



City and County of San Francisco  
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## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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### **Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of April 18, 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>

#### **San Francisco to Study Safe Consumption Services for Drug Users DPH Safe Injection Services Task Force**

Against the backdrop of the nation's opioid epidemic, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2017, charging the Department of Public Health (DPH) with convening a task force to develop recommendations on the operation of safe injection services (SIS) in SF. DPH will bring together a diverse group of 15 stakeholders to consider potential opportunities and obstacles associated with supervised consumption services, the community need for such services and the feasibility of providing such services. The task force will hold a series of public meetings to solicit input from the public and from stakeholder groups, and submit a report to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors within three months. More information on task force meetings will be posted on the DPH website.

This effort launches as AB 186 was recently introduced by California Assembly member Susan Talamantes Eggman, D-Stockton, and co-authored by state Senator Scott Wiener to remove the prohibition on safe injection sites by legalizing injection drug use under the supervision of health care professionals. This would ensure the use of clean equipment, prevention of overdoses, and access to addiction counseling services.

There are an estimated 22,000 intravenous drug users in SF. Recent studies indicate that 85 percent of those injection drug users would use these types of services. Moreover, research shows that opening one SIS site could result in annual net savings of \$3.5 million in health care costs, prevent 3.3 HIV and 19 Hepatitis C infections, reduce hospital stays by 415 days, and facilitate 110 people entering assisted-outpatient treatment (AOT).

## **Electronic Health Record Leadership Expands**

We are delighted to announce Dr. Rajiv Pramanik is joining the DPH and ZSFG clinical informatics leadership team to help transform the organization through the adoption of an enterprise EHR and other enabling technologies. Dr. Pramanik will serve as the San Francisco Health Network Associate Chief Health Information Officer at ZSFG and Associate Clinical Professor in the UCSF Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Dr. Pramanik has dedicated his entire professional career caring for vulnerable populations. He most recently served as Chief Health Informatics Officer for Contra Costa Health Systems (CCHS). In that capacity, he provided clinical, informatics, and executive leadership to CCHS' implementation of an integrated electronic health record.

Dr. Pramanik is Board-Certified in Family Medicine. He received his B.S. in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and his M.D. from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He completed his Family Medicine residency at the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center.

## **Bay View HEAL Zone Marks Five Years of Progress**

On June 9<sup>th</sup> the Bayview HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Zone, staffed by the Department's Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch, will recognize the culmination of five years of funding from Kaiser Permanente. Since the start in 2012, Bayview residents now have greater access to fresh produce in their corner stores – and was the foundation for today's citywide Healthy Retail SF program. HEAL Zone mini grants supported thousands of families as they received greater access to bicycles, physical activity, nutrition education. Over a dozen organizations adopted wellness policies affecting thousands of staff and participants. MLK Park – across from Southeast Health Center - will soon be renovated with a walking path and new playground equipment.

BV HEAL Zone will celebrate these and many other successes on **June 9** from 1-3pm with a free youth swim at MLK Pool and a family event there at 5:30pm. For more information contact [christina.goette@sfdph.org](mailto:christina.goette@sfdph.org)

## **Department-wide Call-down Drill**

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) Branch is conducting a department-wide staff call-down drill sometime during the week of May 1st – 5th. More detailed information will be going out to Branch Directors. A call-down is a systematic series of telephone calls (or other modes of communication such as email, text, etc.) from one person to another. The purpose is to relay important information out to all staff. A call-down may be initiated during an emergency situation to deliver urgent information to staff members, such as building closures, location to report for DSW assignment, evacuations, DOC activation, etc. By regularly conducting drills, DPH is able to test its call-down procedures, contact information and practice its ability to notify staff in the event of an emergency.

## **Survey of Retail Stores Shows Strides in Tenderloin Offerings, But Access to Tobacco Products Targeting Youth Persists Citywide**

The Health Department released local data from the [2016 Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community](#) statewide survey of tobacco retail stores. The data show that it is still easier to buy grape-flavored blunt wraps or small cigars than fresh grapes at most neighborhood corner stores. But the Healthy Retail SF program, launched in 2013, also appears to be making a positive impact on Tenderloin neighborhood stores.

[Healthy Retail San Francisco](#), a city-wide program led by San Francisco Department of Public Health and the Office of Economic Workforce Development, provides the equipment and community support needed to neighborhood corner stores so that they can offer more healthy food and less unhealthy food. The *2016 Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community* data, released in March, show that the Tenderloin, a Healthy Retail SF neighborhood, has more stores selling high quality fresh fruits and vegetables than the rest of the city and even the state. In fact, neighborhood stores participating in Healthy Retail SF have experienced an impressive 25 percent increase in total sales by increasing their offerings of fresh produce and healthier food options.

