



## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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### **Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of May 1, 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>

#### **Health Department and Mayor Launch Major Needle Disposal Initiative**

Mayor Mark Farrell and Health Director Barbara Garcia recently announced the creation of a dedicated team of public health professionals hired specifically to address the syringe litter epidemic on San Francisco streets. The Health Department is committed to cleaner streets in San Francisco. For the last five years we have made an extra effort to improve the pickup of needle litter. This is an environmental health issue that affects everyone in the city, and it is a problem for cities all over the world. By increasing our response capabilities we expect to see a significant reduction in needles on the streets.

Ten additional workers will be hired specifically for syringe cleanup duties, significantly increasing San Francisco's focused, coordinated response to the issue of needle litter. The 10 will add to DPH's four-person rapid response team to do needle cleanup and respond to resident complaints —this measure will more than triple existing efforts.

The new hires—who will be contracted through the San Francisco AIDS Foundation—will conduct targeted sweeps of hot spots based on complaint data collected from 311, the City's one-stop center for reporting information on municipal services. Along with increasing staffing, the City will add an additional three disposal boxes for used needles, reaching a total of 22 citywide. The initiative will improve data and measuring capabilities, while also ensuring that workers are on the ground seven days a week, including weekends and early mornings.

The additional resources devoted to cleanup duties will bolster existing efforts. The Department of Public Health (DPH) and its partners, including the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, collect more than 275,000 used needles per month. In addition to the disposal boxes, all 13 syringe access sites in San Francisco are disposal sites as well and all the City's 18 Pit Stops—portable public toilets—are needle disposal sites. In addition, every Walgreens in San Francisco is a disposal site.

#### **Health Department's Puerto Rico Relief Mission Honored by Mayor**

Mayor Mark Farrell honored the team from the Department of Public Health that took part in a medical relief mission in Puerto Rico by awarding the group Certificates of Honor from the City.

"This group of individuals epitomize the best of San Francisco," said Mayor Farrell in an April 24 ceremony. "In San Francisco, we do not look the other way when confronted with suffering—we pour our heart into helping those in need."



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The DPH team comprised a group of 14 Spanish-speaking doctors, nurses and mental health providers who spent eight days in April the northwestern part of Puerto Rico, in Hatillo and Utuado, where the damage from Hurricane Maria has left residents without water and power, seven months later. Emergency response is part of the responsibilities of Health Departments, and responding to Puerto Rico was a humanitarian effort from San Francisco. Recovery will be a long process for Puerto Rico, and we sent the team to help both patients and the providers who are central to the response.

The San Francisco team worked side by side with the staff of the local [Corporacion Servicios Medicos](#) (CSM), Federally Qualified Health Centers that include Clinica Hatillo and Clinica Utuado. The DPH team saw about 100 patients from April 6 – 14, by going out into the community and accompanying the CSM teams that have been doing this work daily since the storm.

Together, they trekked up mountains, waded through rivers and knocked on doors every day in tiny rural communities to ask people if they wanted to be seen by a medical team. They delivered care and medications, brought water and food, and even generators to help people who were still living without these basics of modern life. Most of the patients were elderly people with poorly controlled chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and sleep apnea. These conditions were exacerbated by the storm, which kicked up dust and created mold, knocked out power used to refrigerate medications and cut off safe drinking water. San Franciscans who want to contribute to this life-saving work can make donations to the [Corporacion Servicios Medicos](#) (CSM) through the [San Francisco Public Health Foundation](#).

### **BAAHI hosts Black Health Forum: Supporting a Healthy Black Community**

On April 19th, the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Black African American Health Initiative (BAAHI) hosted a discussion forum called Uplifting Health: Bringing Together the Resources to Support a Healthy Black Community. The intention of the forum was to start a greater conversation on these issues in the community. The event was cosponsored by The Human Rights Commission and The NAACP. Roughly 100 people attended, with about 40 percent from within DPH and the remainder from community-based organizations and city agency partners.

