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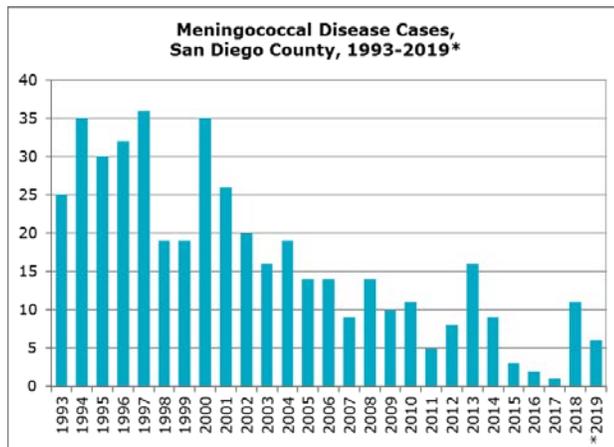
**Public Health Officer's Report**

**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.



- 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.
- As of 5/28/2019, there have been no additional cases of meningococcal. The most recent vaccination outcomes for this outbreak are from May 9, 2019 and include: those who received any vaccination (either fully or partially vaccinated) for those in the fall student body was 9,237 which is 35% of the student population 23 years of age and younger. For those in the Spring student body, was 8,660 which is 37% of the student population 23 years of age and younger.
- Going forward for the summer, there are no planned events. However, SDSU will continue to offer the Men B vaccine through their student health services clinic.
- As of 7/25/2019, due to summer break no special activities have been conducted. Meanwhile, ongoing vigilance for additional cases among the SDSU population continues with no new cases being reported since the last update. SDSU will continue to offer the Men B vaccine through their student health services clinic. It is anticipated that this outbreak response will be in place at a low level until Winter 2020 while we monitor for new outbreak-related cases for a year (as recommended by CDC).

- **11/25/2019: Response team meeting between PHS and SDSU to discuss current status of tracking and on campus outreach efforts**
  - **12/17/2019: Data meeting with SDSU to discuss recently released fall 2019 student roster and options for analysis.**
  - **No new cases have been identified. The next planned response meeting is planned for late January.**
- 2. Influenza**
- **Influenza activity is increasing as expected for this time of the year.**
  - **As of 1/2/2020, there have been 3,838 reported cases of Influenza since July 1, 2019**
  - **As of 1/2/2020, there have been 10 reported Influenza associated deaths since July 1, 2019**
  - The annual Kick the Flu Summit took place on September 18, 2019 at the San Diego City Library from 9am to 12:30pm. This annual event brings together medical and health partners in order to provide season updates, empower and inform participants to promote flu vaccinations throughout San Diego County.
- 3. Measles**
- **No new cases reported.**
  - **For calendar year 2019 to date, there have been two reported confirmed measles cases.**
  - 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.
  - Five CAHAN alerts have been sent out in 2019.
  - Six press releases have occurred in 2019.
  - Weekly Situational Reports (SitReps) are being produced.
  - **As of December 11, 2019, there have been 232 reported suspect cases of measles which required evaluation and investigation. Two of these have been confirmed to be a case of measles. There have been 252 lab samples tested in the Public Health Lab.**
- 4. Mumps**
- **From January 1 to December 6, 2019, there have been 3,252 mumps infections reported to the CDC.**
  - **There have been 229 cases reported in California in 2019 so far.**
  - **As of December 23, there have been 65 cases of confirmed or probable mumps reported in San Diego County during 2019.**
  - **The median age is 28 and the age range is from 9 months to 79 years of age.**
  - **For the 65 San Diego cases, 8 have been associated with an outbreak at the Otay Mesa detention facility.**
  - **Note: The incidence of mumps in Baja, California Mexico has seen significant increases in 2018 and 2019. We are aware that at least 6 of the 45 San Diego cases have Tijuana connections.**

## 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.
  - 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.
- C. Hepatitis C Elimination Initiative:** November 20, 2018. **BOS approved the initiative with authority to return in November 19, 2019 with nine recommendations. A presentation to the HSAB took place on November 5, 2019.**

- D. **Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative:** July 23, 2019. **BOS approved the initiative, with authority for TB Control to return to the BOS with recommendations in 12 months. The Planning Committee is in place and meeting. The Medical Advisory Meeting is on January 16, 2020.**
- E. **BHS and PHS Opioid Response Plan:** July 23, 2019. BHS strategic plan approved. BOS authorized quarterly updates and an annual report.

