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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of September 18, 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>

Bill to Expand and Strengthen California Conservatorship Laws Passes State Legislature and Heads to Governor for Signature

On August 30th, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1045 (SB 1045), which would create a new type of conservatorship with the aim of better meeting the needs of individuals who have serious mental illness and substance (other than alcohol) use disorders. The bill now heads to Governor Brown, who has until September 30 to sign or veto the bill. SB 1045 authorizes, for a five-year pilot period, San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles Counties to set up a procedure (per Board of Supervisor's approval) to appoint a conservator for a person who is incapable of caring for their own health and well-being due to serious mental illness and substance use disorder, as evidenced by frequent placement under a 72-hour involuntary hold. The purpose of this type of conservatorship is to provide the least restrictive and most clinically appropriate alternative needed for the protection of the person, such as placement in supportive community housing that provides wraparound services. Currently, mental health based-conservatorship appointments are limited to persons determined to be gravely disabled as a result of a mental health disorder or an impairment by chronic alcoholism.

Love Our City clean up event

On September 8th, the Community Health, Equity and Promotion branch of DPH joined Mayor Breed and the Department of Public Works in the Citywide Cleanup Love Our City event to help with a citywide clean up. The DPH team of eleven, including Naveena Bobba, Alice Chen and family, Thomas Knoble, Eileen Loughran, Tran Nguyen, Tracey Packer, Veronica Vien, and Greg Wagner volunteered to help with needle litter and safely removed and disposed of 95 syringes.

Volunteers were first provided with a safety training and given special equipment including gloves, tongs and portable biohazard bins before breaking up in teams to scour the streets around Civic Center and the Tenderloin.



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Needle waste disposal containers were distributed to those who asked and Narcan training was provided to an individual on Stevenson alley. The team had the opportunity to engage with the community, as well as received thanks for their efforts in helping provide a cleaner and safer environment.

Yellow Command and Shelter Exercise

On September 6th, the Department of Public Health (DPH) partnered with the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to host Yellow Command, an annual large-scale disaster exercise. This year's exercise began on the 96th hour following a 7.8 magnitude earthquake on the San Andreas Fault.

The goal of the simulated exercise was to find weaknesses in the City's plans and to ensure that we can quickly shelter and support people displaced by emergencies. Environmental Health exercised shelter inspections for safety and regulatory compliance while Human Services Agency and Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response exercised unified command, resource requesting, and shelter operations. The mock shelter response had staff, medical supplies and generator to keep people with non-emergencies from crowding local hospitals. This shelter is one of many locations that would be activated in an emergency. Other shelters would include churches, schools, and community centers.

BAAHI publishes Black/African American Health Report

The Black/African American Health Initiative (B/AAHI) has issued its 2018 Report on the Health of Black/African Americans in San Francisco. Although San Franciscans are healthier than Americans in many other parts of the country, Black/African American (B/AA) San Franciscans, have persistently had poorer health than their fellow residents.

Based on the most recent data, Black and African American infants are five times more likely than White infants to die before their first birthday. This health disparity continues through adulthood. Life expectancy for Black/African Americans is the lowest of all race/ethnicities in San Francisco. A B/AA resident could expect to live 72 years nearly 10 years less than White, Asian, and Latino residents who can expect to live into their 80s



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The hope is that the report will persuade the broader community that widespread coordinated efforts to improve B/AA health are urgently needed. We also hope the example of our efforts will inspire partnerships and collaborations with others seeking to correct the inequities that cause the B/AA members of our community to suffer worse health and to die sooner than their fellow residents. We believe that this report can inspire hope that these gaps can be closed.

To obtain a copy of the report or to get additional information about BAAHI and its activities, please email: BAAHI@sfdph.org.

NACCHO Awardees

SFDPH's Program on Health, Equity and Sustainability (PHES) in the Environmental Health Branch is pleased to announce that staff Meg Wall Shui and Devan Morris were awarded Promising Practice Awards from the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) in August 2018 for their respective, collaborative work developing innovative data tools to assess and address the health impacts of community development and transportation decisions. NACCHO's Promising Practice awards are given to projects that demonstrate exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a local public health need, and reflect a strong local health department role, collaboration, and innovation. Meg Wall Shui is project manager of the Central Market Tenderloin Data Portal, which tracks changes in environmental and socioeconomic measures of wellbeing to support neighborhood-based improvement efforts. It is a collective impact project with city agencies and the Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership. Devan Morris is lead and developer of TransBASESF.org, an innovative relational database management system designed to access, manage, and apply spatial data to inform solutions to transportation problems.

TransBASESF.org is a key source of data inputs into Vision Zero SF, the City's commitment to end traffic deaths on our streets.

Valued-Based Purchasing

Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG) received their first positive payment adjustment for the Hospital Value-Based purchasing program. Hospital Value-Based purchasing is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services pay for performance program. It rewards hospitals based on quality of care provided and patients' experience of care. This is the strongest performance from ZSFG since the program's inception in 2013; our improved performance is due to focused improvement work in the True North areas of Quality, Safety, and Care Experience.



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City and County of San Francisco Fellows Program

For the first time, Laguna Honda will be participating as a host-site for the 12-month duration of the San Francisco City Fellows' Program. This civic leadership opportunity, afforded to recent college graduates, offers a placement site for one fellow to complete a project and gain valuable working experience in a local government setting. The hospital held interviews with 18 potential candidates in collaboration with Department of Human Resources and provided rankings. The successful candidate will be helping the hospital prepare and follow up with the upcoming survey process, including monitoring and tracking plans of correction and assisting with development of training for any deficiencies found by the state. We are pleased to welcome to the Laguna Honda family and on campus for the next year, Teo Saragi, a Class of 2018 graduate from Pomona College.

Dr. Judith Martin's Talk on Addiction and Addiction Treatment

On August 17th, Dr. Judith Martin held a special talk at Laguna Honda. Her guest appearance brought in over 40 staff members who were interested in learning more about approaches to addiction and how to best prepare and manage care plans for residents facing addiction Laguna Honda Joint Conference Committee Report issues. The hospital is grateful to Dr. Martin for taking time out to share her best practices. Laguna Honda hopes to bring additional specialists out to speak with staff about areas that impact the hospital's resident population.

Taiwanese Ministry of Health Visit to Laguna Honda

On August 22nd, the Ministry of Health paid a visit to Laguna Honda to learn more about the public health system's care strategy and resources for elderly populations. A team of leaders from Laguna Honda toured them around the facility and then provided a brief presentation on the hospital, including services provided, resident demographics and other vital information. The delegates also gave a presentation on the care model for Taiwan and a discussion was held afterwards to compare and contrast the different approaches.

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