on the Central Market/Tenderloin Data Portal, winning the "Bridge Builder" category. The project involves advancing health and equity utilizing data in partnership with city and community stakeholders. Staff who will be recognized include Environmental Health staff Megan Wall Shui, Mimi Tam, and Max Gara; Policy & Planning staff Andrea Nelson and Paolo Ikezoe, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development staff, Juan Carlos. Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership staff including Will Douglas, Abbie Yant, Jennifer Kiss, and Jennifer Lacson have been instrumental in bringing this project about.

This project is in collaboration with St. Francis Memorial Hospital and its Foundation and was funded in part by the Centers for Disease Control Healthy Community Design grant.

Black History Month Celebration

Laguna Honda will be hosting this year's DPH-wide Black History celebration on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 8:30am-5:00pm. Speakers include Dr. Kenneth Hardy, Dr. Joy DeGruy and Harriet Washington. Speakers will discuss the impact of the health care system on African Americans in this post-hope and post-change era and will address the aftermath of historical trauma and today's societal need for racial humility. Register today at www.tinyurl.com/laguna-honda-hospital

SFDPH in the news:

New SF General Clinic Treats Older HIV Patients

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/New-SF-General-clinic-treats-older-HIV-patients-10904711.php>

16 Female Physicians Who Lead Hospitals

<http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/lists/16-female-physicians-who-lead-hospitals.html>

San Francisco Sheriff's Deputy Arrested for Alleged Insurance Fraud

<http://abc7news.com/news/only-on-7-san-francisco-deputy-arrested-after-allegedly-insurance-fraud/1734682/>

Golden Compass program launches at SF General

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=72301>

SF sues Trump on sanctuary cities

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=72293>

Cal/OSHA to Review Oakland Transcript to Plan Next Steps

<http://www.xbiz.com/news/216688>

San Francisco's Data Academy Develops a Data-Savvy Workforce

<http://www.govtech.com/education/San-Franciscos-Data-Academy-Develops-a-Data-Savvy-Workforce.html>

S. F. police killing of mentally ill man exposes reform challenges

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/S-F-police-killing-of-mentally-ill-man-exposes-6797077.php>

UCSF Research Building at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Gets City Approval

<https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2017/02/405696/ucsf-research-building-zuckerberg-san-francisco-general-hospital-gets-city>

SF's Homeless Census Is Literally, At Times, A Drive-By Operation

http://sfist.com/2017/01/30/homeless_count.php

Reputable Registered Nurse, Carina Manchester, RN, MSN, will be Spotlighted in the Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare

<https://www.prbuzz.com/health-a-fitness/407329-reputable-registered-nurse-carina-manchester-rn-msn-will-be-spotlighted-in-the-worldwide-leaders-in-healthcare.html>

SF places interim restrictions on future cannabis growers

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-places-interim-restrictions-future-cannabis-growers/>

SF establishing local policy to align with new ‘aid in dying’ state law

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-establishing-local-policy-align-new-aid-dying-state-law/>

SF General Hospital to house new Navigation Center for mentally ill, substance Abusers

<http://blog.sfgate.com/inthemission/2017/01/27/sf-general-hospital-to-house-new-navigation-center-for-mentally-ill-substance-abusers/>

80% of HIV+ Are Over 45 / 20% over 60 /50% Over 50 in NY, SF, Boston, Florida

http://www.natap.org/2017/HIV/012717_03.htm

Mayor Ed Lee Calls For Unity in San Francisco

<http://patch.com/california/san-francisco/mayor-ed-lee-calls-unity-san-francisco>

Resolution Denouncing the Trump Administration and 115th Congress’ Plans to Defund Preventative Care for Women and Basic Health Services

<http://sfbaytimes.com/resolution-denouncing-the-trump-administration-and-115th-congress-plans-to-defund-preventative-care-for-women-and-basic-health-services/>

Dirty Restaurants Can Pay To Improve Their Health Scores Under Pilot Program

http://sfist.com/2017/01/25/yelp_declares_war_on_sf_angry_that_1.php

Laura’s Law making a difference for SF’s mentally ill homeless

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Laura-s-Law-making-a-difference-for-SF-s-10878308.php>

HIV patients call drug program fractured after shift in operators

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/HIV-patients-call-drug-program-fractured-after-10874920.php>

SF prepares to count its homeless, braces for cuts under Trump

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/SF-prepares-to-count-its-homeless-braces-for-10874450.php>

Bad flu season taking toll in California — 14 deaths, twice as many outbreaks

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/Bad-flu-season-taking-toll-in-California-14-10872737.php>

Laguna Honda Hospital Fined For Patient Death

<http://patch.com/california/san-francisco/laguna-honda-hospital-fined-patient-death>

San Francisco Launches 'No Water, No Mosquitoes' Campaign

<http://patch.com/california/san-francisco/san-francisco-launches-no-water-no-mosquitoes-campaign>

Growing support for safe injection facilities

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=72265>

Healthy SF Program Could Be Expanded In Wake Of Obamacare Repeal

http://sfist.com/2017/01/18/healthy_sf_program_could_be_expande.php