

**Health and Human Services Agency
 Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)
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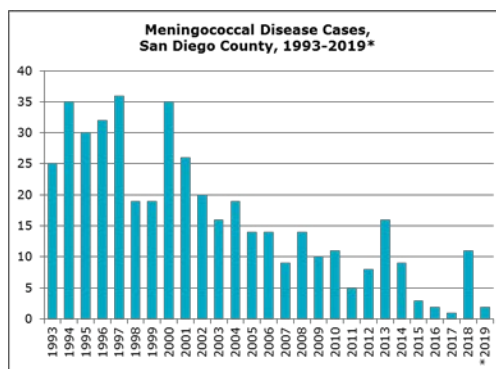
Public Health Officer's Report

I. Communicable Disease Issues

A. Infectious Disease Issues

1. Meningococcal Disease Outbreak (CAHAN sent on September 28, 2018)

- There were three San Diego State University (SDSU) undergraduate students diagnosed with serogroup B invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) between June and September 2018.
- A meningococcal outbreak was declared on campus on 9/28/18 after the third case in just over three months was diagnosed (onset dates: June 9, September 2, and September 25).
- **The June case was later determined through testing at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to be a different strain of the meningococcal serogroup B bacteria, unrelated to the other two cases.**
- Close contacts with the new case have been identified and provided antibiotics. There is no need for antibiotics for those who were not in direct contact with the student.
- The local health officer is recommending that all unimmunized SDSU undergraduate students 23 years of age and younger get vaccinated with one of two available meningococcal B vaccines.
- Serogroup B was found in **37%** of San Diego County cases between **2008 and 2018** and accounted for **seven** of the **eleven** cases reported in 2018. Serogroup B has been the cause of 11 U.S. university/college outbreaks since 2008, including two others in California: one at the University of California Santa Barbara, in 2013, and one at Santa Clara University, in 2016.
- In 2018, eleven meningococcal disease cases were reported in San Diego County, the highest number reported since 2013. **There have been two cases so far in 2019, neither associated with SDSU.**
- No new meningococcal cases have occurred at SDSU since the last case with onset of symptoms on September 25, 2018.
- The County is collaborating with and supporting SDSU in a response to this outbreak.
- SDSU is continuing their campaign to get students to bring in their vaccination records if they have been vaccinated out of San Diego County for Meningococcal B. SDSU is also continuing their second dose campaign.
- SDSU students are returning to campus **in late January; efforts to educate and vaccinate them are continuing. In addition, vaccine will be offered to new students arriving on campus as second semester enrollees.** The County and SDSU plan to do at least one mass vaccination clinic this semester in addition to supporting other ongoing vaccination opportunities.
- **As of 1/24/2019, 8,537 undergraduates 23 years of age and younger had received at least one dose of the meningococcal B vaccine, 58% of the targeted number of 14,653 (which is 55% of the undergraduate population in that age group); 3,007 were fully vaccinated, 21% of the targeted group. Among students living in the traditional residence halls, where the goal is to vaccinate 90%, 1,545 students had received at least one dose of the vaccine, 74% of the targeted number of 2,094; 562 were fully vaccinated, 27% of the targeted group.**
- **Four mini-PODS will be conducted in February and March.**



*2019 cases are year-to-date and subject to change as additional information becomes available.
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II. Board Actions

- A. Getting to Zero – The next annual report via Board Memo will be issued in June 2019, to coincide with National HIV Testing Day.
- B. Hepatitis A Outbreak :
 - San Diego County declared a local health emergency, which was signed on Sept 1, 2017. It declares that the “spread of Hepatitis A in San Diego is a threat to public health” and “a local health emergency is declared in San Diego County.”
 - September 6 & 12, 2017: Ratify declaration of local health emergency: Hepatitis A Outbreak
 - September 26, 2017, October 10, 2017, October 24, 2017, November 6, 2017, November 14, 2017, November 27, 2017, December 5, 2017, December 19, 2017, January 2, 2018, and January 9, 2018: Continue local health emergency.
 - San Diego County Board of Supervisors motion to end local health emergency on January 23, 2018.
 - After Action Report (AAR) issued May 10, 2018. **The 23 of 29 AAR recommendations are completed or in maintenance.**
 - Grand Jury Report issued May 18, 2018 and responses went to Board of Supervisors the morning of Aug 7, 2018.
 - **Hepatitis outbreak officially declared over on October 19, 2018.**
 - State Audit released on December 20, 2018.
- C. **Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Initiative to decrease the incident of active TB cases is scheduled for Board of Supervisor approval on March 12, 2019 in honor of national Tuberculosis Day on March 24.**
- D. **Asylum Seeker Shelters – On January 29, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved County property for temporary shelter use.**

