

Health and Human Services Agency
Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)

March 2, 2021, *3PM–5 PM* Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams, San Diego, CA

Public Health Officer's Report

I. Communicable Disease Issues

A. Infectious Disease Issues

1. Influenza (As of week ending February 13, 2021)

- For the 2020/2021 flu season, CDC disease week ending February 13, 2021, there have been 686 lab confirmed flu cases reported and one deaths. This compares to a previous three-year average for the same time of the year of 11,862. Among these cases, 48.8% or 335, are Flu A.
- The total number of influenza vaccinations registered this flu season to date is 1,145,678 through January 16, 2021.
- See [Influenza Watch](#), published Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

2. 2019 Novel Coronavirus (As of week ending February 19, 2021)

- The current number of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. is over 27,737,875 and 491,455 deaths
 - California Cases
 - The current number of cases in CA is now 3,428,518 cases and 48,344 deaths.
 - San Diego Cases
 - San Diego County residents – 255,802 with 3,169 deaths
- The current number of COVID-19 vaccines administered as of 2/19/2021 is as follows:
 - 705,985 doses administered
 - 533,980 individuals vaccinated
 - 174,211 persons fully vaccinated
- See [COVID-19 Watch](#), published Tuesday, February 16, 2021.
- Currently vaccinating Phase 1A, Tiers 1-3 and Phase 1B, age groups in Tier 1.
- Vaccination sites include community PODs and Super Stations.
- View all information at www.coronavirus-sd.com.

II. Board Actions

- A. On September 15, 2020, the BOS approved the receipt of \$20 million in funding for an Epidemiology & Lab Capacity (ELC) grant from CDC through CDPH. This is a two-year grant with a focus on enhancing communicable disease detection, surveillance, and diseases control.
- B. On September 22, 2020: The BOS voted to support the County Public Health Services Department continuing to make suggestions to the State to look at other factors that would contribute towards the adjustment of the reopening metrics. The suggested factors include hospital capacity, contact tracing efforts, and providing access to testing, and other COVID-19 response resources for vulnerable populations in the County.
- C. On October 13, 2020: County BOS agreed to several key reinvestment initiatives to support establishments and citizens impacted by COVID-19. Unspent CARES Act funding was voted on to be redirected to most vulnerable residents and small businesses.
- D. On October 21, 2020: County Registrar of Voters, Michael Vu, shared that voting centers for the upcoming Election days had been modified to address Public Health guidance for COVID-19. Specifically:
- The number of days allowing for voting were expanded from one to four,
 - The voting centers themselves have been consolidated into larger settings to allow for social distancing and proper infection control measures,
 - 30% of all voters have mailed in their ballots,
 - 3,500 to 3,600 poll workers will serve across the four-day voting period,
 - Poll workers are being trained over two days to learn more about testing, PPE, and cleaning/disinfecting protocols for the voting settings related to COVID-19 and screening for symptoms and temperature checks among poll worker staff will take place daily.

