



City and County of San Francisco  
Edwin M. Lee, Mayor

## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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# Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of April 5, 2016

*A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco*  
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

### **Mayor Lee Announces New Navigation Center**

Mayor Edwin M. Lee announced March 23<sup>rd</sup> that the City will open a new Navigation Center and lease an additional 200 units of housing for homeless individuals. The new Navigation Center, which will begin accepting clients in two months, will be located at the Civic Center Hotel, which will be expanded with additional supportive services. Mayor Lee also announced the addition of 200 new units to the City's supportive housing portfolio to provide additional exits to clients of the Navigation Center system.

The Civic Center Hotel, a Single-Room Occupancy Hotel, will be rebuilt as part of a larger development project that will include 550 units, more than 25% of which will be affordable housing, including a 110 unit supportive housing project with Community Housing Partnership for formerly homeless individuals and existing residents of the Civic Center Hotel. The SFDPH Homeless Outreach Team will continue to do outreach and transportation to the center and our Behavioral Services team will continue to help with mental health and substance abuse services at the center.

### **Mayor Lee's Statement on North Carolina's Discriminatory Law against LGBT Individuals**

Mayor Edwin M. Lee issued the following statement after North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory signed into law legislation overturning protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the State of North Carolina:

"We are standing united as San Franciscans to condemn North Carolina's new discriminatory law that turns back the clock on protecting the rights of all Americans including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals. Effective immediately, I am directing City Departments under my authority to bar any publicly-funded City employee travel to the State of North Carolina that is not absolutely essential to public health and safety.

## **Population Health and SF Health Network Joining Forces to Reduce Infant Mortality**

Population Health's Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Section collaborated with the SF Health Network's Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG) and Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health to present a webinar entitled: Prenatal Tdap Vaccination: Quality Improvement to Reduce Infant Mortality. The presenters, Cora Hoover, MD, MPH from Disease Control, Sona Aggarwal MD, MPH, a public health fellow in Population Health and Misa Perron-Burdick MD, MAS from ZSFG Ob/Gyn, discussed the impact of recent pertussis outbreaks on the health of Californians and the importance of Tdap vaccination of pregnant mothers in the third trimester. They also introduced a Quality Improvement Toolkit to help prenatal care providers increase vaccination rates in their practices. The webinar had over 70 attendees from 40 California counties as well as California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Health and Human Services (HHS) and a variety of independent practices. The toolkit and the archived webinar are at <http://www.sfcdep.org/tdaptoolkit.html>

## **Expanding Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis through the San Francisco Health Network**

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a highly effective HIV prevention tool for individuals at risk for HIV infection, and a key component of the SF Getting to Zero (GTZ) initiative. Several large studies, many conducted in collaboration between SFDPH and UCSF, have demonstrated the effectiveness of daily PrEP, as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention package, for people at risk for HIV.

The San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) has developed a multifaceted PrEP program to increase PrEP access through primary care. The SFHN PrEP Program has developed and disseminated PrEP clinical management guidelines, through in-person trainings, to more than 100 primary care providers (including physicians, nurse practitioners) at SFHN clinics. These trainings provide guidance on PrEP evaluation, initiation, and monitoring of PrEP services for patients in their medical home. Trainings and educational presentations have also been provided for over 300 clinical staff and community members as part of the coordinated community outreach efforts. In addition, a PrEP referral clinic was opened at the Positive Health Program (Ward 86) in November 2015. This clinic serves as a referral and consultative resource for providers within the SFHN, and provides consultation and trainings for local partners. The SFHN PrEP Coordinator, based at Ward 86, provides PrEP counseling and navigation services for patients, including those without an established source of primary care, and supports linkage to a medical home within SFHN. Since opening four months ago, this clinic has helped more than 50 patients access PrEP. In an effort to ensure equity, and aligned with the goals of GTZ, the SFHN PrEP Program has developed this coordinated PrEP program with a focus on communities disproportionately impacted by HIV including young men who have sex with men, women at risk for HIV, and communities of color.

Link to guidelines:

<http://insidechnsf.chnsf.org/practiceguidelines/default.htm> and <https://hiv.ucsf.edu/care/prep.html>).

## **National Patient Safety Week Recap**

Laguna Honda participated in national Patient Safety Week (March 13th-19th) established by the National Patient Safety Foundation. Led by Edward Guina, Nursing Director and Patient Safety

Officer, there were many educational activities to highlight the importance of patient safety in the post-acute care environment. Topics discussed included safety protocols relating to the prevention of hospital acquired infections, medication errors, and falls. Laguna Honda patients and staff ended the week by participating in a fun “Spin-and-Win” game to test their knowledge on patient safety. Zuckerberg San Francisco General showcased displays and safety reminders all week and safety-related games in the Cafeteria during lunchtime on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Shuttle Buses at Laguna Honda**

Laguna Honda celebrated three new and welcomed additions to its Fleet Services with a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Two medium sized shuttles will be used to help transport residents and staff between Forest Hill MUNI Station and designated campus areas. A larger transit vehicle will be used to transport residents to and from therapeutic and wellness activities off-site. The shuttles were made possible through a grant program from California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS). William Frazier, Laguna Honda Gift Fund Program Manager, led the application efforts and worked with other staff in Finance (Victoria Lau) and Operations (Maxwell Chikere) to secure the grant back in December 2014.