III. Public Health Issues

- A. West Nile Virus Zika Season: Department of Environmental Health issued Media Advisory on April 2, 2018 to notify the public of the start of mosquito season.
- B. **National Public Health Week, April 1-7, 2019, with Live Well San Diego Public Health Champion Awards Ceremony will be held during this week. Please submit an application to nominate a Champion as the application process will begin soon.**
- C. CAHAN released on February 16, 2018: Pertussis Increasing in San Diego.
- D. August is Immunization Awareness Month.
- E. September is National Preparedness Month. <https://www.ready.gov/september>
- F. CAHANs released on 8/31/18 (Hepatitis A Vaccination Reminder for Healthcare Providers), 9/14/18 (Fentanyl Overdoses Related to Illicit Drug Use), and 9/28/18 (Meningococcal Outbreak).
- G. San Diego County Hepatitis A Outbreak declared over on 10/19/18 after 100 days with no new cases reported.
- H. **Asylum Seeker Shelters Continued:**
 - **The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency’s (HHS) involvement since 12/20/18 is focused on the primary goal to protect the health of the public, including families seeking asylum, by conducting health screening assessments in the setting of the shelter and referring for outside medical care as appropriate and identifying and preventing the spread of communicable disease.**
 - **The Asylum Seekers Border Shelter established by The San Diego Rapid Response Network is operated by Jewish Family Services with support from other NGOs at a confidential location in San Diego.**
 - **As of 1/29/19, HHS has conducted a total of 2,685 health screening assessments.**
 - **The common clinical findings based on screenings at the shelter have included influenza like illness, varicella (chicken pox), lice, and scabies. About 1% of guests have been referred out to the emergency department.**
 - **Since the shelter opening in late October 2018, the County HHS Public Health Services Department has received reports of 13 varicella cases in asylum seekers, eight of which were at the shelter.**
 - **On-site staffing provided by the County of San Diego includes ancillary staff, nursing staff, contracted physicians, on-call physicians, and logistics administrator. The total number of unduplicated staff is 155.**
- I. **March 3-9 is Preteen Vaccine Week. Promotional materials will be distributed.**

IV. Grants

- A. **New Applications**
 1. **Kresge Emerging Leaders in Public Health Grant:**
 - a. PHS was accepted into the third cohort of the Kresge Foundation’s Emerging Leaders in Public Health program. In addition to the \$125,000 in grant funding, PHS’ leadership will receive leadership development trainings and technical assistance to help implement their proposed transformative concept – convening

- municipal governments and local stakeholders to tackle public health problems affecting the entire region.
- b. This new role builds off of the collaboration between city governments and the County to manage sanitation efforts during the hepatitis A outbreak.
 - c. Dr. Wooten and Dr. Thihalolipavan attended the first of three required in-person meetings on August 6-8, 2018 **and the second required in-person meeting on January 9-11, 2019.**
 - d. **Dr. Wooten and Dr. Thihalolipavan have continued to brief internal groups regarding the new Kresge Initiative. The next plan of action is to meet with each of the municipalities individually, beginning with the City of San Diego, to introduce the initiative and delve into opportunities for communication, coordination, and collaboration.**

