



City and County of San Francisco
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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of March 21, 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>

DPH receives Public Health Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that the Public Health Accreditation Board has officially granted full accreditation to the San Francisco Department of Public Health as of March 14, 2017. Established in 2011, the national accreditation program sets standards toward which the nation's nearly 3,000 governmental and public health departments can continuously work to improve the quality of their services. Here's what the board had to say: "This health department is well respected by their community, their governing authority, and local elected officials. Their management and leadership are seasoned and skilled public health professionals who have passion for their work and commitment to their community. They are organized in a way that allows for efficient delivery of public health services. They have programs in place that demonstrate commitment to their employees and an understanding of the need to continually train current employees while seeking to identify those who might be future committed public health professionals." The accreditation project has been a 5-year challenge for our department that helped strengthen our ability to work as a team. Our clients and staff all benefit as a result of new infrastructure being built to support our continuous improvement goals. We are now one of eight accredited health departments in California, and one of only two hundred across the nation. We would like to thank the Public Health Accreditation Team for their exemplary work in leading our Department to this significant accomplishment.

American Health Care Act

The American Health Care Act (AHCA), the legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), passed through three House committees and will advance to the House Rules Committee and full House floor next. If passed by the House, the bill will move to the Senate for

a full vote. The Congressional Budget Office has projected that the AHCA would increase the number of uninsured individuals by 14 million in 2018 and 24 million by 2026. The AHCA would increase average premiums prior to 2020, and reduce federal deficits by \$337 billion over the 2017-2026 period. The AHCA also makes major changes in the Medicaid program by phasing out enhanced federal funding and capping federal funding to states. This would have a big impact on states, such as California, that opted for the Medicaid expansion. California could potentially lose as much as \$17.3 billion in federal funding for the state's expanded Medi-Cal program. California's policy response will be critical for determining impact on the Department's local health care providers, hospitals, and clinics.

The AHCA keeps several insurance reforms including coverage of pre-existing conditions, guaranteed availability and renewability of coverage, and coverage of adult children up to age 26. The AHCA also eliminates funding for the Public Health & Prevention Fund which supports community prevention programs, public health research and tracking efforts. The ACA enabled the extension of health coverage to 133,000 San Franciscans, provided stability for many people and strengthened the health care system. San Francisco remains committed to ensuring health care access for our residents and will continue to work toward this goal alongside our healthcare partners citywide. Currently, all programs and benefits remain in place and we encourage all San Franciscans to use them, regardless of immigration or insurance status. Updated materials are regularly posted to the SFDPH Post-Election information website <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/election/default.asp> or you may email questions to post-election@sfdph.org.

Federal Budget

The President's 2018 Budget, released on March 16th 2017, would cut \$15.1 billion for Health and Human services. This is an 18 percent decrease from 2017 and it does not include any proposed changes to mandatory spending or revenue. The Budget request eliminates \$403 million in health professions training programs and \$4.2 billion for programs within the Office of Community Services. The Budget request reduces The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) spending by \$5.8 billion and proposes reforms for public health, emergency preparedness, and prevention programs. The Budget would reform the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through a new \$500 million block grant to increase State flexibility and establish a new Federal Emergency Response Fund to respond to public health outbreaks. The Budget request prioritizes community health services, Ryan White HIV/AIDS providers, substance use disorder treatment activities, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) deregulation and Health Care Fraud and Abuse programs.

Reaffirming San Francisco as a Safe Place for Everyone

January's Executive Order limiting the number of refugees coming into the US, now suspended, has nevertheless caused much anxiety and fear for our immigrant community. The Population Health Center for Learning and Innovation recently put together a story featuring staff and patients from our Newcomer's Health Program discussing the realities of being an immigrant during this post-election landscape. Beautifully created and recorded by Mehroz Baig, it tells the story of our patients and their concerns today. Give a listen here: <http://in-sfghweb02/cli/?p=2018>

