Director’s Report for Health Commission Meeting of
November 6, 2018

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco
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SF to receive grant to improve HIV care

On November 1st, Mayor London Breed announced that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will be funding San Francisco’s Project OPT-IN, a four-year demonstration project to improve HIV-related outcomes. The City is one of two jurisdictions in the U.S. to be selected by the CDC for this funding. The grant will count for $2 million per year over the four year cycle.

Project OPT-IN provides services to address critical gaps in HIV prevention and care services, while simultaneously working to transform healthcare delivery and practices, thus reducing the long-term need for such services. Services will include homeless outreach, intensive case management, and other low threshold support services.

Although the City has made great progress toward its Getting to Zero goals, not all populations have benefitted equally. In 2017, 14 percent of people newly diagnosed with HIV were homeless. While 72 percent of all San Franciscans living with HIV were undetectable in 2016, only 32 percent of people living with HIV and experiencing homelessness were undetectable. Taking HIV medications daily not only improves the health of people living with HIV, but significantly reduces the risk of transmission to others. Project OPT-IN will help reach this vulnerable population.

SF pursues citywide public health data project to tackle chronic disease

On World Cities Day (October 31st), Mayor London Breed affirmed her commitment to proven public health policies that prevent deaths and injuries as part of the Partnership for Healthy Cities. The San Francisco Department of Public Health is pursuing a city-wide initiative to leverage clinical data from San Francisco’s largest health systems to better address an array of chronic diseases that afflict city residents. This would allow for more timely and accurate information about chronic disease in San Francisco, which enables the Department of Public Health to more effectively tackle the greatest burdens of disease in the community.
San Francisco’s proposed partnership between health systems and public health is a powerful one. Chronic illness data from participating health systems such as UCSF Health and Sutter Health, along with the San Francisco Health Network and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, can help the City identify neighborhoods and areas that need extra attention. The data will also help feedback in real time whether those efforts are effective.

With a growing majority of the world’s people living in urban areas, cities have a crucial role to play in ensuring the health and safety of people worldwide. San Francisco joined the Partnership for Healthy Cities in 2017 as one of 54 cities around the world whose mayors are taking leadership on preventing non-communicable chronic diseases—such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases—and injuries.

Mayor London Breed announces expansion of mental health beds and legislation to implement new conservatorship laws

On October 30th, Mayor London N. Breed announced the expansion of mental health beds in San Francisco and introduced legislation to enact Senate Bill 1045 (SB 1045) that would allow the City to temporarily conserve individuals suffering from severe mental health and substance use issues. Her plan for new mental health beds will include adding 70-90 new mental beds next year. Mayor Breed made the announcement along with Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman at Hummingbird Place, the first Navigation Center specifically tailored to serve clients with behavioral health and substance use issues.

The first 14 new beds will open at Hummingbird Place in January 2019, bringing the total number of beds at the facility to 29. Hummingbird, which is located in the Behavioral Health Center on the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital campus, served 363 clients last year and provides day and overnight programs to adults with mental health and substance use needs.

In addition, Mayor Breed has directed the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) to expedite and expand a plan to add mental health beds at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Mayor Breed has directed SFDPH to explore ways to increase the number of beds and deliver them sooner. In addition to providing innovative services to treat patients, these beds can serve individuals at varying stages of the conservatorship process.

Mayor Breed and Supervisor Mandelman also introduced the legislation to the Board of Supervisors to implement local conservatorship laws, a tool that became available to San Francisco in September when Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 1045 into law. At the time, Mayor Breed directed City
departments to begin preparing to move this program forward and outreach has already begun with local stakeholders.

SFDPH estimates that SB 1045 legislation would impact between 50 and 100 people in San Francisco. These individuals are the most likely to require City services—12 percent of the total homeless population that accessed SFDPH services in the last year accounted for 73 percent of the costs.

**Black Infant Health Program's grant award**

San Francisco Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health has received confirmation that the Bella Vista Foundation has approved a $50,000 annual grant for a total of $150,000 over three-year period to the SF MCAH Black Infant Health Program. This award has been designated for the Black Infant Health Program in honor of Jean Gerlinger. The Program Officer for Bella Vista Foundation met with MCAH leaders and chose to designate the award to BIHP after meeting with Aline Armstrong, MCAH Coordinator and BIHP staff.

The grant provides for the expansion of current services for black postpartum women in San Francisco. The series of classes are designed to ensure maximum participant involvement, preparation / equipping for parenting, and facilitate local community building activities. The series of classes will serve approximately 30 clients to include women and their children aged 0-3 years. The classes conducted at two locations in San Francisco ensure that black women are able to participate without any transportation barriers. The series of classes will target topics that include navigating pregnancy resources and linkages to services, breastfeeding and newborn care, child care linkage and resources for working parents, early childhood development and pre-school readiness, peer to peer round table discussions on (toxic stress interventions and mental health resources), healthy relationship maintenance, and workforce development and literacy skill-building.

