

Health and Human Services Agency Health
Services Advisory Board (HSAB) Public
Health Officer's Report
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I. Communicable Disease Issues

A. Infectious Disease Issues

1. Influenza – waning

2. Zika Virus (As of 5/12/17)

- Total Zika Testing referrals to EPI Program for consultation of potential cases: **1,621 referrals**
- Ruled out: **1,303 cases**
- Confirmed Zika cases (all travel-associated): **89**
- Cases pending lab results or submission: **212**
- Travel associated cases: American Samoa (1), Belize (1), Brazil (2), Caribbean (multiple islands) (3), Columbia (2), Costa Rica (5), Dominican Republic (2), Grenada (3), Guatemala (3), Haiti (1), Indonesia (1), Jamaica (2), Kiribati (1), Latin America (4), Mexico (32), Nicaragua (9), Philippines (1), Puerto Rico (4), Saint Lucia (1), Senegal (1), Singapore (1), Trinidad (3), USVI (1), Venezuela (3), and sexual transmission from a traveler (2).
- Again, all reported cases are imported; **8 cases** confirmed in pregnant women.
- There are now 25 (25 in April) Mexican states with documented local Zika transmission. The first case in Baja California has been documented in Ensenada, approximately 80 miles from the San Diego County border.
- CDC has created a US Zika Pregnancy Registry for local, state, and territorial health departments
- To date, none of the invasive Aedes species detected have tested positive for Zika.
- Focus in on education and outreach, case reporting, and prevention of mosquito breeding
- http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/zika_irus.html
- http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/deh/pests/vector_disease.html
- San Diego now has capacity to test for Zika with PCR only (not for IgM and IgG)

3. Hepatitis A (As of 5/18/17)

- **Homeless population and illicit drug-using individuals.**
- **93 cases with onset dates from 11/22/16 - 5/10/17**
- **Conducting outreach to homeless and substance use treatment facilities**
- **Working closely with medical community**
- **CAHAN #2 and press release #2 issued May 4th and 5th**

4. Measles Case

- 53 y.o. female who traveled out of country 2/23 – 3/8
- International flights on 3/6 & 3/8
- Symptoms developed 3/8; seen at Scripps Health
- One secondary case (Contacts incubation period ends April 20)

5. Shigellosis

- Shigella flexneri serotype 7 cluster
- April 2016 to Feb 2017 (6 since Dec 2016)
- 16 San Diego cases (2 from other jurisdictions)
- Disproportionately affect self-identified MSM
- **CAHAN #2 sent 5/10/17 – 73 total Shigella cases (all species)**

6. Bi-Cillin L-A Shortage

- Nationwide shortage. Prioritize to pregnant women infected with or exposed to syphilis must receive Bicillin®L-A

- II. Board Actions
 - A. Getting to Zero is planned for report back to the Board on June 27, 2017, coinciding with National HIV Testing Day

- III. Public Health Issues
 - A. Activation of Health Services Capacity Plan - back to Level 1
 - 1. Core Operational Group continuing to meet on 1st and 3rd Thursdays, as needed.
 - Exploring replication of Washington State Education Campaign with focus on best practices related to:
 - IT
 - Public Education and Outreach (public and physicians)
 - Surveillance and Case Management of Frequent Users
 - Transition of Care (TOC) module from First Watch has been procured by the County. Roll-out being planned.
 - Request presentation on HSAB Agenda in early 2017 (conducted Feb 16th)
 - B. Will be transitioned to the Medical Care Services Division.

- IV. Grants
 - A. New Applications
 - 1. **Naloxone Proposal:** to participate in a naloxone distribution effort. Application submitted May 1st.
 - B. Funded
 - 1. **Strategic HIV Prevention Projects**, funded by the state: PHS will receive \$1.8 million over the next two years (July 2017 through June 2019). There were only four awards, and San Diego County was the only health department that was funded. The other awardees include two community-based organizations (the LA LGBT Center and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation) and one federally qualified health center (AltaMed in LA/Orange County).
 - Proposal focused on a couple of core activities related to Getting to Zero:
 - 1. PrEP education and navigation.
 - 2. Rapid initiation of anti-retroviral therapy (ART) for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV.
 - 3. Awareness Campaigns.
 - 2. **STD Funding:** The CDPH STD Control Branch (STDCB) received a \$5 million one-time increase in funding spendable in FY16-17, FY17-18, and FY18-19. Recently received \$427,649 of that amount.
 - **Tobacco Control Program**
 - 1. Tobacco program is anticipated to receive over \$2.8 million from the state in FY17-18.
 - 2. Additional Tobacco Funding \$182K one time only; pending funding from recent legislation
 - 3. **Sodium:**
 - Partnering with LAHD on new Sodium reduction grant. Local focus: School districts and health care systems. Application submitted last week. \$100K/year X 5 years. AWARDDED
 - 4. **SNAP-ED (Also known as NEOP (Nutrition, Exercise and Obesity Prevention):**
 - Submitted next 3-year cycle application and work plan; activities will continue to focus on policy, systems, and environmental change for nutrition and PA
 - 5. **Prevention** {Public Health Actions to Prevent Obesity, Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke}: funded to work in the City of San Diego geographic area
 - Components 1 & 2:
 - 1. For implementing food sodium standards and environment and lifestyle changes (DPPs) – excited about the development of the Diabetes Prevention Programs
 - 2. Diabetes prevention and community clinical linkages; health system interventions – Chronic Disease Surveillance via EHRs
 - Submitted Year 3 application and work plan on April 30th