### **Dr. Bibbins-Domingo appointed chair of the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force**

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force announced the appointment of Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D., M.A.S., as chair of the Task Force. Dr. Bibbins-Domingo has served as a member of the Task Force since July 2010 and was previously appointed vice chair in March 2014. She is the Lee Goldman, M.D., endowed chair in medicine and professor of medicine and of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Bibbins-Domingo is a general internist, attending physician, and director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. She is also the director of the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute’s training programs. Dr. Bibbins-Domingo’s research has focused on the epidemiology of cardiovascular disease; racial, ethnic, and income disparities in health; and clinical and public health interventions aimed at chronic disease prevention.

### **Population Health’s Climate and Health Program wins second place in NIH Challenge**

The Climate and Health Program has received second prize in the National Institute of Health’s Climate Change and Environmental Exposures Challenge for its San Francisco Climate and Health Profile ([www.sfclimatehealth.org](http://www.sfclimatehealth.org)). The profile is an innovative web-based tool that links climate change projections with associated health indicators, and identifies populations and locations most vulnerable to climate and health outcomes. The award included prize funding of \$5,000 and the profile will be featured in the White House’s Climate Resilience Toolkit.

### **2016 National Healthcare for the Homeless Council Award**

SF Health Network’s Dr. Michelle Schneidermann is the recipient of the 2016 Medical Respite Award for Excellence given by the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council. This award recognizes those who have delivered outstanding medical respite services in their communities as evidenced by their impact on improved health and quality of life for people experiencing homelessness. The award will be presented during their annual symposium in Portland, Oregon May 31-June 3, 2016.

## **Zuckerberg San Francisco General receives award from SF Business Times**

On Wednesday, March 23rd, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) received a “Real Estate Deal of the Year” award, presented by the San Francisco Business Times.

ZSFG was called a vital part of the city’s healthcare infrastructure and the new acute care and trauma center (Building 25) was honored as one of the most creative real estate deals done in the Bay Area in 2016. Highlighted were the use of artwork, natural lighting and green building materials.

Link to video highlighting ZSFG’s award:

[http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/video/FxYXRiMjE6eCa\\_dBxEp-Pbd\\_rVPzygvl?autoplay=1](http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/video/FxYXRiMjE6eCa_dBxEp-Pbd_rVPzygvl?autoplay=1)

## **Ambulatory Care Workforce Development Update**

The San Francisco Department of Public Health leadership recognizes that increasing workforce diversity is essential for the adequate provision of culturally appropriate and quality care to San Francisco residents. The Ambulatory Care Office of Workforce Development, in collaboration with Human Resources, the Mayor’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development, HOPE SF, and Jewish Vocational Services provided two Health Worker application workshops (Wednesday, March 16th, and Wednesday, March 23rd) for San Francisco residents, with a strategic outreach to impacted, low income community members who are interested in opportunities within the DPH workforce. These workshops were led by the Ambulatory Care Office of Workforce Development staff and provided key information on:

- How to prepare and align applications for Health Worker I, II, III & IV positions
- The City and County Job application process (online application, civil service exams, etc.)

These two workshops were very successful, with approximately 200 community members in attendance. Participants received vital information, were able to ask questions, and build relationships with DPH staff. A successful collaborative effort, these workshops were designed to ultimately increase workforce diversity across the system by recruiting and retaining diverse, highly qualified and competent employees.

## **Zuckerberg SF General’s CHEARS Committee up and Running**

CHEARS stands for Campus and Hospital Employees’ Activities, Resources and Services. The committee plans to promote staff inclusion by developing and coordinating a cultural/employee celebration event for each month. A few events planned include an Employee Recognition Dinner, an Ice Cream Social, Black History Month, etc. In addition, the CHEARS committee will establish an employee of the month recognition program by recognizing one staff member each month.

## **Dr. Angela Davis speaks at Black Infant Health Program Event**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Afrocentric Family and Life Conference was sponsored by the Black Infant Health Program, a project of the SF Department of Public Health and UCSF, focusing on poor birth outcomes and health disparities affecting African American women and their infants. Also featured was Dr. Monique Morris author of: “Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in School”. The event was held at the Westbay Conference Center in the Fillmore to a sold out crowd.

## **National Public Health Week 2016**

National Public Health Week is April 4-10. We will be active on social media, participating in a twitter-chat and highlighting different programs that are a part of the SF Department of Public Health. Some of the topics include social justice and health, healthy communities, healthy youth, and healthy food. Follow along at [https://twitter.com/SF\\_DPH](https://twitter.com/SF_DPH)