

# Street-Based Care: A Collaborative Approach



**Whole Person Care Update  
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# Presentation Overview

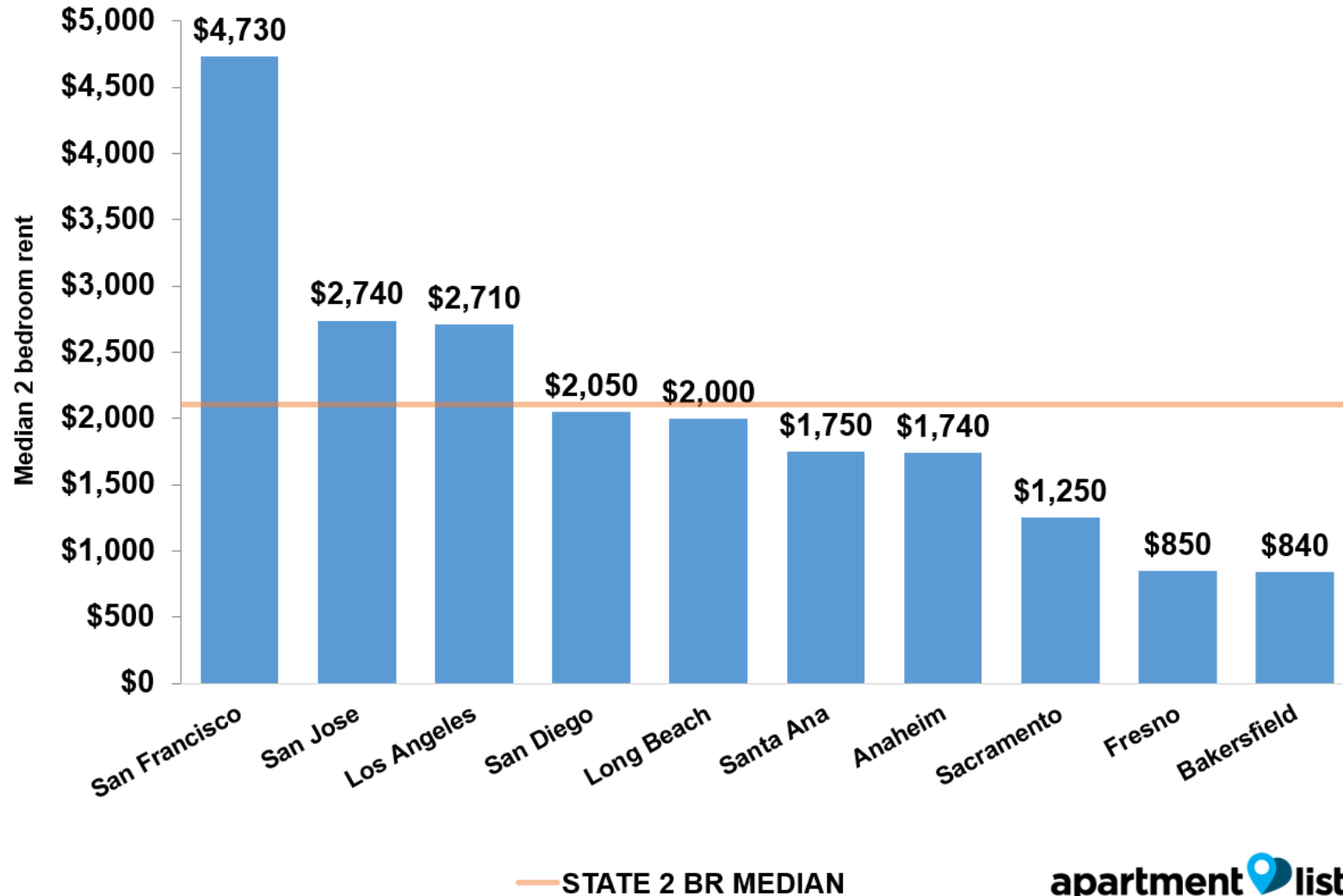
- Background
- Encampment health Fairs
  - HIV/HCV testing
  - Medical Services
  - Data Snapshot
- Strengthened partnerships
- Questions