The conference was a huge success by nearly every measure. Fully 100 percent of attendees agreed that they enjoyed the forum and stated as a result of this event, they have a better understanding of the health of African Americans in San Francisco. Ninety-six percent stated they gained greater insights into the links between racism and health and reported that the information was relevant to their work. The forum was opened by Roland Pickens, Director of the San Francisco Health Network. This was followed by an overview of Black African American Health by Dr. Ayanna Bennett, Director of Interdivisional Initiatives who provided a historical perspective to the current health of Black San Franciscans. To complement the Black Health presentation, Dr. Jonathan Butler



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from NAACP spoke about research evidence that experiences of racism are a cause of heart disease in the black population.

The roundtable discussion topics were Maternal Health, Chronic Diseases, Behavioral Health, HIV/Sexual Health, and Food/Economic security and were led by staff from Population Health, the San Francisco Health Network, UCSF and City Treasurer's Office of Financial Empowerment. The event ended with an amazing panel discussion on city-wide initiatives supporting the Black/African American community. The panel included Sheryl Davis, Director of the Human Rights Commission on the My Brother's Sister's Keeper project; Theodore Miller from the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development on Hope SF, Lauren Bell from Juvenile Probation for the IPO (Interrupt, Predict and Organize) program, and Dr. Zea Malawa from MCAH, director of SF Collective Impact to Prevent Preterm Births.

In response to the enthusiasm of participants, the BAAHI team is looking at what future events might be most relevant, including a repeat of this event in 2019. For information about the forum or future events, please contact Gavin Morrow-Hall to be added to the BAAHI listserv and receive announcements about BAAHI activities and relevant resources and events in the community.

### **EMS Holds Regional Cardiac Resuscitation Training for Continuous Improvement**

The Public Health EMS Division sponsored two regional cardiac resuscitation classes in April as part of our initiatives to improve cardiac response. Our goal is for San Francisco to reach a hospital cardiac arrest survival rate of 50 percent by 2050, up from 30 percent today. The successful classes were attended by a total of 50 hospital providers and paramedics from San Francisco, Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Evaluations after the class exceeded our expectations and all participants learned and networked, strengthening the region's emergency response teams.

The class used a lean design approach by reducing "waste" in a cardiac arrest. Science and patient outcomes have proven that high quality chest compression, rapid defibrillation and a coordinated approach increase the patient's chance of survival to hospital discharge. The classes opened and closed with an exercise to measure CPR performance of all participants in a blinded setting, where each student did two minutes of CPR. Their performance was measured and recorded. At the end of the day, performances improved significantly, showing the value of the new information, theories and feedback gained during instruction. Studies show the higher the CPR performance the better chance of patient survival.

### **New website to improve health for Tenderloin residents by sharing data and resources**

DPH's Environmental Health Branch program on Health, Equity and Sustainability (PHES) has been supporting the planning and evaluation projects of two large community improvement efforts in the Tenderloin neighborhood. The [Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership \(TLHIP\)](#), led by



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St. Francis Memorial Hospital and its foundation, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development's (OEWD) [Central Market/Tenderloin Strategy](#). Together they have taken on the immense task of coordinating non-profit and city efforts and investments to achieve meaningful change in a neighborhood struggling with poverty, environmental and housing hazards, and poor health outcomes.

With the support of a CDC Health Impact Assessment grant, PHES staff collaborated with TLHIP, OEWD, and the Planning Department to merge the two initiatives and create an interactive, online data portal for neighborhood residents: the [Central Market/Tenderloin Data Portal](#) (<http://cmtldata.org>). DPH with the support of TLHIP held a Data Day event on March 28 providing hands-on instruction to use the site and answer questions about the neighborhood.

The project was awarded the "Bridge Builder" award for outstanding interagency collaboration at the Mayor's first San Francisco Data and Innovation Awards in February 2017 and more recently, was recognized as a "Model Practice" by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO). We expect the portal to help elevate data as a starting point for conversation and prioritization, facilitating a collective impact approach to the challenges that the Central Market/Tenderloin area faces.