- 25,000 tubs of hand sanitizing wipes, 1,800 sneeze guards, 800,000 gloves, 300,000 masks, and 12,000 hand sanitizing bottles have been purchased to support the effort.
- E. On October 27, 2020: The BOS approved the following in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic:
- Extending annual permit fees and plan check fees, late fees for restaurants and food facilities, and extension on payment deferrals through 3/31/21.
 - Approved \$28 million to small businesses through 3,100 stimulus grants throughout San Diego County.
- F. On November 25, 2020: The BOS approved an additional \$20 million in stimulus funding to businesses in San Diego County impacted by COVID-19.
- G. On January 13, 2021: The County announced that it is prepared to spend \$100 million in vaccine distribution. The hope is that these funds get reimbursed at some point. The County stated its commitment to do all that it can to get as many vaccines administered to the public as possible.
- H. On February 3, 2021: The BOS announced the launch of the community health worker Promotora Pilot Program that maintains the goal of conduct outreach to the most vulnerable populations
- 100 Promotoras have been trained to conduct outreach in the appointment setting
 - This is an important project that we are doing in the South Bay. The County has blocked appointments from 9:30 am and 12:30 pm for community PODs including San Ysidro, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, and National City for these appointments
- I. On February 9, 2021: The BOS chose vaccination option B, to administer vaccines for COVID-19 using State and Federal Funds using a model that was designed by the State, as opposed to allowing the State to do this or to concurrently and separately provide immunizations along with the State.
- J. **On February 17, 2021: San Diego County indicated that it has provided 663,000 vaccines which places it at the top of the list in vaccines provided in the State of California.**
- K. **On February 17, 2021: Supervisor Vargas provided an overview of the Scheduling Assistance for Vaccination Equity (SAVE) Program. This is a pilot program supports eligible, higher-risk individuals being able to obtain COVID-19 vaccination appointments in their community.**
- **The County is working with a variety of community partners on this Program, including the following:**
 - **The Chicano Federation**
 - **United Women of East Africa**
 - **San Diego Refugees Communities Coalition**
 - **San Diego Latino Health Coalition**
 - **San Diego State University**
 - **Mental Health America of San Diego County**
 - **Multicultural Health Foundation**
 - **PCI (A Global Communities Partner)**
 - **UPAC**
 - **Somali Family Service of San Diego**
 - **SBCS (South Bay Community Services)**
- L. **On February 17, 2021: The BOS indicated having success with the Black Nurses Association and will be expanding those efforts to the Filipino Nurses Association and our Hispanic Nurses Association to provide access to vaccines in an equitable way.**

III. Public Health Issues

- A. The following Health Observances are throughout the month of March:
- Preteen Vaccine Week 3/1/21 to 3/6/2021
 - National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: 3/10/21
 - National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: 3/10/21
 - Kick Butts Day: 3/20/21
 - World TB Day: 3/24/21
 - LGBT Health Awareness Week: 3/22/21 to 3/26/21
 - American Diabetes Alert Day: 3/23/21
 - National Nutrition Month
 - Developmental Disability Awareness Month

B. New Applications

1. California Department of Justice "Tobacco Grant Program 2020-2021":

- a. HHSA submitted a grant for the California Department of Justice Grant Program on August 7, 2020.

- i. This funding would support Tobacco Retail Licensing Program enforcement efforts.
- ii. It would also help the Program deliver a focused digital media campaign to increase knowledge about the dangers of youth tobacco use.
- b. If funded, award notification will be in November 2020.
 - i. If successful, the project will begin on or about January 1, 2021 (per the Department of Justice's Request for Proposal). HHSA applied for 36 months of funding (January 2021 to December 2023).
 - ii. The funding amount requested was \$754,063.00 for 36 months.
 - iii. The funding amount requested per FY is: FY 2020-21 (\$65,143), FY 2021-22 (\$281,599), FY 2022-23 (\$284,842), and FY 2023-24 (\$122,479).
 - iv. This is a competitive grant application.
- c. PHS was notified on 12/31/21 that the application was awarded**
 - i. The funding amount awarded is \$532,405 for 36 months for the period 7/1/21-6/30/24. To accept funds, PHS is required to return a Letter of Intent (submitted on behalf of HHSA on 1/15/21), obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors to accept the funds, and complete an MOU.**
 - ii. The funding amount per FY is: FY 21-22 \$174,262, FY 22-23 \$176,611, and FY 23-24 \$181,532.**
 - iii. A Board Letter to accept funds and approve a resolution is scheduled for 3/16/21.**