Climate and Health Adaptation Framework

The American Public Health Association has named 2017 as the Year of Climate Change and Health to mobilize action on climate change to protect health. On March 9th, 2017, the San Francisco Department of Public Health released its Climate and Health Adaptation Framework describing the connection between climate change and local health impacts and outlining a set of potential solutions. The release of the framework is a first step toward opening the conversation with communities about how to prepare for the public health threat posed by these conditions. In San Francisco, a range of negative health impacts will likely result from climate change and unusual weather patterns, having the largest effect on low income and vulnerable populations. The health risks caused by extreme heat, flooding and increased air pollution include increased risk of water-related illness and vector-borne disease and heat stroke. DPH will now conduct public outreach to understand existing community concerns about climate change and priority health issues. The community input will enable information-sharing along with engagement and promotion of ongoing activities. These actions will help to address climate change and create healthier lives for all San Franciscans. You can read the complete report here: https://extxfer.sfdph.org/gis/ClimateHealth/Reports%20and%20Research/SFDPH_ClimateHealthAdaptFramework2017a.pdf

Trauma Informed Systems featured by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

The most recent issue of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) newsletter focuses on the Trauma Informed Systems work implemented at DPH in 2012. At that time, DPH recognized trauma and toxic stress as a critical health concerns, with detrimental effects on agencies, people served, and across generations. In order to be a Trauma-Informed setting, people in the setting must realize the widespread prevalence of trauma, recognize the signs and symptoms, respond in an understanding and supportive way and resist doing further harm. Thanks to Ken Epstein and team we have now trained more than half of the 9,000 staff across the DPH and have partnered with many divisions and groups within DPH to implement, including four rounds of “Train the Trainer” cohorts. You can read the full article here: <http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA17-5019/SMA17-5019.pdf>

Patient Safety Awareness Week

Patient Safety Awareness Week is an annual education and awareness campaign for health care safety led by National Patient Safety Foundation. The Zuckerberg San Francisco General patient safety team celebrated Patient Safety Awareness Week on Thursday, March 16th with games and giveaways in their café. Games were fun and educational including their “National Safety Roulette” game. Prizes included ZSFG fleece vests and jackets, an Apple store gift card, and Safeway, Starbucks, and Subway Sandwich gift cards.

This year’s theme at Laguna Honda was “We are all Patients” and they highlighted quality improvement work using recently implemented LEAN methodologies. This includes Warfarin administration safety, preventing falls with major injuries, and increasing staff flu vaccination rate. All these efforts translate to a better and most importantly, safer care experience for all patients and residents. Laguna Honda capped off the week with an exciting fair along the hospital esplanade. Residents and staff tested their knowledge on safety protocols by playing the

Spin and Win Wheel! Attendees who answered questions correctly had the chance to win amazing prizes such as an Amazon Echo, Kindle Fire, Bluetooth speakers, and gift cards.

Improving access to Job Vacancies

The HR Department has worked collaboratively with the Business Intelligence Unit to develop a dashboard that will allow users to view and manage available job vacancies and filled positions across Department of Public Health (DPH). Data is refreshed on a daily basis and is pulled from the Human Resources Information Management System (HRIMS). The dashboard is designed to improve communication between HR and DPH departments by eliminating erroneous data entry, and to reduce the number of vacancies and time required to fill approved and budgeted positions across the DPH. Executive staff will be able to view a snapshot of vacancies by department and or program to drive HR and budget-related discussions and decision-making. Hiring managers will be able to use data to identify vacancies within their unit/department/program to prioritize hiring efforts towards available positions. HR staff will be able to access and view timely data to drive efficiencies within daily operations (for example, vacancy data is used to develop examination schedules). The dashboard is built via Tableau Developer and “lives” on SharePoint. If you are DPH staff, go to <http://in-sfghtableau/> UCSF staff can login through Citrix: <http://insidechnsf/> and navigate to <http://in-sfghtableau/> on the internet browser.

HR Ensuring Accuracy of Supervisor Data in eMerge

The Controller’s Office is in the process of implementing their F\$P Financials Project (<http://sfcontroller.org/financial-systems-replacement-project>). A component of this project is to ensure the accuracy of data in eMerge (PeopleSoft, specifically, “Supervisor” data. Accurate “Supervisor” data is critical to F\$P functionality such as employee expense reporting. The Controller’s Office has placed full responsibility on each City department to clean up their data. The cleanup includes confirming each employee is assigned to the correct supervisor. Public Health has over 10,700 data points to verify; this includes employees with multiple positions. Currently DPH manually inputs supervisor data into HRIMS (the internal human resources information management system). Compatibility issues prevent HRIMS and eMerge from sharing this data. DPH Human Resources (HR) is responsible for maintaining supervisor data. They are facilitating the eMerge "Report To" cleanup efforts for the department. Their immediate efforts include calling on DPH Sub-Division Managers to review and verify the accuracy of all employee - supervisor assignments HR has on record for their subdivision and making necessary corrections. More details on this project will be available in the coming months.