### **EHR Update**

The SF Health Network, operated by the SF Department of Public health, provides the highest quality primary and preventive care to children, adults, and pregnant women, regardless of ability to pay. Part of that mission involves implementing an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system to ensure that our care teams have the most accurate, up-to-date and complete information about patients in the moment they are providing care.

The process of implementing a single EHR systemwide began many months ago with the selection of a platform to best meet the needs of our unique organization. Leaders from throughout SFHN collaborated to identify Epic as the EHR of our future, and in January of this year the implementation process began in preparation for an Aug. 3, 2019, go-live. This project will impact every care provider in our network and each patient we treat, making it one of the most critical projects in our history. Hundreds of the best and brightest from throughout the network are involved in the implementation, ensuring that our patients remain at the center of every decision made.

With a single record system, our providers will be able to access patients' latest health information, which is especially important for those seeing multiple care providers, receiving treatment in emergency settings, or making transitions between care settings. This will perhaps most profoundly benefit some of our most vulnerable patient populations, ultimately helping us provide the level of care to our community that is at the heart of our mission. The implementation process will be a time



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of growth through change for everyone involved, making this a very exciting time to be a part of the San Francisco Health Network!

### DPH in the News

April 25, SF Examiner, Board divided on conservatorships to treat chronically homeless  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/breed-pushes-treatment-program-board-divided-conservatorships-treat-chronically-homeless/>

April 24, SF Chronicle, SF to get team dedicated to clearing used needles from city streets  
<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/SF-to-get-team-dedicated-to-clearing-used-needles-12858548.php>

April 23, KRON4, SF Mayor to hire workers to clean up needles littering streets  
<http://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/its-an-epidemic-sf-mayor-to-hire-workers-to-clean-up-needles-littering-streets/1136303036>

April 23, US News & World Report, San Francisco to hire needle cleanup team  
<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/california/articles/2018-04-23/san-francisco-to-hire-needle-cleanup-team>

April 23, SF Examiner, Mayor, Department of Public Health to fund new needle cleanup team  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/mayor-dph-fund-new-needle-cleanup-team/>

April 19, SF Chronicle, St. Mary's hospital finally gets OK to open beds for mentally ill  
<https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/SF-s-St-Mary-s-hospital-finally-gets-OK-to-12848756.php>

April 19, SF Examiner, SFSU moves to expand free HIV and STD testing services  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sfsu-moves-expand-free-hiv-std-testing-services-students-regardless-gender-sexual-orientation/>

April 18, KQED Radio, SF's newest tool to prevent opioid overdoses tests drugs, starts conversations  
<https://www.kqed.org/stateofhealth/363143/san-franciscos-newest-tool-to-prevent-opioid-overdoses-tests-drugs-starts-conversations>

April 18, SF Gate, City officials seek to mitigate trash, traffic  
<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/City-Officials-Seek-To-Mitigate-Trash-Traffic-12845625.php>



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**April 2018**  
**Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary**  
(4/19/18 MEC)

	<b>4/2018</b>	<b>07/2017 to 07/2018</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	6	185
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	54	502
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	2	145
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	13	107
Additions	17	246
Proctorship Completed	20	200

<b>Current Statistics – as of 3/28/18</b>		
Active Staff	558	
Courtesy Staff	524	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	277	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,359</b>	

Applications in Process		30
Applications Withdrawn Month of <b>April 2018</b>		1
SFGH Reappointments in Process <b>5/2018 to 7/2018</b>		195



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**April 2018**

**Health Commission - Director of Health Report**

(April 5, 2018 Medical Exec Committee)

	(FY 2017-2018)	
	April	Year-to-Date
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
Reinstatements	0	0
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>45</b>
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	0	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	4
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 04/03/2018</b>	
Active Medical Staff	37
As-Needed Medical Staff	10
External Consultant Medical Staff	45
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Health Practitioners	14
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>108</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn this month</b>	<b>0</b>