- V. Public Health Initiatives
 - A. Major initiative updates and highlights
 - 1. Public Health Accreditation Board
 - a. Annual report due by June 30th; would like to present to HSAB meeting in July 2017.
 - b. Conducting strategic planning for implementation
 - 2. Branch and Program Fact Sheets – completed by July 2016; will provide to board members on flash drive.

VI. Board Letter Forecast

| June 20, 2017 | | |
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| 1. MAA/TCM Provider Participation Agreement (scheduled for HSAB on 5/18/17) | MAA/TCM | Janice DiCroce |
| 2. School-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Revenue Agreement (scheduled for HSAB on 5/18/17) | MAA/TCM | Janice DiCroce |
| 3. FY 17/18 Certification Statements for CHDP & CCS Programs (approved by HSAB on 4/20/17) | CCS | Dr. Coleman |
| June 27, 2017 | | |
| 1. Getting to Zero Board Memo (scheduled for HSAB on 5/18/17) | HSHB | Patrick Loose |
| July 18, 2017 | | |
| 1. HIV/AIDS Revenue Agreement and Single Source Procurement (scheduled for HSAB on 6/15/17) | HSHB | Lauren Brookshire |
| 2. FY 17/18 accept \$2.8 million in Tobacco funding and authorize contracts (scheduled for HSAB on 6/15/17) | MCHFHS | Dr. Coleman |
| 3. Acceptance of TB Revenue (scheduled for HSAB on 6/15/17) | TB | Dr. Graves |
| 4. Single Source procurement with Project Concern International (PCI) for binational border outreach for TB control (scheduled for HSAB on 6/15/17) | TB | Dr. Graves |

VII. Announcements

A. Personnel - 4 Key Positions

1. CCS Chief – current Chief will retire on 7/7/17
2. TB, Chief – Candidate Selected: Dr. Susannah Graves, starts on 4/28/17 & full time on 6/19/17
3. EMS Chief – Andy Parr appointed
4. Chief Nursing Officer – announcement will be posted soon

VIII. Site Visits

| Timeframe | Description | Auditor |
|------------------|--|----------------|
| Summer 2017 | MCHFHS, Prevention Grant | CDC |
| 9/27/17 | The State CCS Facility Site review of UCSD Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the Neonatal Surgery program was completed last December 15, 2016. The letter has been issued that granted Conditional Approval as a CCS Program-approved Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Neonatal Surgery Program to the University of California, San Diego Medical Center. There are some items they must address before they get full approval. A response by UCSD is required on or before 9/27/17 | N/A |

IX. Legislation

A. Tobacco Leg

California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Proposition 56) was passed in November 2016. It raises the state's tobacco tax by \$2 per pack (from \$0.87 to \$2.87) and directs this funding to tobacco prevention, cures and strengthening a health care system strained by tobacco-related disease. In addition to the \$2 per pack tobacco tax on all tobacco products, programs that have received funding via Proposition 99 and Proposition 10 would receive corresponding backfill. Furthermore, this initiative not only includes electronic cigarettes, but corrects previous definitions, to ensure that all tobacco products (e.g., snus) are captured in the State's Other Tobacco Product (OTP) definition and taxed at a rate equivalent to the cigarette tax. Anticipated increased net state revenue of \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion in 2017-18, with potentially lower annual revenues over time.

HSAB Annual Report - HSAB Chair's Report (Summary of 2016 monthly minutes provided.)

X. Suggested Future Agenda Items

- A. Prevention Grant
- B. HIV/AIDS Task Force Recommendations - Getting to Zero
- C. Eat Well Standards
- D. Summary of PHAB 2017 Accreditation Annual Report

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