

**Health and Human Services Agency  
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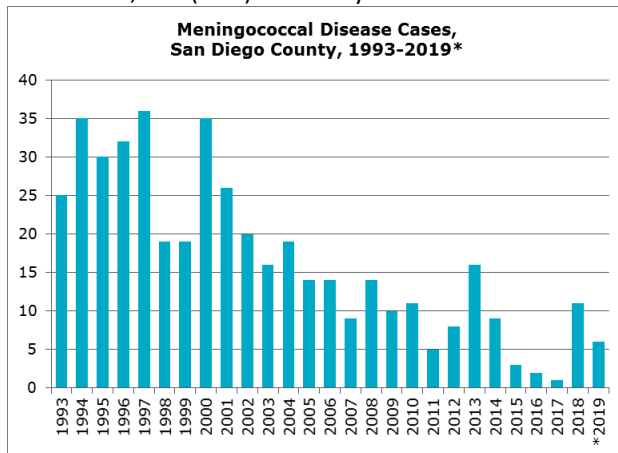
**Public Health Officer's Report**

**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. The County is collaborating with and supporting SDSU in a response to this outbreak.
- 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.
- The local health officer recommended 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.
- No new meningococcal cases have occurred at SDSU since the last case with onset of symptoms on September 25, 2018.
- In 2018, eleven meningococcal disease cases were reported in San Diego County, the highest number reported since 2013.
- 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 returned to campus in late January; efforts to educate and vaccinate them are continuing and vaccine is being offered to new students arriving on campus as second semester enrollees. The County and SDSU conducted four mass vaccination clinics this semester in addition to supporting other ongoing vaccination opportunities. The first 2019 vaccination clinic took place on 2/20/2019, with 160 doses given. On 2/27/19, 330 doses were administered; on 3/5/2019, 152 doses were administered; and on 3/21/2019, 153 doses were administered.
- As of 3/21/2019, utilizing the new spring roster of undergraduates currently on campus for analysis, 8,241 (35%) of undergraduates 23 years of age and younger had received at least one dose of the meningococcal B vaccine (the target is 55%); 3,381 (14%) were fully vaccinated. Among students living in the traditional residence halls, where the goal is to vaccinate 90%, 1,581 students (69%) had received at least one dose of the vaccine; 736 (32%) were fully vaccinated.



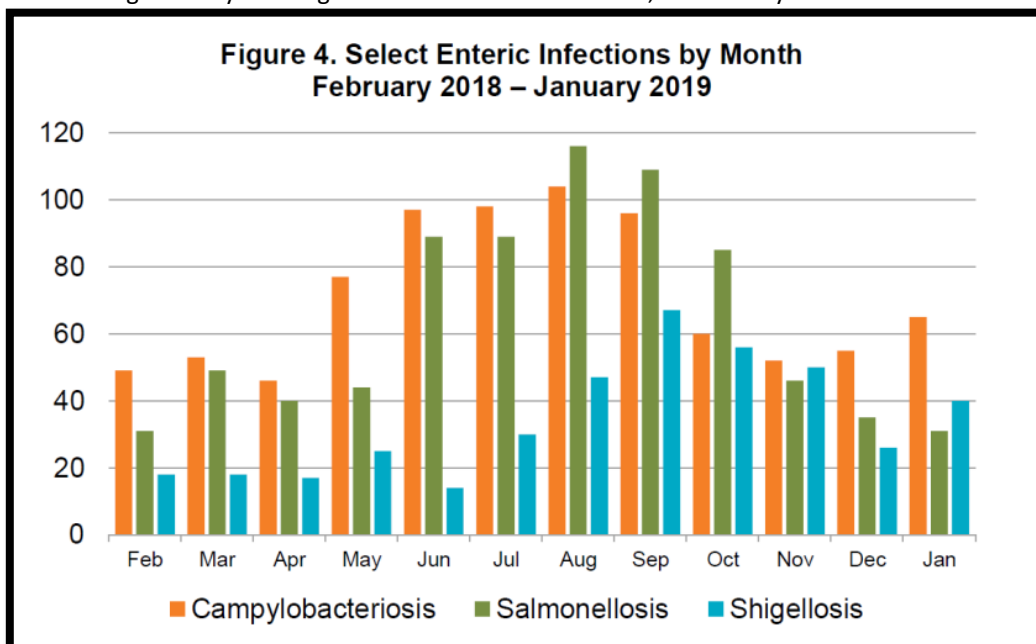
- On 4/16/2019, a new case of meningococcal disease was reported to Public Health Services, Epidemiology Program. After investigation and subsequent lab testing, this case was confirmed for serogroup B. The response actions to this case included post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for close contacts. In addition, a PEP and vaccine event was held at SDSU on 4/18 and 4/19 resulting in 315 doses of PEP medication and 114 Men B vaccines being administered.
- As of 4/23/2019, those who received any vaccination (either fully or partially vaccinated) was 9,152, which is 34% of the student population 23 years of age and younger.
- There have been six cases so far in 2019, including one additional case associated with SDSU as noted above.
- Point of Dispensing (POD) vaccination clinics were held on April 23, 2019 and May 2, 2019.

