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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of May 21, 2019

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>

Governor Newsom's FY 2019-20 State Budget – May Revise: Health-Related Proposals

On May 9th, 2019 Governor Newsom released a revised \$213 billion budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2019-20, which is \$4 billion higher than January's proposal. The revised budget expands upon January's proposals, and includes increased investments for health care access, homeless shelters, and the State's rainy-day reserve. The May Revision still maintains the major health care proposals from the initial January budget, including: (1) the pharmacy carve out proposal; (2) increased subsidies for health coverage purchased through Covered California; and (3) Medi-Cal expansion for young adults ages 19 through 25, regardless of immigration status. The following provides additional details on the budget's health-related proposals that were updated in the May Revise:

• **Health Care Services**

- **Whole Person Care (WPC):** The May Revision includes one-time \$20 million Mental Health Services Fund over five years for counties that currently do not operate WPC Pilots. This is in addition to the one-time \$100 million GF expenditure for WPC Pilot programs specified in January.
 - **Value-based Payments (VBP) Program:** January The May Revision provides an additional \$70 million in one-time funding for the VBP program, specifically for behavioral health integration. The January budget proposed \$360 million (\$180 million in Prop 56 funds) for the program.
- **Health Care Workforce:** The May Revision brings total funding for addressing future health care workforce needs (e.g. loan forgiveness programs for working in high need areas) to over \$600 million.
- **Youth Substance Used Disorder:** The May Revision includes \$21.5 million in Prop 64 funds for competitive grants to develop and implement new youth programs in the areas of education, prevention, and early intervention of substance use disorders. These funds are continuously appropriated.

• **Public Health**

- **Home Visiting and Black Infant Health:** \$34.8 million GF increase, up from \$30.5 million in January, to expand home visiting programs. This includes \$22.9 million to expand California Home Visiting to focus on low-income young mothers, and \$12



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million to expand Black Infant Health programs, including the Perinatal Equity Initiative (up from \$7.5 million in January).

- **Local Public Health Infections Disease Infrastructure:** The May Revision includes \$40 million one-time GF expenditure (available over a four-year period) for local public health departments and tribal communities to provide prevention, testing, and treatment services to address infectious disease. This proposal was requested by CHEAC/HOAC, which SFDPH submitted letters of support for to the Senate and Assembly.
- **Cannabis Surveillance and Education:** The May Revision includes \$12 million in Proposition 64 funds for surveillance and education activities. These funds are continuously appropriated.

The Legislature will consider the Governor's May Revision and its budget committees are preparing their version of the state budget to be voted on and approved by the constitutional deadline of June 15th.

Governor Newsom announces the state's prescription drug single-purchaser system

On May 16th, at Laguna Honda Hospital, Governor Gavin Newsom joined San Francisco Mayor London Breed, San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH), and officials from Santa Clara and Alameda counties to announce that the three Bay Area counties, among the largest public purchasers of prescription drugs in California, will partner with the state to use their combined market power to lower the cost of prescription drugs. In order to make health care more affordable for all Californians and to move the state closer toward the goal of health care for all, the administration is working to create the nation's biggest single-purchaser system for drugs.

The San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) provides treatments that often require long-term, specialized care, and commonly include expensive medications as part of the treatment plan. The network's top 25 most expensive drugs that may be considered in the Governor's proposal cost SFHN about \$17 million each year. By joining this effort, SFHN may see savings when purchasing expensive medications for behavioral health treatment, HIV, cancer, and diabetes. Thus, DPH fully supports Governor Newsom's work to ensure that health care and treatment are accessible for every San Franciscan.

Two-Day Epic Workflow Walkthrough

On May 14th and 15th, the Department of Public Health (DPH) Epic team invited staff members from throughout DPH and the University of California San Francisco for an Epic Workflow Walkthrough, demonstrating the use of the Epic electronic health record that the San Francisco Health Network



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will begin using at Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG), Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH), and Primary and Specialty Care clinics on August 3rd.

Over the two-day event, 1,000 people attended the multiple sessions offered at the hospitals, including emergency department (ED), nursing, radiology, labor and delivery, med-surg, rehab, pharmacy, behavioral health, finance, registration and many more. The sessions were also join by two esteemed and involved members of the Patient Advisory Council. On Day 1, attendees at ZSFG followed the journey that a patient takes within Epic from the ED to a med-surg unit and perioperative area, and then on to discharge and follow-up at a clinic appointment. On Day 2, attendees at LHH witnessed the fictitious patient be discharged from ZSFG and placed at LHH, including the admission process, scheduling of physical therapy and further appointments, ending with how the patient's chart is coded for final release.