2. Kresge Emerging Leaders in Public Health Grant:

- a. Due to continued shift of priorities towards the COVID-19 response, the County of San Diego PHS has requested an additional extension to the grant period. The grant's new end date is March 31, 2021.
- b. Contracted with public speaker, Reggie Caldwell, to develop a curriculum and provide a training series to all permanent PHS staff on Racial Equity in Public Health and the Public Health Workforce.
 - This training series includes three sessions – Session #1: The Basics of Racial Equity, Session #2: Structural Racism, and Session #3: Privilege and Power.
 - These trainings were conducted between 1/12/21 – 2/03/21.
 - **An additional 6 trainings have been scheduled between 2/09/21 – 2/18/21.**
 - Consultation and office hours with Branch Managers will be offered to each branch, upon request of the speaker.
- c. Working with the *Live Well San Diego* Team to contract with speaker, Trabian Shorters, to provide a series of community conversations on race and equity.
 - This is a three-part series where the first session, Session #1: Asset-Framing Keynote, will be paid for by Kresge grant funding.
 - **Session #1 tentatively scheduled for June 24, 2021.**
 - **Arranging the design call prior to March 31st grant deadline.**

3. National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) Multi-state EHR-based Network for Disease Surveillance (MENDS)

- HHSA is participating in the MENDS project, to build real-time chronic disease surveillance capacity in participating jurisdictions as a first phase in the development of a national surveillance model.
- A contract for \$50,000 was received on 11/16/2020 and is under review.
- The project is sponsored by CDC and facilitated by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) in partnership with the Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII).
- The project will involve collaboration between HHSA and San Diego Health Connect (SDHC) with each entity receiving separate funding to support participation

C. Funding

1. Local Oral Health Program (LOHP):

- The Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) program will take place February 22 – March 19, 2021. This year the event will include private dental offices and community dental clinics. Promotion, recruitment, and outreach efforts will be in collaboration with community partners.
- LOHP contractors continue to provide services virtually. To date for this fiscal year, 33 pediatric providers and 21 dental providers are participating in our program and providing important oral health messages. UCSD Dental Health Initiative/Share the Care and County staff are working with home visiting programs to train and support their staff.
- The San Diego Oral Health Coalition and the Oral Health Advisory Board continue to meet virtually.

2. Tobacco Control Resource Program (TCRP):

- A Board Letter and recommendations for a Tobacco Retail Licensing program was heard on for a 2rd reading on 12/8/20 and passed.
- On direction of the Board, TCRP staff are coordinating with HHS and County communications to promote a vaping public awareness campaign.
- The TCRP media contractor, Civilian, will implement a targeted public awareness campaign June-September 2020. The purpose of the campaign is to promote tobacco-free priorities, including reducing exposure to secondhand smoke in outdoor dining areas and limiting youth and young adult smoking initiation through tobacco retailer licensure. The campaign will focus on Port of San Diego, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, and the unincorporated area of San Diego County.
- On 7/17/20, the CDPH California Tobacco Control Program announced a 6-month extension of the 2017-2021 Local Lead Agency (LLA) Plans originally scheduled to end on 6/30/21. The extension is for the period 7/1/21-12/31/21. The extension acknowledges concerns from local programs regarding COVID-19 and ensures adequate time to complete the Communities of Excellence (CX) needs assessment with full community member participation that will inform the development of a comprehensive tobacco control plan for the next funding period. TCRP will submit the 6-month extension SOW and budget plan during the LLA Open Revision Period which occurs 9/1/20-10/31/20.

3. EISB Funding:

- On Tuesday, July 21, 2020, the County was notified by CDPH of a nearly \$900,000 additional funding amount to support enhanced flu and COVID-19 immunization efforts.
- On August 12, 2020, the County was notified by CDPH of \$20,000,000 funding through the CDC Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant funding. These are for this current and next fiscal years. On September 15, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the receipt of this funding to support enhanced surveillance, investigation, response, prevention and partner coordination/engagement efforts.
- On October 21, 2020, the CDPH formally notified the Counties of additional funding supplements to the existing Immunization Action Plan Annual Grant funding. This will be in the additional amount of \$1,064,731 and comes with specific requirements about COVID-19 vaccine planning and implementation.

4. 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 most of the funding to health jurisdictions experiencing high rates of congenital syphilis and syphilis among women of childbearing age.
- HSHB is receiving \$775,254 in STD funding from CDPH State Local Assistance Funds for the time period of 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2022 for STD prevention and control activities. Fifty percent of the funding will be contracted out to local community providers.