## 2. Influenza

- Influenza activity has been steadily decreasing in recent weeks.
- Indicators for most recent week (Week 17 ending 4/27/2019):
  - 9,287 total cases.
  - 114 new cases reported for Week 16.
  - 67 deaths (compared to 342 at this same time last year).
    - No deaths reported in Week 16.
    - Flu deaths less than 18 years of age are reportable to CDPH.
  - 26 outbreaks \* At least one case of laboratory-confirmed influenza in a setting experiencing two or more cases of influenza like illness (ILI) within a 72-hour period.

## 3. Shigellosis

- San Diego is seeing higher cases of enterics, but no cause for alarm is warranted. Enteric cases tend to peak in the late summer and early fall.
- An increase in reports on **all** enteric diseases has been noted, in part, because of the increased availability of culture independent diagnostic testing (CIDT), since 2016. This allows doctors to identify the general type of bacteria causing illness within hours, without having to culture, or grow the bacteria in a laboratory. So, more diagnoses are being made and reported for illnesses that have always been in the community.
- CDC estimates that 500,000 shigellosis cases occur in the US each year, yet just under 15,000 cases were actually reported to health departments in 2017 (last annual year available). Most people are never seen for care, and those that do, do not get diagnosed. Most shigellosis cases resolve without treatment.
- There is an increasing problem with drug-resistance, and this has been detected locally (the five local health alerts on shigellosis since 2015 that we issued have highlighted this to local providers). In 2019, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) started a statewide program to investigate this, and San Diego County is part of that increased surveillance. Drug-resistant *Shigella* samples are being sent through our San Diego County Public Health Laboratory to the CDPH Microbial Disease Laboratory to determine the origins of the drug resistance.
- In comparison to other CA counties, **all** are noting increased reporting, again, most likely due to CIDT. San Diego has historically had higher Shigella reports than Orange County, but generally lower than SF or LA. San Diego has not had large outbreaks in the gay/bisexual community as seen in prior years those counties, nor has San Diego County had large restaurant based outbreaks, like the Bay area did in 2015.



#### 4. Measles

- There have been no cases of measles in San Diego during 2019.
- Ongoing measles hot spots around the world continue to require extra vigilance by San Diego County.
- Numerous suspect measles reports have been received and require immediate attention. So far, no local confirmed cases have been reported.
- Two CAHAN alerts went out on January 31, 2019 and April 25, 2019.
- A press release was sent out on May 2, 2019.
- An on camera interview with ABC news, Channel 10 was conducted with Dr. Dean Sidelinger on May 2, 2019.

## II. Board Actions

- Getting to Zero: The next annual report via Board Memo will be issued in June 2019, to coincide with National HIV Testing Day.
- 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.
  - Grand Jury Report issued May 18, 2018 and responses went to Board of Supervisors the morning of Aug 7, 2018. One recommendation was not implemented, with the remaining three completed.
  - Hepatitis outbreak officially declared over on October 19, 2018.
  - State Audit released on December 20, 2018; two of the three recommendations have been completed.
  - The 25 of 29 AAR recommendations are completed or in maintenance, with the remaining 4 in progress.
  - On Feb 26, 2019, BOS voted in support of AB262, authored by Assemblymember Todd Gloria, to give local health officers the authority to issue directives to governmental entities during an outbreak.
- Asylum Seeker Shelters: On January 29, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved County property for temporary shelter use.
- Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Initiative: Has a goal to decrease the incident of active TB cases and is docketed for the Board of Supervisor meeting for July of 2019

## III. Public Health Issues

- August is Immunization Awareness Month.
- September is National Preparedness Month. <https://www.ready.gov/september>
- 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).
- San Diego County Hepatitis A Outbreak declared over on 10/19/18 after 100 days with no new cases reported.
- Asylum Seeker Shelters – On January 29, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved County property for temporary shelter use.
- Asylum Seeker Shelters Continued:
  - The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency’s (HHSA) 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.
  - 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 HHSA Public Health Services Department has received reports of 19 varicella cases in asylum seekers, 11 of which were at the shelter.
  - As of 4/16/19, HHSA has conducted a total of 9,797 health screening assessments.
  - The shelter has moved locations to the County approved property (92101) in the first week of March and has

been operating there since March 6, 2019.