Behavioral Health Services receives Achievement Award from NACo

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) has been recognized with an Achievement Award by the National Association for Counties (NACo), for the *Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)* program. The overarching goal of the AOT program is to provide intensive outpatient services to clients in an effort to improve their quality of life, while preventing decompensation and time spent incarcerated or in acute services e.g., psychiatric hospitalization. The AOT is a program within BHS under the Mental Health Services Act Full Service Partnership program, with case management services provided by Citywide Case Management. To learn more about the AOT program, visit <https://www.sfdph.org/aot/>.

NACo Awards honor innovative and effective county government programs that enhance services for residents. This is the sixth NACo award given to DPH-BHS in recent years.

ZSFG celebrates National Nurses Week

In celebration of National Nurses Week (May 6-12), Zuckerberg San Francisco General served its annual dinner (for day shift nurses) and breakfast (for the night shift), hosted by Chief Nursing Officer Terry Dentoni. Executive Chef Michael Jenkins and the ZSFG Food & Nutrition Services Department prepared two delicious spreads, and the vocal stylings of JR Lustig, of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, provided wonderful entertainment. Each year at the event, extraordinary nurses are presented with awards including the Daisy Award, Friend of Nursing Award, and Ambulatory Care Nursing Leadership Award.



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National Nurses Week at Laguna Honda

During National Nurses Week (May 6-12), Laguna Honda's Clinical Nurse Specialists held booths to provide information on their specialties as well as goodies to residents and staff to celebrate. In addition, each unit celebrated the week by highlighting and recognizing staff. The American Nurses Association set this year's theme as *4 Million Reasons to Celebrate* to honor the more than 4 million nurses across the country who provide care and elevate the nursing profession.

2nd Annual Mass Notification Conference

On May 2nd, representatives from the Department of Public Health, Department of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office of Disability, San Clara County's Office of Emergency Management, and California Governor's Office of Emergency services served on a discussion panel at the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative's 2nd annual Mass notification Seminar. The panel explored ways to strengthen outreach efforts and ways to disseminate the right messages to as many community members as possible. Speakers focused on reaching out to populations that are traditionally harder to reach such as people with disabilities, seniors, immigrant communities, people with limited English proficiency and homeless communities. This seminar was part of a continued effort to share knowledge and resources, and improve our collective alert and warning capabilities within the region and with our colleagues across the country. Participants' feedback was extremely positive and they were thankful for the insights and experience.

Nursing Scholars from Japan and China

On April 26th, Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) hosted a visit with Nursing Scholars from China and Japan, through a collaborative effort with University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing and LHH volunteer UCSF Clinical Faculty. Kathleen MacKerrow, Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, shared best-practices, toured various programs, and engaged with staff on the visit. The nursing scholars enjoyed visiting the palliative care neighborhood (S3), positive care (S2), the Asian care focused neighborhood (N5), rehabilitation, and the farm. Zexu Fang, Nurse Manager of North 5, shared a summary of the epidemiology of residents cared for on the neighborhood, giving the nursing scholars a glimpse into the medical, social, and mental health needs of the residents.

DPH in the News (May 1 – May 15 2019)

SF Chronicle, May 16 2019, SF, Santa Clara, Alameda counties join Gov. Newsom to lower drug prices

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/SF-Santa-Clara-Alameda-counties-join-Gov-13852063.php?psid=yS8l#photo-17466922>



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SF Chronicle, May 15 2019, UCSF study on marijuana legalization finds uptick in drug abuse, decrease in chronic pain reports

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/UCSF-study-on-marijuana-legalization-finds-uptick-13847500.php>

SF Chronicle, May 15 2019, SF's proposed e-cigs ban would snuff out local business

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/SF-s-proposed-e-cigs-ban-would-snuff-out-local-13845592.php?psid=4O3us>

Medical Health, May 14 2019, These psychiatrists bring mental health care to those who need it the most

<http://www.medicalhealthnews.net/these-psiychiatristsb-bring-mental-health-care-to-those-who-need-it-the-most>

SF Examiner, May 10 2019, Life expectancy differs dramatically by race in SF

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/life-expectancy-differs-dramatically-by-race-in-san-francisco/>

SF Chronicle, May 9 2019, Lunch with a side of pigeon poop? SF orders Eat Club delivery hub closed

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/Lunch-with-a-side-of-pigeon-poop-SF-orders-Eat-13833577.php>

Business Journals, May 8 2019, As SF General ends, controversial, billing practice, hospital eyes select deals with commercial insurers

<https://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/news/2019/05/08/sf-general-billing-practices-commercial-insurers.html>

NPR, May 1 2019, As meth surges, first responders struggle to help those in crisis

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/05/01/716404677/as-meth-use-surges-first-responders-struggle-to-help-those-in-crisis>