



## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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### **Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of September 3, 2019**

*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>

#### **Health Department withdraws from Title X grant program**

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced that the San Francisco Department of Public Health is withdrawing from the federal Title X Family Planning grant program. The action is in protest of the Federal Administration's changes to the rules that govern Title X funding, which would prevent providers from providing complete and unbiased reproductive health information, and a full range of services, to their patients. The Health Department's San Francisco Health Network receives Title X funding, and its facilities provide pregnancy counseling and other reproductive health services, which would be censored or prevented under the Federal Administration's proposed new rules for Title X funding.

The new Title X rules represent the Federal Administration's attempt to interfere with the provider-patient relationship by determining how pregnancy, contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, and reproductive health are discussed, and limiting what information and services would be available to women and girls. Other San Francisco providers, including Planned Parenthood and Women's Community Clinic, a program of healthRIGHT 360, are also withdrawing from the Title X program.

#### **San Francisco and Santa Clara County seek preliminary injunction to block 'public charge' rule**

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera and Santa Clara County Counsel James R. Williams filed a joint motion for a preliminary injunction prohibiting the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from implementing or enforcing its new "public charge" rule. The new rule is slated to take effect Oct. 15, 2019. If allowed to do so, it would radically broaden the criteria that allow DHS to deny someone admission to the country or legal permanent residence, commonly known as a green card. The rule effectively institutes a wealth test for immigration and penalizes poorer immigrants by making the receipt of even small amounts of public benefits, like food stamps or Medicaid, grounds to disqualify someone from admission or securing a green card. This rule change by the Trump administration specifically targets legal immigrants; undocumented immigrants already don't qualify for these federal benefits.



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The San Francisco Department of Public Health is deeply concerned that this policy will negatively impact the ability of immigrant families to access needed health care services. The health department is firmly committed to keeping San Francisco a place where health care is available to all, regardless of immigration status. While we know that only a small number of immigrants that receive public benefits will be impacted, we fear San Franciscans are removing themselves and their children from critical health and nutrition services that they are legally entitled to receive due to misconception about who the rule applies to.

### **ZSFG moves permanent beds to house temporary psych patients**

The Department of Public Health is expanding the innovative Hummingbird Place program in the Behavioral Health Center at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital to meet the demand for short-term, psychiatric respite care. To accomplish the expansion, long-term residential beds are being consolidated within the Behavioral Health Center, with as little disruption as possible for our residents. No clients are losing housing or care, no city workers are losing their employment, and the total number of beds in the Behavioral Health Center remains the same.

Hummingbird Place, managed by our nonprofit partner PRC, has proven to be a welcome addition to our spectrum of care. This 24/7 psychiatric respite fills an identified gap for people coming out of hospitals or other services without accepting additional voluntary services. Many clients are referred directly from emergency services at ZSFG. They find stability, linkage to social services, and referrals to longer-term treatment – for which they are prioritized if they choose it. With the expansion of Hummingbird Place, the adult residential facility (ARF) will reduce to 14 beds, and all 32 residents can remain at the BHC. The current arrangement has 18 clients moving to the residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) and 14 remaining in the ARF.

Our long-term plan is to consolidate the ARF in the Behavioral Health Center with the RCFE, resulting in a full RCFE with 59 beds. DPH plans to suspend, not relinquish, the ARF license, to preserve flexibility in the future if those services need to be built out again.

### **How Mindful Leaders Can Heal Trauma**

Jenée Johnson was recently featured on the front page of [Mindful](#) magazine and is receiving national recognition for her leadership and the groundbreaking work she initiated as Program Innovation Leader at the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH). In addition, on August 11<sup>th</sup>, Jenée was featured as one of the top 50 Mindfulness Women Leaders in the country in Mindful Women Meditate Together, a national two hour online group meditation and talk. She shared her work to an audience of over 3,000 women.



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Jenée leads the integration of mindfulness and emotional intelligence programs for the workforce in the agency's Trauma Informed Systems Initiative. The mindfulness program helps staff build the inner resilience and compassion needed to navigate the challenging terrain of addressing racial equity and becoming a trauma informed healing organization. Jenée also co-teaches the Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute for TIS, conducts monthly mindfulness meet-ups, and has garnered funds to train at least a dozen more DPH mindfulness teachers.

### **SF churches donate everyday essentials to Bayview neighborhood**

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, San Francisco African American Faith-based Coalition (SFAAFBC) was joined by Supervisor Shamann Walton to provide support and dignity to the clients of Mother Brown's Dining Room in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. In an effort to respond to the community's need for everyday essentials, SFAAFBC conducted a toiletry drive seeking donations of toothpaste, soap & towels that many of the Mothers Brown's clients need on a regular basis.

Mother Brown's provides two to three hot meals daily to feed individuals, children and families experiencing homelessness in the Bayview District. Food security is a high priority of the SFAAFBC, and over 17 faith congregations are working in collaboration to close the hunger gap within their congregations and community wide. This is just one of the efforts people of faith can do to reduce the huge disparities that Black/African American people face daily.