- G. March 3-9 is Preteen Vaccine Week. Promotional materials will be distributed.
- H. National Public Health Week, April 1-7, 2019, with *Live Well San Diego* Public Health Champion Awards Ceremony will be held during this week.
  - Community asked to submit applications.
  - **Nominations were received by the County.**
  - **Selection Committee met in early March of 2019.**
  - **17 nominees were recipients at the Public Health Champion Awards Ceremony, which took place on Friday 4/5/19.**

## IV. Grants

### A. New Applications

#### 1. CDC Opioid “Data to Action” Public Health Grant

- a. **HHS submitted a grant application titled “Data to Action: A San Diego Model for Opioid Overdose Surveillance and Prevention” on May 2, 2019.**
- b. **Award notification will be given by August 15, 2019.**
  - i. **If successful, the project will begin at the beginning of the federal fiscal year on October 1, 2019. The full project term will run from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022.**
  - ii. **The funding amount requested was \$2,185,228 per year for up to three years.**
  - iii. **The total amount requested over the full project term is \$6,555,684.**

#### 2. 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. Hernandez 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.
- e. Drs. Wooten and Hernandez met with the City of San Diego as the first of the 18 municipalities to plan efforts to address the goals of the Kresge initiative, which also aligns with one of the recommendations of the State Hep A Audit. Will plan to schedule meetings with each of the other 17 municipalities over the remaining year.
- f. Training workshops will be held at the monthly Public Health Leaders Meetings from April to October as part of the leadership development component of the initiative.
- g. **The first training took place on 4/22/19.**
- h. Interim Report submitted on 3/29/19.

### 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. The Year 2 Continuing Application was submitted to meet the April 1, 2019 deadline.
- **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. **The Year 2 Continuing Application was submitted before the deadline on April 15, 2019.**

2. **Gonorrhea Surveillance:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the funding opportunity announcement for continued funding for the Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP) and expanded GISP (e-GISP) for the period of 8/1/19-7/31/19. As in previous years, the California Department of Public Health will apply for this continued funding for San Diego and Orange Counties. This funding supports surveillance of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* antimicrobial susceptibility.
3. **Naloxone Proposal:** Program is 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 February 22, 2019, 6,620 doses (100% of first shipment, 100% of second shipment, and 100% of total allocated supply for first and second) doses were picked up by 31 agencies: San Diego County Medical Examiner (46 doses), 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), El Cajon Police Department (130 doses), America's Finest Charter School (4 doses) and Escondido Union High School (10 doses).
  - There are 0 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.
  - Final report submitted on March 29, 2019.
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.
  - Four contracts executed in FY 18-19 to implement enhanced oral health activities within medical and dental office settings, school based interventions, outreach to vulnerable populations (e.g., refugees and senior population), and evaluation of oral health efforts. Contractors:
    - California American Academy of Pediatrics – Chapter 3 (health care providers).
    - Rady Children's Hospital (dental providers).
    - University of California San Diego (refugee and senior populations).
    - San Diego State University Research Foundation (evaluation).
  - San Diego State University Research Foundation launched four survey tools in December as a part of a County wide needs assessment. A draft needs assessment has been submitted highlighting four areas of focus:
    - Increasing public awareness about the importance of prevention, oral health and hygiene.
    - Leverage the patient – provider relationship with pediatricians.
    - Increase the number of dental providers that care for the very young, older adults, and underserved populations.
    - Create system linkages through collaboration and coordination.
  - **Needs assessments are complete and in the approval process. Program will share draft results at the HSAB Subcommittee meeting on June 4, 2019 for further discussion and planning.**
  - **The draft Community Oral Health Improvement Plan has been submitted and is being reviewed.**
  - **Oral Health Forum will be held on June 13, 2019 at Marina Village 8:30 am – 3:30 pm (invitations will be going out soon).**
    - **Keynote speaker (Matt Savage, Professor of Communication at SDSU) will address oral health messaging.**
    - **Dr. Thomas Olinger will present a historical review of oral health in San Diego County as well as look at present and ongoing programs.**

