

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 – baseline
2. Zika Virus (As of 6/9/17)
  - Total Zika Testing referrals to EPI Program for consultation of potential cases: **1,877 referrals**
  - **Ruled out: 1,486 cases**
  - Confirmed Zika cases (all travel-associated): **89**
  - Cases pending lab results or submission: **285**
  - 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 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\\_virus.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/zika_virus.html)
  - [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/deh/pests/vector\\_disease.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 6/12/17)
  - Homeless population and illicit drug-using individuals.
  - 160 cases with onset dates from 11/22/16 - 6/10/17, four deaths, 120 hospitalizations
    - **120 (75%)** hospitalizations, **4** deaths
    - **106 males (66%); 54 females (34%)**
    - 21-82 years (median 42 years, mean **42.8** years)
    - **99 (62%)** documented homeless
    - 98 (**61%**) documented illicit drug users
  - Common locations
    - St. Vincent de Paul/Father Joe's homeless facility (housing, healthcare, food)
    - First Methodist Church, El Cajon
    - Jail / Detention Facilities
    - Carroll Community Care
  - Conducting outreach to homeless and substance use treatment facilities using Point of Distribution (PODs), mobile vans, and field foot teams
  - Working closely with medical community (i.e., FQHCs, EDs), law enforcement, and behavioral health.
  - Communications:
    - Publications  
CAHAN #3 and press release #3 issued May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>, respectively
    - Web  
page: [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/Hepatitis\\_A.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Hepatitis_A.html)

## II. Board Actions

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

## III. Public Health Issues

- A. **Activation of Excessive Heat Response Plan Task Force, today, June 15, 2017, due to alert from National Weather Services for excessive health in the Mountains and Desert through next Friday. Press release will be issued tomorrow.**
- B. 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)
- C. EMS and Chief Nursing Officer will be transitioned to the Medical Care Services Division.

## IV. Grants

### A. New Applications

1. **Gonorrhea Surveillance:** California Department of Public Health is applying for a CDC grant. HSHB submitted an application specific to San Diego County. Funds are gonorrhea surveillance and to support lab testing in identifying ways to eliminate the disease. Start date is August 1, 2017; Application was submitted on May 15<sup>th</sup>; Amount is \$71,000. Award status pending.
2. **Naloxone Proposal:** to participate in a naloxone distribution effort. Application submitted May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### B. Funding

1. **Zika Funding for PH Lab:** The State awarded PH Lab \$1,046,404 (June 2017 – June 2018). Scope of work includes following additional outcomes:
  - Add the Gene Sequencing Instrument
  - Establish agreement for Zika testing for binational/Baja/Mexico cases
  - Establish agreement for Zika testing with Imperial County
2. **Zika Funding:** EISB was awarded \$413,793 for staffing support. Funding is for March 1, 2017-July 31, 2018.
3. **Public Health Lab Microbiologist Training Funds:** \$75,500 was awarded to the lab to train 2 microbiologists.
4. **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.
5. **Tobacco Control Program**
  - a. Tobacco program is anticipated to receive over \$2.8 million from the state in FY17-18.
  - b. Additional Tobacco Funding \$182K one time only; pending funding from recent legislation
6. **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.
7. **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. AWARDED
8. **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
9. **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 30<sup>th</sup>

## V. Public Health Initiatives

### A. Major initiative updates and highlights

1. Public Health Accreditation Board
  - a. Annual report due by June 30<sup>th</sup>; would like to present to HSAB meeting in July 2017.
  - b. Conducting strategic planning for implementation

## VI. Branch and Program Fact Sheets – completed by July 2016; will provide to board members on flash drive (Pending).

## VII. Board Letter Forecast

June 27, 2017		
1. Getting to Zero Board Memo (presented to HSAB on 6/15/17)	HSHB	Patrick Loose
July 18, 2017		
2. FY 17/18 accept \$2.8 million in Tobacco funding and authorize contracts (scheduled for HSAB on 6/15/17)	MCHFHS	Dr. Coleman
August 1, 2017		
3. HIV/AIDS Revenue Agreement and Single Source Procurement (scheduled for HSAB on 7/20/17)		Patrick Loose
4. Acceptance of TB Revenue (scheduled for HSAB on 7/20/17)	TB	Dr. Graves
5. Single Source procurement with Project Concern International (PCI) for binational border outreach for TB control (scheduled for HSAB on 7/20/17)	TB	Dr. Graves
6. Zika Revenue Agreement (scheduled for HSAB on 7/20/17)	Lab	Brett Austin
7. Purchase CDC Testing Kits for Lab (scheduled for HSAB on 7/20/17)	Lab	Brett Austin

## VIII. Announcements

### A. Personnel - 4 Key Positions

1. CCS Chief – Job Posted Online
2. Agency Program and Operations Manager (MAA/TCM) – Job Posted Online
3. Chief Nursing Officer – Job Posted Online
4. TB, Chief – Candidate Selected: Dr. Susannah Graves, starts on 4/28/17 & full time on 6/19/17
5. EMS Chief – Andy Parr appointed

## IX. Site Visits

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
Summer 2017	MCFHS, 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

## X. 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.

XI. **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

- A. Prevention Grant
- B. Eat Well Standards
- C. Summary of PHAB 2017 Accreditation Annual Report

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