### III. Public Health Issues

- A. August is Immunization Awareness Month.
- B. September was National Preparedness Month. <https://www.ready.gov/september>
  - 1. The Annual Disaster Planning Conference took place in Sacramento in September of 2019
- C. 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.
  - 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.
  - Between December 2018 and June 2019, HHS has conducted a total of 13,630 health screening assessments, with a daily average of 71.
  - 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.
  - As of 9/30/19, there have been a total of 15 cases of influenza-like illness, 6 cases of rule out tuberculosis, 0 cases of varicella, 15 cases of lice, 91 cases of scabies, and 16 emergency department referrals.
  - As of 9/30/19, UCSD has conducted a total of 1438 health screening assessments post transition on 7/1/19.
  - As of 9/30/19, the weekly shelter summaries have been discontinued.
  - HHS (including PHS, MCSD, and BHS departments) continues to perform its routine and customary roles of epidemiologic surveillance, identification and communication of public health trends and emerging conditions, support of behavioral health resources, including Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams (PERT), oversight of emergency medical services systems, and other key functions.

### IV. Grants

#### A. New Applications

- i. 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 was given on August 13, 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, and was approved by the BOS on 9/24/19.**
- 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. Interim Report was submitted on 3/29/19.
  - b. This new role – cross-jurisdictional public health strategist - builds off of the collaboration between city governments and the County to manage sanitation efforts during the hepatitis A outbreak and on prior work with city planners.
  - c. Face-to-face meetings were held on 1) August 6-8, 2018 (Chapel Hill, NC); 2) January 9-11, 2019 (Jacksonville, FL); May 13-15, 2019 (Chapel Hill, NC). The last meeting is planned for October 7-10, 2019 .
  - d. Drs. Wooten and Hernandez met with the City of San Diego (Fall 2018 and Winter 2019) 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.

- e. Meetings are being scheduled with the other 17 municipalities and the unincorporated areas, to introduce the initiative and delve into opportunities for communication, coordination, and collaboration.
- f. Training workshops have started at the monthly Public Health Leaders Meetings, from April to October 2019, as part of the leadership development component of the initiative.
- g. The first training took place on 4/22/19 and will continue on a monthly basis until October 2019.
- h. PHS will be having an invitation-only Kresge session at the 2019 Live Well Advance with city planners to discuss the concept of a Healthy Cities Agenda and the importance of creating policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) changes through planning and public health. The session will encourage discussions to create a Healthy Cities Agenda for the region that includes all municipalities and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.
- i. **Drs. Wooten and Hernandez have met with the leadership of 1) National City (October 31, 2019), 2) City of San Diego (November 1, 2019), 3) City of El Cajon (November 19, 2019), 4) City of Escondido (November 21, 2019), 5) City of Imperial Beach (November 26, 2019), 6) City of Santee (December 3, 2019) and 7) The unincorporated areas (December 20, 2019) to discuss the efforts of the Kresge initiative, which also aligns with one of the recommendations of the State Hep A Audit.**
- j. **On October 28, 2019, PHS held a breakout session, "Creating a Healthy Cities Agenda: Integrating Planning and Public Health for a Healthy, Safe, and Thriving Region" at the 2019 Live Well Advance.**
- k. This invitation-only session convened city planners and planning staff to discuss the concept of a Healthy Cities Agenda for the region that includes all municipalities and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.
- l. Drs. Wooten and Hernandez will continue to meet with the municipalities individually over the next four months. Meetings are being and will continue to be scheduled as appropriate.
- m. **The City of San Diego and County Public Health's MOA was a Board agenda item on December 10, 2019. The item was placed on consent. By going on consent the Board authorized the CAO to enter into agreements with all cities within San Diego County for public health and environmental health services and coordination of activities, including any extensions, amendments, or revisions thereto. A MOA template will be sent to each municipality in early 2020.**