- **Breakout Sessions will focus on, medical/dental integration, seniors, refugees, pregnant women and children ages 0-5, school aged children, and homelessness.**
  - **Aging and Independence Services Oral Health Collaboration – begun brief discussion of how Public Health Services and Medical Care Services Divisions can collaborate. Examples plan a webinar to facilitate care. Plans to develop messaging specific to seniors for wide distribution, and oral health staff to present at the Vital Aging Event in June.**
  - **Public Health Center Collaboration – Beginning discussion on efforts to incorporate oral health instruction and the application of fluoride varnish in the Public Health Centers is underway. County staff will be working in conjunction with the UCSD Dental Health Initiative Share the Care contractor to provide staff training to apply the varnish. In addition, assessing the feasibility to have a continuous loop oral health video playing in the waiting area as well as the application of fluoride varnish in conjunction with vaccinations.**
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. The second phase of the Getting to Zero campaign was launched in November 2018 at the Getting to Zero summit. Campaign can be seen at [getting2zerosd.com](http://getting2zerosd.com). Update March 2019: The PrEP component of the Getting to Zero campaign will be augmented during Spring 2019 to include additional placements of the campaign throughout the County.
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 for four regional contracts to Vista Community Clinic, Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego, American Lung Association of California and Community, Action, Service & Advocacy (CASA). Staff anticipate these 4 new contracts to be executed by 3/8/19. The program anticipates the releasing of a RFP for Media Services in in late February/March 2019. All contracts were executed effective 3/21/19. The Media Services RFP was posted to BuyNet on 3/21/19.
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.
  - San Diego received notice of funding award for STD services in the amount of \$1,045,125 for the period of July 1, 2019-July 30, 2024. This represents an annual decrease of \$228,024 per year. CDPH has directed the majority of the funding to health jurisdictions experiencing high rates of congenital syphilis and syphilis among women of childbearing age.
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.
  - NEOP Integrative Work Plan is now due April 2<sup>nd</sup> and not March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Work plan was submitted to meet 4/2/19 deadline.

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.
  - **Convened a Community Engagement Event on April 8, 2019 at the Jacobs Center Community Room. Over 50 community partners participated in providing input on what are some factors that impact preterm births and what strategies/interventions should be implemented to improve the health of African-American mothers and babies.**
10. **Childhood Obesity Prevention Services:**
  - The RFP for Childhood Obesity Prevention Services was posted to BuyNet on 2/22/19. Closing date was 3/22/19.
11. **Live Well @ Work:**
  - **Pending budget approval in June by BOS, one-time funds of \$390,609 allocated to build and implement the LW@W Recognition Program platform.**
12. **Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP):**
  - **Pending budget approval in June by BOS, ongoing funding of \$196,000 allocated to staff and sustain DPP program.**
13. **Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health:**
  - **FY 19 -20 Funding Source and Allocation:**
    - **MCAH Title V Funding: \$328,936**
    - **BIH Title V Funding: \$308,785**
    - **BIH State General Fund: \$295,794**
    - **SIDS Funding: \$ 23,324**

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 PrEPSanDiego 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. The next meeting of the GTZ Medical Advisory Committee was scheduled for March 11, 2019. Update, March 2019: The March 11, 2019 meeting was cancelled due to low availability of committee members to attend. Next meeting to place on April 8, 2019. **The CAHAN regarding routine HIV testing and supporting documents was disseminated on March 25, 2019. Partners also have pushed it out to all credentialed providers at Naval Medical Center San Diego and emergency department medical directors. Dr. Tilghman was invited to present at the Emergencny Medical Operations Center (EMOC) meeting at the San Diego County Medical Society on May 10, 2019. He also was contacted by the director of the ED at Scripps Encinitas, who also is involved in policymaking for the ED/UC facilities in the Scripps system, and has been invited to present to their group as well. The last Medical Advisory Committee meeting was held on April 8, 2019. Dr.**

**Tilghman is developing a set of slides that can be tailored to a variety of audiences to allow committee members to participate in outreach in their healthcare systems and geographic regions.**

2. Hepatitis C Initiative – approved by the Board of Supervisors in November of 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.
  - **First Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 30, 2019 at the San Diego County Medical Society. Paul Hegyi and Dr. Wooten are co-chairs**