B. Funding

1. **Maternal Child and Family Health Services (MCFHS) submitted and were awarded two new grant applications:**
 - **CDC-RFA-DP18-1817:** (\$900,000 per year for 5 years) Diabetes and Heart Disease & Stroke Prevent Programs-Innovative State and Local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke: This will provide funding for similar strategies that were in Component 1, Diabetes Prevention Program, and Component 2. The application was submitted on July 9, 2018. Notification of the award will occur on September 29, 2018. The County was awarded funding from the CDC for Category B for Heart Disease and Stroke, which will be effective September 30, 2018. MCFHS sent the final budget and work plan to the CDC for approval on October 31, 2018.
 - **CDC-RFA-DP18-1813: REACH Grant:** (\$792,000 per year for 5 years) This will provide funding for similar strategies that were in Component 1, strategies 1-4 of the previous Prevention funding. This also has two additions for a tobacco cessation strategy and community linkages. The application was submitted on July 16, 2018. Notification of the award will occur on September 29, 2018. The County was awarded funding from the CDC, which will be effective September 30, 2018. MCFHS sent the final budget and work plan to the CDC for approval on November 15, 2018.
2. **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 15th; Amount is \$71,000. Award status pending.
3. **Naloxone Proposal: Program** to participate in a naloxone distribution effort.
 - Application submitted on May 1, 2017.
 - Approved, totaling \$248,300 (full amount).
 - First shipment of 5,372 naloxone doses was received on December 13, 2017 and second shipment of 1,248 naloxone doses was received on July 18, 2018.
 - A plan was developed and implemented.
 - **As of January 31, 2019, 6,606 doses** (100% of first shipment, **99% of second shipment, and 99.8% of total allocated supply for first and second**) doses were picked up by **29** agencies: San Diego County Medical Examiner (46 does), Chula Vista Police Department (200 doses), A New PATH (2,160 doses), Fallbrook Unified High School District (2 doses), Interfaith Community Services (50 doses), Mira Costa College Police Department (18 doses), La Maestra Wellness Supportive Services (100 doses), SDSU PD (62 doses), North County Health Services (100 doses), SD Police Department (1,840 doses), All Peoples' Encinitas (784 doses), House of Metamorphosis (40 doses), Oceanside Police Department (30 doses), Union of Pan Asian Communities (4 doses), Heartland House (4 doses), Mountain Health and Community Services Inc (12 doses), Indian Health Council (150 doses), Escondido Police Department (80 doses), Vista Community Clinic (30 doses), Confidential Recovery (6 doses), McAlister Institute for Treatment & Education (60 doses), San Diego County Probation Department (200 doses), The Bishop's School (4 doses), La Mesa Police Department (76 doses), UCSD Preuss Charter (2 doses), Family Health Centers of San Diego (350 doses), University of California, San Diego Unified School District (66 doses), **and El Cajon Police Department (130 doses)**. America's Finest Charter School is pending pick up of 4 doses and **Escondido Union High School is pending pick up of 10 doses.**
 - There are **14** doses remaining to be distributed.
 - The County executed **31 (100%)** out of **31** potential naloxone MOAs/MOUs (two of which are MOUs).
 - There is another MOU with the County Department of Environmental Health, but not part of the grant.
4. **Local Oral Health Program (LOHP):**
 - Funding from California Department of Public Health (Prop. 56).
 - \$841,390/year for 5 years.
 - Overall funding period is 1/1/18 to 6/30/22. Currently in the second year of funding that started 7/1/18.
5. **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:
 - PrEP education and navigation.
 - Rapid initiation of anti-retroviral therapy (ART) for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV.
 - Awareness Campaigns.
6. **Tobacco Control Resource Program (TCRP):**
- TCRP was notified on July 19, 2018 that the state will allocate \$2,805,276 in Tobacco funds (Prop 56 and Prop 99) for FY 17/18 and \$1,956,059 for FY 18/19. The County submitted paperwork on July 23, 2018 to the State to receive funding for quarter 1 and 2 of FY 18/19. The County received the quarter 1 and 2 Tobacco funds from the state on 9/25/18.
 - Additional Tobacco Funding \$182K one time only; pending funding from recent legislation (Prop 56).
 - TCRP staff members are working on the Budget revisions that are due on 10/4/18. Included in the changes will be: 1) revision of the FY 17-18 budget to reflect the actual expenses, 2) carrying over savings from FY 17-18 to FY 18-19, 3) reflecting staff vacancies and staffing at lower than budgeted FTE, and 4) increasing the FTE as directed for TCRP staffing. The revised budget and work plan were resubmitted to the state.
 - **The County posted a notice of intent to award three regional contracts to Vista Community Clinic, Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego, and American Lung Association of California. The program anticipates the release of another RFP for media placement services.**
7. **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.
8. **SNAP-ED (Also known as NEOP or Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention):**
- Next 3-year cycle application and work plan due March 15, 2019; activities will continue to focus on policy, systems, and environmental change for nutrition and PA.
 - The next three-year grant cycle begins on October 1, 2019 and ends on September 30, 2022. The projected amount for the new three-year term is \$3,704,059 annually/\$11,112,177 cumulative with approximate additional funds of \$555,608 annually/\$1,666,827 cumulative, for a total projected amount of approximately \$12,779,004. MCFHS started the contract procurement process. The County hosted an industry day on November 29, 2018 to gather input for the scope of work.
9. **Perinatal Equity Initiative:**
- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) notified MCHFS of the allocation of \$448,047 (base of \$350,000 with an adjustment of \$98,047) for the Perinatal Equity Initiative planning grant to expand the scope of interventions to reduce infant mortality among African Americans.
 - The term of the grant is from December 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. CDPH will release a Request for Applications in June 2019. The thirteen counties that received the planning grant will compete for this additional funding. It is expected that CDPH will select awardees by the end of September 2019.