**a. 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. Single source contract with University of California, San Diego Be There San Diego executed on April 1, 2019. Scope of Work for 2-1-1 San Diego submitted to Eligibility with anticipated start date of July 1, 2019. The 2-1-1 San Diego contract is executed and took effect 7/1/19.
  - **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. Scope of Work for 2-1-1 San Diego submitted to Eligibility with anticipated start date of July 1, 2019. Short-term Scope of Work for Circulate San Diego was sent to CDC for approval with anticipated start date of June 15, 2019. An RFQ was posted for media services on May 23, 2019, with an anticipated effective date of June 24, 2019. The 2-1-1 San Diego contract is executed and took effect 7/1/19. Circulate San Diego contract is executed and took effect 6/26/19. Cook + Schmidt was selected for the Media RFQ and the contract is took effect 8/12/19. **Single Source contract with the City of San Diego for Active Transportation Services is currently in negotiations with a target effective date of 1/15/19 for \$60,000 annually through 9/30/23.**
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 applied for this funding on behalf of San Diego and Orange Counties. This funding supports

surveillance of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* antimicrobial susceptibility. Update August 2019: CDPH received notification that San Diego will be funded for GISP in the next cycle. The funding amount (\$20,895) is lower than in previous years, however, should be sufficient to cover laboratory test costs. Update September 2019: The CDC has made submission of non-pharyngeal (i.e., urogenital and rectal) meningococcal culture isolates an optional activity, since they currently do not have the funding to perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing. However, San Diego will continue to submit non-pharyngeal isolates that are identified through GISP.

3. STD Prevention Grant Amendment: On September 6, 2019, the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) was notified by the CDPH STD Control Branch that the funding amount had increased by \$573,320 in addition to the total, placing the total amount at \$1,618,445.
  - **HSHB was notified on October 15, 2019 of STD State Local Assistance Funding in the amount of \$258,418/year that will be given to San Diego for five years starting July 1, 2019 (retroactive). Fifty percent of the funding must be contracted out to community-based organizations. Update December 2019: HSHB will contract with community organizations to conduct a provider detailing campaign around congenital syphilis and a focused awareness campaign in the border region. The Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of STD funds on 12/10/19.**
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.
      - The evaluation component is being developed by San Diego State University - Institute of Public Health contractor and will be submitted for approval in June 2019.
    - 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 Jayanth Kumar, State Dental Director, will also speak on the progress for the state.
      - 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.
      - *Live Well San Diego* Oral Health Champion nominations were reviewed. Selected nominees will be awarded at the Oral Health Forum on June 13, 2019.
  - 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.

- The Oral Health Forum held on June 13, 2019 was a resounding success with over 100 participants. The State Dental Officer, Jay Kumar, and the Chief of Medi-Cal Dental Services Division, Alani Jackson, were in attendance. Additionally, four community partners received the LWSD Oral Health Champion Awards: Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Dr. Joseph Boulos, Collaborative Dental Group, and the Gary and Mary West Senior Dental Center. A needs assessment was conducted and the work plan submitted to State in May 2019.
- **The Board of Supervisors letter to authorize amendment changes to the LOHP contract with CDPH was approved on November 19, 2019.**
- **The 2020 Give Kids a Smile event is scheduled for February 22, 2020 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Seven locations throughout the County will offer free dental screenings and sealants and fluoride varnish placement.**