Annual Statement of Incompatible Activities

Each year, the City’s Ethics Commission reminds us that as officers and employees of the City, we are required to refrain from activities that are incompatible with our public duties, and are therefore prohibited. In order to get the word out each department must, by April 1st, 2017, post their department’s Statement of Incompatible Activities on their website, post it physically in the locations where legal notices are posted, and distribute it to each employee, either physically or by email. Here’s a link to the official Statement of Incompatible Activities for The Department of Public Health: https://sfethics.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Public_Health_Department_and_Health_Commission_SIA.pdf

SFDPH in the News:

City Budget May Face Cliff

<http://www.potreroview.net/city-budget-may-face-cliff/>

Critics blast ACA repeal plan

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=72427>

Youth Clinic Seeks Safe Harbor at Homeless Prenatal Program

<http://www.potreroview.net/youth-clinic-seeks-safe-harbor-at-homeless-prenatal-program/>

Bayview-Hunters Point Leads the Charge Against a Rising Tide of Pollution

<http://www.sfweekly.com/topstories/bayview-hunters-point-leads-the-charge-against-a-rising-tide-of-pollution/>

The Queen Of Poisons Strikes In San Francisco

<http://www.medicalhealthnews.net/the-queen-of-poisons-strikes-in-san-francisco>

SF's Public Works Goes Rogue on Homeless Encampment Cleanups

http://sfist.com/2017/03/15/frustrated_by_filth_sfs_public_work_1.php

SF hauls tons of trash, thousands of needles from homeless camps

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/SF-hauls-tons-of-trash-thousands-of-needles-from-11001989.php>

Woman at Center Of Valencia Standoff: 'That Was Not A De-Escalation, That Was An Escalation'

http://sfist.com/2017/03/14/woman_at_center_of_valencia_standof.php

Mental health team to work closely with SFPD during crisis

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/mental-health-team-work-closely-sfpd-crisis/>

药草茶含剧毒 旧金山2人紧急送医

<http://dailynews.sina.com/gb/news/usa/usnews/chinesedaily/20170313/07097769703.html>

San Francisco herbalist's herbal tea poisoning puts two people in critical condition

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/san-francisco-herbalists-herbal-tea-poisoning-puts-two-people-critical-condition-1611040>

Origin of tea ingredient that sickened 2 in San Francisco sought

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/health/241380119-story>

2 critically ill after drinking toxic tea from Chinatown

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/240902405-story>

San Francisco Releases New Framework to Address Human Health and Local Climate Impacts

<http://www.abc-7.com/story/34710643/san-francisco-releases-new-framework-to-address-human-health-and-local-climate-impacts>

WPCS Awarded As-Needed \$2 Million Contract With City of San Francisco

<http://www.wallstreet-online.de/nachricht/9380316-wpcs-awarded-as-needed-2-million-contract-with-city-of-san-francisco>

Navy's pick to review Shipyard cleanup fraud also faked data

<http://beforeitsnews.com/african-american-news/2017/03/navys-pick-to-review-shipyard-cleanup-fraud-also-faked-data-2459021.html>

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

March 2017
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
(3/16/17 MEC)

	3/2017	07/2016 to 07/2017
New Appointments	11	197
Reinstatements		
Reappointments	48	394
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	16	176
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	6	72
Additions	12	84
Proctorship Completed	16	158

Current Statistics – as of 3/3/17	
Active Staff	557
Courtesy Staff	519
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	270
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,336

Applications in Process	21
Applications Withdrawn Month of March 2017	1
SFGH Reappointments in Process 4/2017 to 6/2017	159

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

MARCH 2017

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(March 2, 2017 Medical Exec Committee)

	March	(FY 2016-2017) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	0	8
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	10	42
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired	1	14
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Administrative Suspension (for month of February)	1	13
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	8
Proctorship Extension	0	1

Current Statistics – as of 2/24/2017	
Active Medical Staff	35
As-Needed Medical Staff	9
External Consultant Medical Staff	45
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Professionals	14
TOTAL MEMBERS	105

Applications in Process	2
Applications Withdrawn this month	0