5. CalFresh Healthy Living (Formerly known as NEOP or Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention, through the SNAP-ED Program):

- Single Source contract for Champion Childcare Provider Program with the YMCA of San Diego County effective date: 10/21/19.
 - Funded at \$100,000 annually through 9/30/22.
- Single Source contract for Physical Activity and Nutrition Education with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) effective date: 8/7/20.
 - Funded at \$200,000 annually through 9/30/22.
- Contract 561555 for Healthy Food Access with University of California, San Diego – Center for Community Health effective date: 12/21/21
 - Funded at \$500,000 for initial term and \$500,000 annually through 9/30/22
- Contract 562520 for Healthy Cities, Healthy Residents--SafeRoutes to Healthy Places with Vista Community Clinic effective date: 7/8/20.
 - Funded at \$88,000 annually through 9/30/22.
- Contract 563031 for Active Living Planning and Policy Services for City of Vista Project with Alta Planning + Design Inc. effective date: 8/6/20.
 - Funded at \$148,368 for initial term and \$99,800 annually through 9/30/22

6. Perinatal Equity Initiative:

- Mental Health America of San Diego was selected as the contractor for the PEI Fatherhood Parenting Program. Services for African-American fathers will begin in August 2020.
- To commemorate Black Breastfeeding week, MCFHS in collaboration with the San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition hosted a free screening of the documentary film, Chocolate Milk, which promotes breastfeeding in the African-American community, on August 26th.
- The next PEI Community Advisory Board meeting will be held on September 11, 2020 via Microsoft Teams.
- The PEI public awareness campaign developed by Civilian is scheduled to kick-off in October 2020. The campaign will educate the community on how systemic racism negatively impacts African-American maternal and infant mortality.
- The PEI public awareness campaign developed by Civilian went live on September 14, 2020. <https://blacklegacynow.com/>
- The campaign will educate the community on how systemic racism negatively impacts African-American maternal and infant mortality.
- The Request for Quotation for PEI's Implicit Bias Educational Training Program was on BuyNet from October 26, 2020 through November 23, 2020. Proposals will be reviewed in the coming weeks.
- A contractor for the PEI Implicit Bias Educational Training (IBET) has been selected and program is moving forward with the procurement process with a potential 1/1/2021 start date.
- PEI is planning a media conference in January 2021 to increase awareness of inequities in infant and maternal health outcomes for African Americans and to the PEI program.
- The PEI media conference is planned for 11:30 am on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at County Operations Center. Speakers include Chairman Nathan Fletcher, Dr. Wilma Wooten, and representatives from medical community and two mothers from the PEI Community Advisory Board.
- A contract was executed on January 15, 2021 between the County of San Diego and Health Resources in Action to provide implicit bias education to healthcare providers (and their staffs) who provide care for African-American pregnant women.
- **Phase 2 of the Black Legacy Now media campaign ran from January 4 – February 5, 2021 and included a press conference held on January 28, 2021. Fifteen individuals reached out to program staff after the press conference, most requesting to join the PEI Community Advisory Board.**

7. San Diego Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (SD REACH):

- Contract 560458 for Information and Referral Services with 2-1-1 San Diego for bidirectional community-clinical linkages services effective date: 6/20/19
 - Funded at \$225,545 for initial term and \$42,060 annually through 9/30/23
- Contract amendment for REACH project year 1 executed with Circulate San Diego (existing CalFresh contractor) to develop plans for Active Transportation planning to be led by the City of San Diego through the end of the 5-year CDC grant (Sept. 31, 2023).
- Contract 563034 for Active Transportation Project with Circulate San Diego -year RFQ for Active Transportation services effective date 8/7/20.
 - Funded at \$120,000 for initial term and \$60,000 annually through 8/31/23.
- **Contract amendment for Cardiovascular and Diabetes Prevention and Management Project with University of California – San Diego (contract number 559701) to add REACH specific Community Health Worker scope of work. Effective date on 8/14/2020**
- **Potential funding at \$105,000 for period from 1/15/2021 (tentatively) to 6/30/2021**
- **Funded at \$60,000 for period from 8/14/2020 to 9/29/2020 with carryover from 9/30/2020-12/30/2020. Pending Contract amendment for Child Obesity Prevention Services Project with University of California – San Diego (contract number 560830) to implement a media campaign to increase participation in a market match program “Mas Fresca”.**