# Background

- Local tech & real estate boom has exacerbated displacement resulting in a more visible population of people experiencing homelessness
- Tensions have arisen in some neighborhoods where housing is located near homeless encampments or services for marginalized populations
- This coincides with rising public drug use and displacement

# Economic Inequality

Median Rents in California Cities





# Creation of Encampment Collaborative

- **4 new HIV diagnoses** of individuals living in an encampment (11/2016)
- Providers decided to convene a “health fair” to provide testing to residents living in encampments
- **No additional funding**



# Additional Health Issues/Concerns

- Hepatitis A
- Syphilis
- Shigella
- Sharing injection supplies
- Overdose



# Strategies To Address Health Needs

- “Encampment” Health Fairs
- Low-Barrier Medical Services at Syringe Access Sites
- Increased mobile outreach with medical teams
- Mobile Health Access Points







# Hospitality

- 1<sup>st</sup> point of contact
- Coffee, sandwiches, snack bags and warm weather supplies
- Outreach
- Escort
- Support other partners (Narcan trainings, testing paperwork, etc.)







# Encampment Health Fairs

## Low barrier: Start on Site

- PrEP/PEP
- Family Planning
- Rapid ART start
- Addiction Treatment: Opiate=Buprenorphine; Alcohol=Gabapentin or Detox

## Routine medical

- Wounds
- Vaccination: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, flu
- Linkage to Primary care

## Testing and Treatment

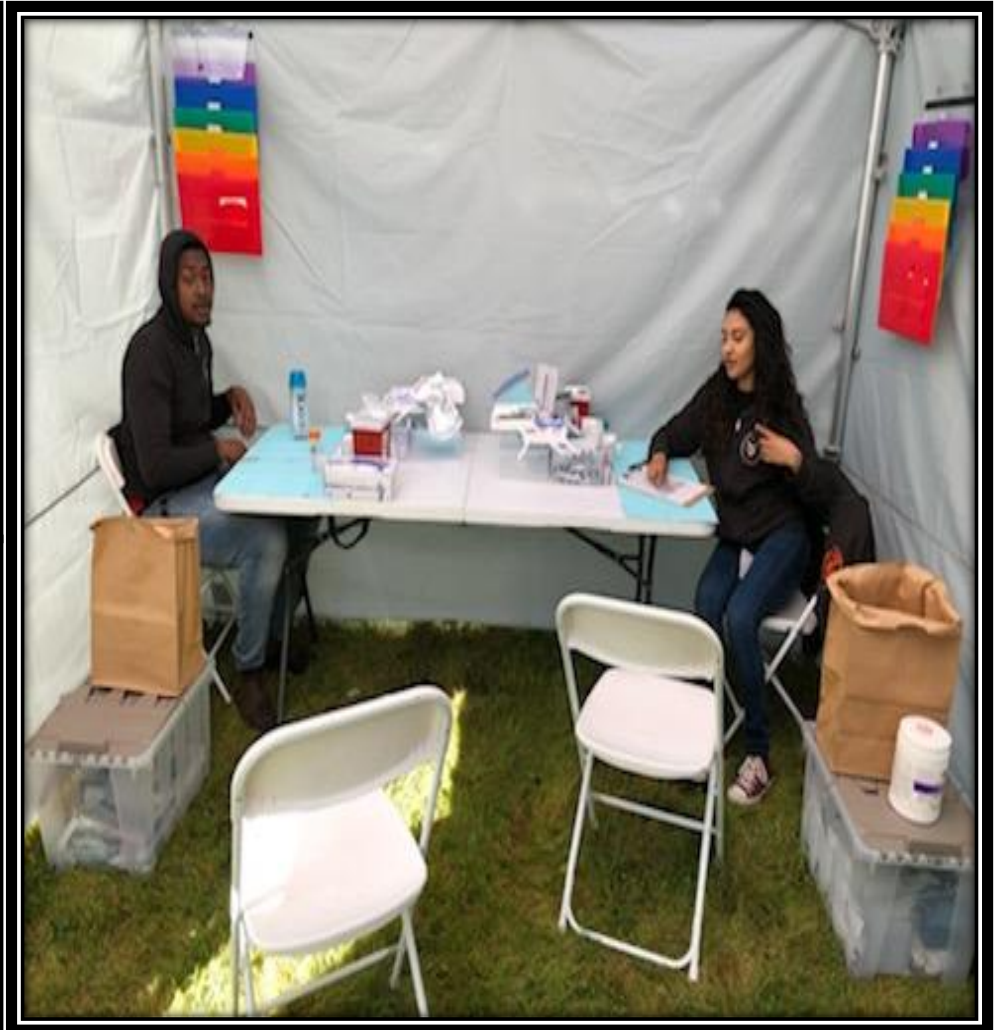
- HIV, HCV, TB, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Trichomonas, Syphilis