The San Francisco data show that Healthy Retail SF is having an impact in the Tenderloin, but there is more work to be done in the other low-income neighborhoods:

- Sixty percent of stores in the Tenderloin now offer fruits and vegetables versus 50 percent in rest of city, and 42 percent in the State. In the Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside, Excelsior and Bayview neighborhoods only 40 percent of those stores sell fresh produce.
- It's easier to buy grape-flavored cigarillos and blunts than it is to buy a bag of grapes: 60 percent of stores sold flavored tobacco products while only 50 percent of stores sold fruits;
- It's easier to buy alcohol than milk: 40 percent of stores sold non- or low-fat milk, while nearly 60 percent sold alcohol; and
- E-cigarettes have quickly invaded the scene. In 2016, 48 percent of SF stores surveyed sold e-cigarettes compared to just 16 percent in 2013. This is concerning given that youth e-cigarette use has continued to rise exponentially during this same time period.

### **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

Behavioral Health Services is planning several programs and events, starting with the kick off -- Each Mind Matters -- on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the SF Public Library, 100 Larkin Street (or Grove St. Entrance). The free event will focus on wellness and recovery for youth, with peer speakers from ages 15 to 26. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on this or other events that month, contact Kavoos Ghane Bassiri, Director of Behavioral Health Services: [kavoos.ghanebassiri@sfdph.org](mailto:kavoos.ghanebassiri@sfdph.org)>

## **Policy on Family and Romantic Relationships at Work**

On February 6, 2017 the City's Civil Service Commission adopted the Family & Romantic Relationships at Work Policy which clarifies the Ethics Commission's existing "Incompatible Activities" policy in the Employee handbook. The purpose of the policy is to create a workplace where employees maintain clear boundaries between family, personal and work relationships which leads to an environment that: is fair, equitable, and safe; promotes high employee morale; and ensures trust in the City's merit-based employment system. The policy is: Employees may not make, participate in making, or influence any employment decision involving a related person. Examples of an employment decision include: Assigning work, approving compensation time or time off, hiring process, administration of an investigation or discipline, performance appraisal etc. Related persons refers to a family member and consensual romantic relationships occurring within the past two years. If the situation exists or arises where a related person(s) is directly or indirectly supervising their related person(s), all related persons involved are expected to promptly report their relationship to their Department's Human Resource Director. Enforcement of this expanded policy will begin July 1, 2017.

## **SFDPH in the News:**

### **San Francisco Examiner**

#### **Task force approved to study opening safe injection sites**

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/task-force-approved-study-opening-safe-injection-sites-sf/>

### **San Francisco Chronicle**

#### **Natural medicine: Urban families explore benefits of the outdoors**

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/Natural-medicine-Urban-families-explore-benefits-11061730.php>

### **San Francisco Examiner**

#### **San Francisco gets serious about safe injection sites**

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/san-francisco-gets-serious-safe-injection-sites/>

### **Edge Media Network**

#### **Non-Profit execs say results weigh more than pay**

[http://sanfrancisco.edgemedianetwork.com/news/news/213253/nonprofit\\_execs\\_say\\_results\\_weigh\\_more\\_than\\_pay](http://sanfrancisco.edgemedianetwork.com/news/news/213253/nonprofit_execs_say_results_weigh_more_than_pay)

### **KCBS Radio – three part series**

#### **San Francisco faces uphill battle in dealing with opioid crisis**

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2017/04/06/san-francisco-faces-uphill-battle-in-dealing-with-opioid-crisis/>

### **KQED**

#### **These colorful dots will save your life**

<https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2017/04/06/these-colorful-dots-will-save-your-life/>

### **Mercury News**

#### **San Francisco's universal health care plan eyed as model for California**

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/04/02/san-franciscos-universal-health-care-plan-eyed-as-model-for-california/>

### **Massachusetts May Be Closer to Opening a Supervised Injection Facility**

<http://www.bostonmagazine.com/health/blog/2017/04/05/massachusetts-safe-injection-facility/>

### **Alameda Health System names population health strategy leader: 4 takeaways**

<http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-executive-moves/alameda-health-system-names-population-health-strategy-leader-4-takeaways.html>

### **Safe Injection Task Force would release findings in 90 days**

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/safe-injection-task-force-release-findings-90-days/>

### **Getting to Zero effort on track in 2017**

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=72492>

**It's time we get serious about public health and neighborhood safety**  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/time-get-serious-public-health-neighborhood-safety/>

**As the U.S. Wrests Greater Control Over HIV, What's the Key to Success?**  
<https://www.poz.com/article/us-wrests-greater-control-hiv-key-success>

**SF looks to create task force examining safe injection sites**  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-looks-create-task-force-examining-safe-injection-sites/>

**San Francisco finalist for jail diversion grant**  
<http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/wnews/2017-04-03/san-francisco-finalist-for-jail-diversion-grant/1776425178214.html>

**Diversion program could send more drug and alcohol offenders away from jail**  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/diversion-program-send-drug-alcohol-offenders-away-jail/>

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

April 2017

**Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary**  
(4/20/17 MEC)

	4/2017	07/2016 to 07/2017
<b>New Appointments</b>	5	202
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	39	433
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	16	192
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	6	79
Additions	10	94
Proctorship Completed	14	162

<b>Current Statistics – as of 3/30/17</b>		
Active Staff	551	
Courtesy Staff	516	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	268	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,335</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of April 2017</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 5/2017 to 7/2017</b>	<b>188</b>

**There is no Governing Body Report for April 2017 for Laguna Honda.**