**SFDPH/BHS Innovation Project Approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission**

On October 25th, an innovation project entitled Wellness in the Streets (WITS) under the San Francisco Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) program, was approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), after a panel presentation. The intent of this project is to adapt existing mental health approaches in order to increase access to underserved groups, specifically, providing peer-to-peer counseling and peer interventions to
unhoused individuals where they are at and directly on the streets. The project was approved by the MHSOAC in an amount of $1.75 million for a period of five years.

Peer interventions that will be tested in this peer-run, peer-led innovation project will be manual-based and evidence-based peer modalities including WRAP, Seeking Safety, crisis planning, wellness planning, and coping skills development, which have rarely been utilized directly on the streets. The purpose of the project is to move individuals along the stages of change until they are able to engage in traditional services. An innovative real time feedback tool will be used for program development and quality improvement.

**HIV R4P Conference**

Team members from Bridge HIV in the Population Health Division had four oral presentations at the HIV R4P (Research for Prevention) Conference on October 21-25, the only global scientific conference devoted exclusively to HIV biomedical prevention. Dr. Susan Buchbinder is one of 4 co-chairs of the meeting and presented on the topic of innovative strategies to help people stay on PrEP, a daily pill that prevents HIV. Dr. Hyman Scott presented on the unmet need for PrEP services in the United States. Dr. Albert Liu presented on disparities seen in PrEP uptake among transgender women in San Francisco, in comparison to men who have sex with men. Dr. Matt Spinelli presented on opportunities to address interruptions in PrEP care for people in the San Francisco safety net.

**Baby-Friendly Re-certification**

Based on the results of a comprehensive on-site survey, Zuckerberg San Francisco General has been officially re-designated as a Baby-Friendly hospital, for a period of five years. The criteria for this designation as based on the Global Criteria for the World Health Organization/UNICEF Hospital Initiative. The criteria are designed to promote safety, quality of care, and baby health. There are a little over 500 Baby-Friendly hospitals in the U.S. ZSFG was the first, and is still one of only 5 Baby-Friendly hospitals in the Bay Area. Zuckerberg San Francisco General was also recently named "The Safest Place to Have a Baby" in California, by The New York Times.

**Clinton Foundation Supports Pre-Literacy Program**

On October 11th, Chelsea Clinton and a team from the Clinton Foundation visited ZSFG to see progress with our pediatric team’s results with the early brain development program: Talk, Read,
Sing (TRS), which is part of the Clinton Foundation’s Too Small to Fail initiative, supporting early brain and language development in children ages 0-5.

TRS promotes early language and brain development and support parents with tools to talk, read, and sing with their young children beginning at birth. Leveraging a multidisciplinary team at well-baby discharge, this project empowers parents to make even small moments meaningful. A pilot program using talk, read, sing messaging & materials in our Children’s Health Center was overwhelmingly successful, with 84% of parents noticing a positive change in their child’s behavior after receiving an early literacy toolkit from their pediatrician.

**DPH in the News (Oct 11 – Nov 1)**


BBC, Oct 24 2018, Taking addiction care out to homeless people in SF [https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3cswhj5](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3cswhj5)


Firenews, Oct 24 2018, Anatomy of a smart city: four stars on the global stage
https://firenewsfeed.com/lifestyle/2129810

Education Week, Oct 22 2018, Parents take early literary advice from doctors to heart study finds http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2018/10/parents_take_early_literacy_advice_from_doctors_to_heart_study_finds.html

KQED, Oct 22 2018, Investigation finds home can be the most dangerous place in a heat wave https://www.kqed.org/science/1933237/investigation-finds-home-can-be-the-most-dangerous-place-in-a-heat-wave


October 2018
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
(10/23/18 MEC)

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Changes in Privileges
Voluntary Relinquishments | 10      | 60      |
Additions                  | 9       | 52      |
Proctorship Completed      | 27      | 95      |

Current Statistics – as of 8/1/18
Active Staff               | 599     |
Courtesy Staff             | 536     |
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians) | 280     |
TOTAL MEMBERS              | 1,375   |

Applications in Process    | 20      |
Applications Withdrawn Month of October 2018 | 0      |
SFGH Reappointments in Process 11/01/2018 to 01/31/2019 | 104    |
### New Appointments
- **Reinstatements**: 0
- **Reappointments**: 5
  - Delinquencies: 0
  - Reappointment Denials: 0
- **Resigned/Retired**: 1
- **Disciplinary Actions**: 0
- **Restriction/Limitation-Privileges**: 0
- **Deceased**: 0

### Changes in Privileges
- **Additions**: 0
- **Voluntary Relinquishments**: 0
- **Proctorship Completed**: 1
- **Proctorship Extension**: 0

### Current Statistics – as of 07/31/2018
- **Active Medical Staff**: 36
- **As-Needed Medical Staff**: 13
- **External Consultant Medical Staff**: 45
- **Courtesy Medical Staff**: 2
- **Affiliated Health Practitioners**: 14
- **TOTAL MEMBERS**: 110

### Applications in Process
- 1

### Applications Withdrawn this month
- 0