#### 5. 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 late February/March 2019. All contracts were executed effective 3/21/19. The Media Services RFP was posted to BuyNet on 3/21/19. The Media Services contract was executed with Civilian on 10/10/19 for the development of Tobacco-related media messaging development.
- Effective 5/27/19, Aaron De Leon will serve as Coalition and Community Engagement Lead for TCRP, fulfilling a CDPH-CTCP requirement for a 1.0 FTE staff allocation to focus on adult engagement activities.
- Contract amendments for four Regional Tobacco contractors was completed by August 2, 2019. Reporting for the period January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019: a) Progress Report – submitted 7/31/19, and b) Cost Report – due 8/30/19.
- **FY 2019-20 Budget and Work Plan open revision period ended on 10/31/19. Updates are being included in the revision to including an additional \$308,000 in funds that will be provided to the program by the CDPH-CTCP. Revisions to objectives and activities will reflect modifications due to the 10/15/19 Board of Supervisor directive to ban flavored tobacco products, establish a 1-year moratorium on electronic smoking devices, establish a smokefree outdoor dining ordinance, prohibit smoking on County parking lots, establish a tobacco retailer licensing program, and carry out a vaping public awareness campaign. The directive is in response to the E-cigarette and Vaping Lung Injuries (EVALI) nationwide outbreak and the youth vaping epidemic. A Board Letter and ordinances will be returned to the Board on 1/14/20 for the flavor ban, moratorium, and smokefree outdoor dining policy.**

#### 6. STD Funding:

- 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.
- STD Prevention Grant Amendment: On September 6, 2019, the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) was notified by the CDPH STD Control Branch that the funding amount had increased by \$573,320 in addition to the total, placing the total amount at \$1,618,445.
- HSHB was notified on October 15, 2019 of STD State Local Assistance Funding in the amount of \$258,418/year that will be given to San Diego for three years starting July 1, 2019 (retroactive). Fifty percent of the funding must be contracted out to community-based organizations. The date of the Board Letter was November 19, 2019

7. **CalFresh Healthy Living (Formerly known as NEOP or Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention, through the SNAP-ED Program):**
- 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.
  - Contract amendments are in process and anticipated to take effect on 9/3/19 for Circulate San Diego and the YMCA of San Diego County; the amendments will provide additional funds to existing contractors to support scope of work activities in the current funding cycle that ends 9/30/19.
  - **RFP 9320 Healthy Food Access Services posted to BuyNet on 8/26/19, the Pre-Proposal Conference will take place on 9/9/19 and the application close date is 9/23/19.**
  - **Notice of Intent to Award RFP 9320 Healthy Food Access Services to the University of California, San Diego, Center for Community Health was posted to BuyNet on 12/5/19 with an effective date of 12/12/19. Funded at \$500,000 annually through 9/30/22.**
  - **Single Source contract with the YMCA of San Diego County was executed effective 10/21/19 for \$100,000 annually through 9/30/22.**
  - **Single Source contract with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) is targeted for an effective date of 1/20/19 for \$200,000 annually through 9/30/22.**
  - **RFP 10012: Healthy Cities, Healthy Residents--Safe Routes to Healthy Places posted to BuyNet on 12/6/19, the Pre-Proposal Conference took place on 12/16/19 and the application close date is 1/8/20. This procurement will result in 3 sperate awards to Community Based Organizations. Funded at up to \$264,000 annually (up to \$88,000 each award) through 9/30/22.**
  - **One additional RFP is in development for Active Living Planning and Policy Services, with a target effective date of 5/15/20 to be funded at \$100,000 annually through 9/30/22.**
8. **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 (PEI) planning grant to expand the scope of interventions to reduce infant mortality among African Americans.
  - CDPH will released a Request for Supplemental Information in July 2019. RSI is due back to State by September 3, 2019. CDPH will fund PEI programs for a three-year cycle FY 19-20 to FY 21-22, annual funding amount is \$484.310. **The Board of Supervisors letter to accept these funds was approved on December 10, 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. A second Community Engagement Event will occur on June 4, 2019, in Oceanside.
  - A second Community Engagement Event was held June 4, 2019 at the North Coastal LiveWell Health Center in Oceanside. Thirty-six 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.
  - A discussion was held on June 24, 2019 with 10 women, who are currently Black Infant Health clients to discuss factors that impact preterm births and what strategies/interventions should be implemented to improve the health of African-American mothers and babies.
  - Our first PEI Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was held on July 9, 2019 in National City at the CARE Community Center. Over 20 community partners provided feedback on PEI intervention strategies. The next PEI CAB meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2019 at the same location. **Subsequent PEI CAB meetings was held September 20, 2019, and November 1, 2019.**
  - California Department Public Health Request for Supplemental Information was released and is due back to State by September 3, 2019.
  - Submitted Request for Supplemental Information on September 3, 2019 with County's proposed interventions (Fatherhood Initiative and Provider Implicit Bias).