## Harm Reduction Services

- Narcan trainings
- Harm Reduction Supplies
- Resources and referrals
- Education about safe syringe disposal
- Syringe disposal supplies



# Health Fairs at various SF locations





# 2019 Encampment Health Fairs

	DPH Convened 9 Health Fairs from 1/15/2019 - 7/16/2019
240	Medical Engagements
25	Newly connected to SF Health System
296	HIV Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7 HIV+ Reconnected to care</li></ul>
245	HCV Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 63 reactive (connected to care)</li></ul>
77	Narcan Trainings/Overdose Prevention Education sessions
33	Buprenorphine starts
56	Homelessness and Supportive Housing Shelter & Navigation Placements



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## GLIDE Methodology

- Pre-Outreach to Site
- Incentivized testing, \$10 gift card to Test
- \$10 gift card to come to Glide for confirmatory result
- \$10 gift card to enroll in Navigation Servs
- 2 Testers/Phlebotomists
- 2 Triage/Flow workers
- 2 Outreach workers







## Notable Characteristics

- **241** of unduplicated clients who tested at encampments
- **32** report that this was their *first time* getting tested
- **226** who never tested at or with GLIDE before testing came to their encampment







## Successes

- Convenient for Clients (One stop-shop)
- Reaching people otherwise not encountered
- Meeting people literally “where they are at”

## Challenges

- Follow up/reconnecting with clients
- Blood draws on site
- Connecting them to Glide & Other Services







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**MEDICINE**

# Syphilis Activation

PREGNANCY WITHOUT SUPPORT

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Women do not access routine care and have low rates of follow up

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Congenital Syphilis

- Since April we have done 59 Syphilis screens
- Addressing stigma around Reproductive Health choices for women – working with UCSF



# Street Medicine Cases



- “You told me to come see you”
  - Lost to care HIV positive now undetectable, Hep C treated, on injectable antipsychotic, and inside
- First PreP
  - Still on Prep, Undetectable
- First Bup Cases
  - Couple, became housed
  - ‘It’s a miracle drug’

Education and training for medical students, residents and fellows



# Increased Mobile Outreach

## Street Medicine /Enhanced Outreach

- Outreach with a Street Medicine nurse combined with SFHOT or Community Health Response team
- Builds on relationship
- Multiple partners to enhance follow-up
- Immunization Campaigns

## Mobile Health Access Points

- Mobile HIV/HCV/STI Testing
- Mobile Harm Reduction Supplies
- Collaboration amongst several agencies
- Discreet, Low-barrier Services
- Meeting people where they are at





# Low-Barrier Medical Care at Syringe Access Sites

## Addiction Treatment:

- Opiate- Buprenorphine/Naloxone
- Alcohol: Gabapentin or detox
- Methamphetamine – Meds

## Routine medical

- Wound Care
- Chronic disease management and Medicine support-(HIV, Mental Health, COPD)
- Re- engagement with primary care



Q&A

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