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Director’s Report for Health Commission Meeting of  
August 21, 2018  

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 London Breed, SFPD, SFMTA, SFDPH and SFUSD enforce traffic safety for Back-to-School Week  

On August 17th, the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), joined by Mayor London Breed, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Unified School District outlined strategies designed to make streets safer for children as students return to school on Monday, August 20.  

In support of the City’s Vision Zero goal to eliminate all traffic deaths by 2024, 20 schools across San Francisco have been identified as being located near streets with documented speeding concerns. These are: Garfield, Roosevelt, ER Taylor, Cleveland, Daniel Webster, Sunnyside, Alvarado, Alice Fung Yu, Rosa Parks, Commodore Sloat, Lafayette, Lakeshore, Argonne, Ulloa, Sutro, Jose Ortega, Alamo, Sunset, George Peabody, and Sheridan. The SFPD will be enhancing traffic enforcement near these schools for the entire week of the 20th in addition to its ongoing traffic enforcement efforts. The SFMTA will staff a total of 187 crossing guards at 151 corners at 106 schools citywide. In addition, the SFMTA is repainting approximately 90 crosswalks bright yellow to make them more visible to motorists, and is providing a supplemental, after-school service to escort students from their schools to regular bus routes.  

The Vision Zero “Safe Routes to School” initiative is providing educational materials printed in English, Cantonese and Spanish for law enforcement officers to distribute to members of the public. These materials feature safety tips for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to enhance safe travel in school zones. Traffic safety is essential to ensure trips to and from school are safe.  

Environmental Health Branch receives visit from delegates from Korea  

On June 28th, Staff from Environmental Health’s Program on Health, Equity, and Sustainability (PHES) hosted 18
assistant directors from local governments in the Republic of Korea to share examples of how data has been used to support healthy urban development in San Francisco.

Meg Wall Shui, from PHES, presented on her work developing the Central Market/Tenderloin Data Portal, an interagency and non-profit partnership to support quality of life improvement in the Tenderloin and Central Market Corridor by using data for collective impact. PHES staff also invited Andi Nelson from the Planning Department to present on their Community Stabilization and Anti-Displacement Program and Lindy Ly from Chinatown Community Development Center to present on the Sustainable Chinatown project. The group had a vibrant discussion about collaboration in government and how data can help inform targeted programming.

Healthy Mother’s Workplace Program is Honored

The Healthy Mother’s Workplace Awards Program was recently given a National Achievement Award by the National Association of Commissions.

The Healthy Mothers Workplace Coalition promotes the health of new parents and their children by improving working conditions and perinatal healthcare practices. This group’s annual awards for employers with strong family-friendly workplace policies have encouraged San Francisco employers to improve policies covering tens of thousands of employees. Legal Aid at Work manages the efforts of the coalition, which includes government agencies, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and employers.

This unique program that launched in 2013 is made possible through partnerships with the following agencies: San Francisco Breastfeeding Promotion Coalition, Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, Child Care Law Center, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco WIC, San Francisco Small Business Commission, UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, U.S. Dept. Health & Human Services’ Office of Women’s Health, and the Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center.

Healthy Retail SF Celebrates 10th Store Opening

On August 10th, the Healthy Retail SF Program, in collaboration with a host of community
partners, celebrated its 10th store refresh with the grand re-opening event of Sav-Mor Mart at its new location at 4522 Third Street (between LaSalle and McKinnon) in the Bayview. As a community market that has been serving the Bayview for over 20 years, Sav-Mor will now offer more fresh produce from local sources as well as a larger variety of healthful choices for its customers.

Sav-Mor Mart is the 10th retailer to take part in the Healthy Retail SF program. Other Bayview stores include Palou Market, Lee’s Market, and Friendly Market. Healthy Retail SF was created by legislation in 2013 as a result of grassroots efforts to provide healthier food options in the Bayview and the Tenderloin. Healthy Retail SF is led by the Mayor’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) in partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

The grand re-opening of Sav-Mor Mart was an opportunity for residents to learn about the new healthy options available right on Third Street. At the open house-style event, neighbors met the owners, checked out the new store, sampled healthy snacks and learned about healthy eating resources available in the neighborhood and throughout San Francisco.

**Human Resources Team enters Phase 2 in Epic project**

DPH Human Resources (HR) is now in Phase 2 of the Epic Project, which entails reviewing the department’s 260 classifications to determine workflow changes, if any, post Epic Go-Live on August 3rd, 2019. This review will help inform the future state workforce model to appropriately staff the department and ensure continuity of care with the adoption of the new Epic System.

As of June 30th, 2018, Phase 1 was completed on time after hiring the Epic Implementation team of 74. The Epic HR team reviewed over 1,500 resumes, conducted over 250 interviews and hired the team in an average of 6 weeks from position approval to the candidates’ start work date. Phase 3 will be to hire a permanent team to maintain, improve and optimize the Epic System. In addition, Human Resources is inviting the department’s union partners to a meeting for a high level overview of the Epic Implementation, the project’s status and training, transition and go-live timelines.

**Introducing Our New ZSFG Website**
We recently launched our first-ever dedicated website for our hospital, ZSFGCare.org. Having an effective website can help support all the work we do and the care we provide to our patients. For many of our current and prospective patients, their caregivers, and members of the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN), our site will be the first point of entry to our organization. We are building a front door that is welcoming, engaging, and most of all, provides the information and resources they need.

One-third of our website visitors are coming to us from their mobile phones, so we designed a website that is mobile-friendly. Because being inclusive and accessible is high priority, our full website is completely translated into our three most predominant languages: English, Spanish and Chinese. In addition, we provided landing pages with information in Russian and Tagalog languages. We also set out to speak to the user in simple language to accommodate different educational levels in health.

The visuals selected throughout the web pages embody all of our culture, including what we thrive in, human connection. As more and more people visit us online, we are hopeful that our True North functions will shine in every page. We are excited to launch our digital front door, and to have a space for us to tell our story to the world, all a part of presenting a more positive patient experience. Go to ZSFGcare.org to check it out today!

**DPH in the News (Aug 2 – Aug 16)**

**NBC, Aug 15 2018, People taking HIV-prevention pill may get more primary care**

**KTVU, Aug 15 2018, Gun violence activist shot five times in Bayview Hunters Point**

**Hoodline, Aug 15 2018, Bicyclist killed in Tenderloin collision identified as 66-year-old SF resident**

**Deccan Chronicle, Aug 15 2018, People taking HIV-prevention pill may get more primary care**

**TechCrunch, Aug 14 2018, RideAlong is helping police officers de-escalate 911 calls with data designed for the field**


Cal-OSHA Reporter, Aug 10 2018, San Francisco human waste problem: how employees who clean it up are protected
https://www.cal-osha.com/articles/

CBS, Aug 8 2018, Beware of bats rabid bat found in Sutter County home

Brexit News, Aug 8 2018, SF proposes an end to free tech lunches
http://www.brexit-news.de/san-francisco-proposes-an-end-to-free-tech-lunches/

SF Chronicle, Aug 4 2018, Navy failed to alert SF about tainted shipyard water supply

NY Times, Aug 2 2018, Health officials prepare to track electric scooter injuries

SF Gate, Aug 2 2018, Camp Mather extends closure to Aug. 12 due to fire by Yosemite
https://m.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Camp-Mather-extends-closure-to-Aug-12-due-to-13128013.php