- On September 20th, the State of California Department of Public Health (CDPH) presented draft concepts of a media campaign at the Perinatal Equity Initiative Community Advisory Board for community feedback. It was later determined by CDPH that they did not have the bandwidth to fully develop the campaign. Their preliminary research will be given to San Diego County for development of the campaign with our own media consultant.
  - **The next PEI Community Advisory Board meeting will be held on January 10, 2020 at the Skyline Hills library.**
9. **Black Infant Health (BIH) Program**
- The Governor's FY 19-20 budget included additional funding in the amount \$7.5 million for the Black Infant Health Program (BIH) to increase participation and to improve African-American infant and maternal health through case management services, including home visiting. San Diego County's BIH program will receive additional funding (amount unknown at this time). A workgroup has been developed to determine methodology of the distribution of funds.
  - **The California Department of Public Health notified local health jurisdictions of the plans for BIH Expansion funding on November 22, 2019. San Diego County is expected to receive \$375,576 in FY 2019-20 to serve an additional 66 women through either the BIH group model or case management services.**
10. **Childhood Obesity Prevention Services:**
- The RFP for Childhood Obesity Prevention Services (CHIP) was posted to BuyNet on 2/22/19. Closing date was 3/22/19. The CHIP contract has been extended through 10/31/19.
  - Notice of Award to fund the University of California, San Diego Center for Community Health to facilitate the Childhood Obesity Initiative was made on 7/22/19; contract negotiations were held on 7/26/19. The UCSD-CCH new contract is effective 10/1/19.
  - There will be a one-month overlap of funding both organizations (CHIP and UCSD) to allow for a transition period: 10/1/19 - 10/31/19
11. The State of Childhood Obesity Report (data spanning 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years) will tentatively be released in September 2019 that provides updates to obesity trends among school-aged children in San Diego County. There are no significant change in childhood obesity trends.
12. Live Well @ Work:
- Approved one-time funds of \$390,609 allocated to build and implement the LW@W Recognition Program platform.
13. Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP):
- Approved ongoing funding of \$196,000 allocated to staff and sustain DPP program.
14. Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health funding sources amounts have remained the same from previous 18/19 fiscal year:
- The Board of Supervisors accepted on August 6, 2019 the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant allocation for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 for a three-year total of approximately \$2,870,517.
15. California Home Visiting Program:
- The Board of Supervisors accepted on August 6, 2019 the California Home Visiting Program Grant allocation for the term of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023 for a four-year total of approximately \$3,229,214.
  - **The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) notified local health jurisdictions of the plans for CHVP expansion funding on November 4, 2019. San Diego County is expected to receive \$703,718 in FY 2019-20 to expand current home visiting services utilizing an evidenced-based home visiting model. In addition, CDPH set aside \$5 million dollars, available to counties through a competitive process, for innovative evidence-informed home visiting programs.**
16. The State of Childhood Obesity Report (data spanning 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years) will tentatively be released in September 2019 that provides updates to obesity trends among school-aged children in San Diego County. There are no significant change in childhood obesity trends.
17. Live Well @ Work:
- Approved one-time funds of \$390,609 allocated to build and implement the LW@W Recognition Program platform.
18. Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP):
- Approved ongoing funding of \$196,000 allocated to staff and sustain DPP program.

19. Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health funding sources amounts have remained the same from previous 18/19 fiscal year:

- The Board of Supervisors accepted on August 6, 2019 the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant allocation for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 for a three-year total of approximately \$2,870,517.

20. California Home Visiting Program:

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#### **n. Public Health Initiatives**

##### **B. Major Initiative Updates and Highlights**

**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 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. 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 took 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. Wooten presented to HASDIC and discussed routine HIV testing. This will be further discussed at a future HASDIC meeting. Update September 2019: Dr. Tilghman is communicating with HASDIC to get on an upcoming meeting agenda to discuss routine HIV testing. Their support is critical to the success of the committee’s efforts. The San Diego County Medical Society voted to endorse routine HIV testing in healthcare settings. UCSD will perform a cost analysis of their two years’ worth of experience with universal opt-out HIV testing in their emergency departments before the end of the calendar year and have extended the opportunity for other healthcare systems to obtain cost estimates for routine HIV testing in their emergency departments and/or other healthcare settings of interest. This will require those systems to provide specific data to be included in the UCSD model. **Update, December 2019: Dr. Tilghman continues to try to engage HASDIC to get on an upcoming meeting agenda (Dr. Wooten has reached out on behalf of Dr. Tilghman and the committee) but has not received a response. The next Medical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 01/13/20.**

1. **Update, October 2019: the medical advisory committee meets next on November 5, 2019.**

2. **Hepatitis C Initiative – Approved by the Board of Supervisors in November of 2018.**

- 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 all committees have initiated and on track (Steering; Research and Surveillance; Access, Testing, and Treatment; and Consumer).
- First Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 30, 2019 at the San Diego County Medical Society. Paul Hegyi and Dr. Wooten co-chaired the meeting. Next meetings are planned for 8/26/19 and 10/15/19.

- The Hepatitis C Elimination initiative is close to finalizing the action plan for how to eliminate HCV in San Diego County after the completion of an extensive community engagement process. **The HCV Elimination initiative will now be heard by the Board of Supervisors in late February or early March.**
- **HSHB was notified on October 9, 2019 of HCV State Local Assistance Funding in the amount of \$237,970/year that will be given to San Diego for five years starting July 1, 2019 (retroactive). Fifty percent of the funding must be contracted out to community-based organizations. This funding will go to the Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch.**
- **The Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of HCV funds on 12/10/19.**

**o. Board Letter Forecast**

<b>December 2019</b>			
<b>9. City-County MOA 3<sup>rd</sup> Basic Agreement</b>	<b>12/10/19</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>Dr. Wooten</b>
<b>10. Amend STD Prevention Grant and Accept Additional STD and HCV Funding</b>	<b>12/10/19</b>	<b>HSHB</b>	<b>Patrick Loose</b>
<b>11. Accept PEI Funding</b>	<b>12/10/19</b>	<b>MCFHS</b>	<b>Rhonda Freeman</b>
<b>January 2020</b>			
<b>12. Public Health Services FY 18-19 Accomplishments Presentation</b>	<b>1/14/20</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>Dr. Wooten and Liz Hernandez</b>
<b>13. Hepatitis C Elimination Update Presentation</b>	<b>1/14/20</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>Dr. Wooten</b>
<b>14. Return to the Board for Public Health Crisis from Cigarettes and Electronic Smoking Devices (Hearing #1)</b>	<b>1/14/20</b>	<b>MCFHS</b>	<b>Rhonda Freeman</b>
<b>15. Refugee Resettlement Consent</b>	<b>1/14/20</b>	<b>Integrative Services</b>	<b>PHS is concurring</b>
<b>16. Prescription Drug Abuse Plan Update Memo</b>	<b>1/14/20</b>	<b>BHS</b>	<b>PHS is concurring</b>
<b>17. Return to the Board for Public Health Crisis from Cigarettes and Electronic Smoking Devices (Hearing #2)</b>	<b>1/28/20</b>	<b>MCFHS</b>	<b>Rhonda Freeman</b>
<b>February 2020</b>			
<b>18. Accept California Home Visiting Program Funding</b>	<b>2/11/20</b>	<b>MCFHS</b>	<b>Rhonda Freeman</b>
<b>19. Accept CDPH Infectious Disease Funding</b>	<b>2/25/20</b>	<b>EISB</b>	<b>Jeff Johnson</b>
<b>20. Accept HRSA and Ryan White Funding</b>	<b>2/25/20</b>	<b>HSHB</b>	<b>Lauren Brookshire</b>
<b>April 2020</b>			