V. Public Health Initiatives

A. Major Initiative Updates and Highlights

1. Getting to Zero – Medical Advisory Committee: HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) has convened a Medical Advisory Committee consisting of healthcare professionals and executives from local healthcare systems and stakeholders to support Getting to Zero. The primary objectives of the committee are to increase routine HIV testing in healthcare settings and to optimize referral mechanisms for HIV linkage to care, pre-exposure prophylaxis, and post-exposure prophylaxis. Met with the Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties and community clinic networks on March 14, 2018; Met with San Diego County Medical Society on April 10, 2018; Met with Family Health Centers of San Diego on April 11, 2018. The “Getting to Zero” Board Memo went to the Board of Supervisors on June 26th. The Medical Advisory Committee met in June 2018. HSHB is working with the marketing company, MIG/MJE, to develop a “Getting to Zero” campaign to be launched at the end of November 2018. The PrEP San Diego campaign will be a component of the “Getting to Zero” campaign, which addresses three main pillars: Test, Treat, and Prevent. The development of the expanded Getting to Zero (GTZ) marketing and media campaign has been completed. The press release and campaign launch occurred November 29, 2018, in conjunction with the Getting to Zero Summit. Speakers included Supervisor Roberts, Alberto Cortes (Mama’s Kitchen), Sayone Thihalolipavan, Patrick Loose and John Paul Hernandez (advocate). The GTZ Summit and campaign were covered by KPBS, KUSI and the County News Network. **The Medical Advisory Committee last met on January 14, 2019. The Pacific AIDS Education Training Center (PAETC) presented information on how the organization can support the work of the GTZ Medical Advisory Committee. The committee reviewed a draft**

Dear Colleague letter that outlines the County recommendation for routine HIV testing, regardless of risk factors for everyone aged 13-65 at least one time.

2. Hepatitis C Initiative – approved by the Board of Supervisors In December 2018.
 - Year 1 is and will be spent creating a plan, managing the process, and finalizing the draft Recommendations report.
 - The initiative is on track and continues to be a collective impact approach with American Liver Foundation providing a coordination role along with the participation and leadership of multiple other stakeholders.
 - Meetings for most committees have initiated (Steering; Research and Surveillance; Access, Testing, and Treatment; and Consumer) while the advisory committee for which Dr. Wooten and Paul Hegyi will co-chair is being finalized and scheduled.

VI. Board Letter Forecast

DATE / BOARD LETTER	BOS MEETING	BRANCH	POC
February 2019			
1. Region VI Mutual Agreement (Scheduled for HSAB on February 5, 2019)	2/26/19	PHPR	Patrick Buttron
2. TB Elimination Initiative (Scheduled for HSAB on February 5, 2019)	3/12/19	TBRH	Dr. Graves
March 2019			
3. Public Health Laboratory Authorization for Amendment of Contracts Board Letter (Scheduled for HSAB on March 6, 2019)	3/26/19	EISB	Jeff Johnson
4. Hansen’s Disease Board Letter (Scheduled for HSAB on March 6, 2019)	TBD	Medical Care Services Division	Dr. Nick Yphantides and Aurora Kiviat
May 2019			
5. HSHB funding Board Letter (Scheduled for HIV Planning Group)	5/21/19	HSHB	Patrick Loose
6. Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant Board Letter (Scheduled for HSAB in May)	6/4/19	MCFHS	Dr. Coleman
July 2019			
7. Board Letter to accept Tuberculosis Funding from the State – (Scheduled for July 2019)	TBD	TB	Dr. Graves

VII. Announcements

A. Personnel:

1. New Hires: Deputy Director for Public Health Services (Dr. Anuj Bhatia), Department Finance Manager for Public Health Services (Romina Morris), Child Health and Disability Prevention Coordinator for MCFHS (Adrienne Yancey), and California Children’s Services (CCS) Medical Director (Dr. Porchia Rich).
2. Temporary Assignment – Acting Agency Program and Operations Manager for MAA/TCM Program (Karen Ventimiglia).

VIII. Site Visits/Audits

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
6/6/18 – 12/20/18	State audit of Hepatitis A outbreak. Requested by Assemblymember Todd Gloria. The Audit report released on 12/20/18. The County will follow-up with the state within 60 days, 6 months, and one year.	State
11/14/18	Records Retention audit to review compliance with records retention schedule and County related policies. Final audit report is pending.	County of San Diego Auditor & Controller, contracted out to KNL Support Services (Rafael Parilla)

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
1/17/19	DHCS Audit of Care1st Health plan (not an audit of CCS).	DHCS
3/11/19	Ryan White Part B HIV Care Program annual site visit.	CDPH Office of AIDS
6/5/119	CDC Operational Readiness Review.	CDC

IX. Legislation

A. **AB 262 – Introduction of Assembly Bill 262 is an addition to Health and Safety Code Section 120175.5 related to the authority of the local public health officer. This bill specifies the following:**

- Would require local health officer to notify and update the local governmental entities within the health officer's jurisdiction about communicate disease outbreaks that may affect them, and make relevant information available to those entities, as specified.
- Further, this bill would authorize the local public health officer to issue directives to other governmental entities (a), if the local health officer knows or has reason to believe that any case of the diseases made reportable by regulation of the department, or any other contagious, infectious or communicable disease exists, or has recently existed, within the territory under that health officer's jurisdiction, the health officer may issue directives to other governmental entities within that jurisdiction to take any action the health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the communicable disease.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB262

X. Recognitions and Awards

A. **No 2019 awards to date.**

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