The San Francisco African American Faith-Based Coalition is a health and wellness collaborative of 17+ local churches in San Francisco. We are committed to advocating for the needs of the underserved African-American community in the Bayview / District 10 community and city-wide. Our efforts, reach communities that we have a trusted relationship with to reduce the huge rates of disparities we face daily.

### **NERT receives second medical countermeasure dispensing training from emergency response experts**

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Emergency Preparedness & Response (PHEPR) branch of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, held a medical countermeasure dispensing training for approximately 40 volunteers from the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) and the San Francisco Medical Reserve Corps, in collaboration with California Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Fire Department Division of Training.

Through a collection of presentations and group activities, the day-long training stimulated ideas and triggered robust discussion surrounding the operation of point-of-dispensing (POD) sites. POD sites would be activated to mass dispense antibiotics to the community in response to a large-scale public health emergency. POD training is the foundational piece of education for DPH to successfully



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deliver medical countermeasures to the 1.2 million people in San Francisco who may require medicine or medical supplies during a public health emergency. This is the second POD training for NERT members and discussions with NERT continue to make this training an annual offering.

### **DPH in the News (Aug 14 – Aug 29 2019)**

SF Examiner, Aug 29 2019, Ronen, Haney to call for hearing on closure of permanent beds for mentally ill

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/ronen-haney-to-call-for-hearing-on-closure-of-permanent-beds-for-mentally-ill/>

HepMag, Aug 29 2019, SF makes progress in treating Hep C among homeless people

<https://www.hepmag.com/article/san-francisco-makes-progress-treating-hep-c-among-homeless-people>

SF Chronicle, Aug 28 2019, SF General relaxes policy that tries to keep psychiatric ER patients awake to shorten visits

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/SF-General-relaxes-policy-that-tries-to-keep-14383111.php>

Mission Local, Aug 26 2019, Hundreds of massage therapists cited in crackdown, as practitioners fear for future in SF

<https://missionlocal.org/2019/08/hundreds-of-massage-therapists-reportedly-cited-in-crackdown-as-practitioners-fear-for-future-in-san-francisco/>

Mission Local, Aug 26 2019, Fiasco: Behind the mayor and Department of Public Health's alarming decision to repurpose permanent housing into temporary shelter

<https://blog.sfgate.com/inthemission/2019/08/26/fiasco-behind-the-mayor-and-department-of-public-healths-alarming-decision-to-repurpose-permanent-housing-into-temporary-shelter/>

Mindful, Aug 22 2019, How mindful leaders can heal trauma

<https://www.mindful.org/how-mindful-leaders-can-heal-trauma/>

SF Weekly, Aug 22 2019, SF see new success in treating homeless people with Hep C

<http://www.sfweekly.com/news/s-f-sees-new-success-in-treating-homeless-people-with-hep-c/>

Becker's, Aug 21 2019, SF hospital moves permanent beds to house temporary psych patients

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/patient-flow/san-francisco-hospital-moves-permanent-beds-to-house-temporary-psych-patients.html>



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SF Chronicle, Aug 21 2019, Critics blast city's plan to shuffle mental health beds at SF General Hospital

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Critics-blast-city-s-plan-to-shuffle-mental-14368306.php?psid=eTWi7>

SF Examiner, Aug 20 2019, City shutting down long-term mental health beds to expand hospital Navigation Center

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/city-shutting-down-long-term-mental-health-beds-to-expand-hospital-navigation-center/>

Mindful, Aug 20 2019, Encouraging meaningful conversations about race and trauma

<https://www.mindful.org/encouraging-meaningful-conversations-about-race-and-trauma/>

Xinhua, Aug 20 2019, SF quits Title X program to protest Trump's rule change

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/20/c\\_138323499.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/20/c_138323499.htm)



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**ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL  
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**August 2019**  
**Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary**  
 (8/15/19 MEC)

	<b>8/2019</b>	<b>07/2018 to 07/2019</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Additions	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
Proctorship Completed	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>Current Statistics – as of 07/31/2019</b>		
Active Staff	<b>552</b>	
Courtesy Staff	<b>549</b>	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	<b>278</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1379</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>52</b>	
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of August 2019</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 09/01/2018 to 11/30/2019</b>	<b>130</b>	



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**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

**August 2019**  
**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**  
 (8/1/19 MEC)

	<b>August</b>	<b>(FY 2019-2020) Year-to-Date</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	2	5
Reinstatements	0	0
<b>Reappointments</b>	8	13
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired</b>	0	4
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	0	0
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	0	0
<b>Deceased</b>	0	0
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	1	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	0
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 07/30/2019</b>	
Active Medical Staff	34
As-Needed Medical Staff	18
External Consultant Medical Staff	46
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Health Practitioners	12
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>112</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	1
<b>Applications Withdrawn this month</b>	0