21. Authority for Contract and Expenditures with San Diego Health Connect Health Information Exchange	TBD	EISB	Jeffrey Johnson
22. Accept Revenue Agreement for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	TBD	MCFHS	Karee Hopkins

**p. Announcements**

- a. Personnel:
- i. New Hires: Tuberculosis Control and Refugee Health Assistant Medical Services Administrator or AMSA (Maggie Santibanez).
  - ii. Temporary Assignment – None
  - iii. Save the Date: Live Well San Diego Advance on October 28, 2019

**q. Site Visits/Audits**

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
Visit: 6/12/19 Report: 9/30/19	CA Dept of Healthcare Services desk review of FY 15/16 Targeted Case Management cost report	CDPH
Visit: 8/13/19 Report: TBD	CalFresh Healthy Living Program audit for FY 18-19 as part of County’s single audit	MGO (County external auditor)
Visit: 10/2019 Report: TBD	CDC Cooperative Agreement Annual Site Visit	CDC
Visit: 11/5/19 Report: 12/3/19	CA Dept of Public Health, Ryan White Part B Annual site visit	CDPH
Visit: 10/29-19-10/31/19 Report: TBD	<b>CHEMPACK site visits by CA Dept of Public Health</b>	<b>CDPH</b>
Visit: 10/29/19 Report:	<b>Anthrax site visit (review, readiness, and capacity)</b>	<b>CDC</b>
Visit: February 2020 (TBD) Report: TBD	<b>CDC Select Agent Program Inspection and Certificate renewal site visit</b>	<b>CDC Lab</b>
Visit: Early 2020 Report: TBD	Health Resources and Services Administration site visit for Ryan White Part A to cover programmatic and fiscal review	Health Resources and Services Administration

**r. 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)

- b. SB1152

## **s. Recognitions and Awards**

- a. Four 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:
  - 1. “QI on QI.”
  - 2. “Improving Capacity for Public Health Laboratories in California.”
  - 3. “How to Create a Community Level Health and Well-Being Data System.”
  - 4. “Emergency Risk & Public Health Communication – utilizing a Partner Relay to share information with Limited English Proficient populations.”
- b. Three program proposals submitted by Public Health Services were selected for National Association of Counties (NACo) 2019 Achievement Award Program in the category of Health (Presented at July 2019 annual meeting). These included the following:
  - 1. “One Team, One Goal - Collaborating for Better Health Outcomes for Foster Children”
  - 2. “San Diego Immunization Registry”
  - 3. “Getting to Zero Initiative”
- c. 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.
- d. Dr. Thomas Coleman, Medical Director of the MCFHS Branch, wrote an article entitled “Update on Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Management: The Importance of Clinical-Community Linkages” that appeared in the July/August 2019 issue of the San Diego Physician Magazine.
- e. The California Childrens Services (CCS) Branch was notified of a receipt of a merit award from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for Implementing Best Practices for Emergency Preparedness Requirements. The notification took place on 9/9/19 and the award will be presented at a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

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