## VI. Board Letter Forecast

DATE / BOARD LETTER	BOS MEETING	BRANCH	POC
<b>March 2019</b>			
1. TB Elimination Initiative (Presented to HSAB 2/5/19, Approved)	7/9/19	TB	Dr. Sussanah Graves
2. Public Health Laboratory Authorization for Amendment of Contracts Board Letter (Scheduled for HSAB on March 6, 2019)	3/26/19	EISB	Jeff Johnson
3. Hansen’s Disease Board Letter	TBD	Medical Care Services Division	Dr. Nick Yphantides and Aurora Kiviat
<b>May 2019</b>			
4. MAA/TCM Resolution for DHCS Agreement	4/30/19	MAA / TCM	Karen Ventimiglia
5. <b>Medical Reserve Corp Activation</b>	<b>5/21/19</b>	<b>PHPR</b>	<b>Melissa Dredge</b>
6. <b>HSHB funding Board Letter (Scheduled for HIV Planning Group)</b>	<b>5/21/19</b>	<b>HSHB</b>	<b>Patrick Loose</b>
7. <b>Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant Board Letter (Scheduled for HSAB in July 2019)</b>	<b>7/23/19</b>	<b>MCFHS</b>	<b>Dr. Coleman</b>
<b>July 2019</b>			
8. <b>Board Letter to accept Tuberculosis Funding from the State – (Scheduled for July 2019)</b>	<b>7/9/19</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>Dr. Graves</b>
9. <b>Board Letter to accept HIV Surveillance Funding</b>	<b>7/23/19</b>	<b>HSHB</b>	<b>Patrick Loose</b>

## VII. Announcements

### A. Personnel:

1. New Hires: Child Health and Disability Prevention Coordinator for MCFHS (Adrienne Yancey),. Agency Program and Operations Manager for MAA/TCM (Ed Smith) and PHS Admin, Contract Manager (Karen Ventimiglia), Robert Sills, Chief of Public Health Preparedness and Response (PHPR), and **Ward Wagenseller, SNS Coordinator.**
2. Temporary Assignment – Acting Agency Program and Operations Manager for MAA/TCM Program (Karen Ventimiglia).
3. Save the Date: Live Well San Diego Advance on October 28, 2019

## VIII. Site Visits/Audits

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
6/6/18 – 12/20/18	State audit of Hepatitis A outbreak. Requested by Assembly member 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



Timeframe	Description	Auditor
1/14/19	Records Retention audit to review compliance with records retention schedule was completed on 1/14/19. MAA/TCM's records were examined during the audit and there were no findings.	County of San Diego Auditor & Controller, contracted out to KNL Support Services (Rafael Parilla)
1/17/19	DHCS Audit of Care1st Health plan (not an audit of CCS).	DHCS
2/22/19	Chronic Disease and Health Equity Unit	CDPH/CHC
3/11/19	Ryan White Part B HIV Care Program annual site visit.	CDPH Office of AIDS
4/11/19	<b>An HSAB Audit took place internally within the County. While there were no findings, there were some potential best practices identified, the most pronounced being ample and detailed documentation that was available on the Network of Care website.</b>	<b>Office of Audits &amp; Advisory Services</b>
5/7/19	Public Health Preparedness and Response Site Visit	CDPH
6/5/19	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](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB262)

## X. Recognitions and Awards

- A. The Community Health Statistics Unit (CHSU) Team was chosen as one of three finalist for the Milbank Memorial Fund and Academy Health State and Local Innovation Award. This was established to recognize state and local efforts to advance innovation in data use to improve the health of their populations and the performance of health systems. San Diego County PHS was the finalist for this award. Kudos to CHSU.
- B. **The Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch submitted an abstract that was selected by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) for a poster presentation. The presentation title is "Data Linkages To Support A Mening B Outbreak ."**
- C. Dr. Wilma Wooten has been selected the incoming vice-chair for the Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC). <http://www.bigcitieshealth.org/>. BCHC is a forum for the leaders of America's largest 30 metropolitan health departments to exchange strategies and jointly address issues to promote and protect the health and safety of the 55 million people they serve.
- D. **Several abstracts submitted by Public Health Services were accepted for the upcoming County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) meeting in Pasadena in October of 2019. Titles include:**
- **"QI on QI."**
  - **"Improving Capacity for Public Health Laboratories in California."**
  - **"How to Create a Community Level Health and Well-Being Data System."**
  - **"Emergency Risk & Public Health Communication – utilizing a Partner Relay to share information with Limited English Proficient populations."**
- E. **Several program proposals submitted by Public Health Services were selected for National Association of Counties (NACo) 2019 Achievement Award Program in the category of Health. These included the following:**

- **“One Team, One Goal - Collaborating for Better Health Outcomes for Foster Children.”**
- **“San Diego Immunization Registry.”**
- **“Getting to Zero Initiative.”**

F. **The Maternal, Child, and Family Health Services (MCFHS) branch’s submission of the Live Well Community Market Program (LWCMP) was accepted as a Promising Practice by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The branch will be recognized through receipt of an award at the upcoming NACCHO conference in Orlando, Florida in July of 2019.**

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