8. CDC Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Grant Supplemental Funding:

- a. HHSa submitted a grant application for supplemental funding to support flu vaccination coverage. Project began September 30, 2020 and will run through September 29, 2021 and will involve a collaborative effort between EISB, Office of Strategy and Innovation, and MCFHS/CDHE.
- b. A media contract Brown Communications **was established on November 17th, 2020** through an existing County- wide service contract and funded at \$140,000 to develop the REACH: Fight the Flu

- campaign
- c. The first phase of the campaign launched digital and radio ads on 12/6/20 during National Influenza Vaccine Awareness Week and ran through 12/20/20.
- d. The second phase of the campaign will include digital, television, radio, and billboard ads and will run from 12/21/20 to 3/31/21.
- e. **CDC announced a new supplemental funding opportunity to promote vaccine awareness for COVID-19 and the 2021-22 flu season, building upon and extending the existing flu supplemental funding. The funding available to San Diego is \$629,640 for an 18-month period 3/30/21 through 9/29/22. Applications are due 3/1/21.**

IV. Public Health Initiatives

A. Major Initiative Updates and Highlights

1. Getting to Zero

- o Dr. Tilghman continues to try to engage HASDIC to get on an upcoming meeting agenda. The Medical Advisory Committee members also have requested a “champion” for routine HIV testing in the Board of Supervisors. The next meeting is not currently scheduled due to COVID-19.
- o The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch has been awarded \$9,693,670 in Ending the HIV Epidemic funding for HIV prevention for the time period 8/1/2020-7/31/2025. This complements the \$5,000,000 awarded earlier this year for Ending the HIV Epidemic funding for HIV care and treatment for 3/1/2020-2/28/2025. Procurements necessary to administer the services in each of the grants are under development.

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

- o 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.
- o Meetings for all committees have initiated and on track (Steering; Research and Surveillance; Access, Testing, and Treatment; and Consumer).

3. Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative

- o On December 17, 2020 the TBEI Joint Advisory/Steering Committee Meeting: The Steering Committee members (action committee co-chairs) presented high impact activities developed by their action committees and associated short term objectives that support the TBEI Recommendations.
- o In February 2021, the AOC submitted the TBEI Board Memo and Recommendations Report to the County Board of Supervisors that describes barriers to LTBI care, recommendations for progressing toward TB elimination and experiences of TB survivors.

V. Board Letter Forecast

July 2020			
1. Provided COVID-19 Update	7/7/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
August 2020			
2. Provided COVID-19 Update	8/4/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
September 2020			
3. Provided COVID-19 Update with Acceptance of CDC Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection Funding	9/15/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
4. Authorized Mutual Aid Agreement Regions I, VI	9/15/20	PHPR	Rob Sills
5. Accepted Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Supplemental Funding	9/29/20	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey

6. Provided COVID-19 Update	9/29/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
October 2020			
7. Provided COVID-19 Update	10/13/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
8. Presented Tobacco Retailers License Program Recommendations: 1 st Reading	10/27/20	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey/ Alison Sipler
9. Provided COVID-19 Update	10/27/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
10. Accepted CDPH Ending the HIV Epidemic Funding	10/27/20	HSHB	Patrick Loose/ L. Brookshire
November 2020			
11. Provided COVID-19 Update	11/17/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
12. Presented Modified Tobacco Retailers License Program Recommendations: 1st Reading	11/17/20	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey/ Alison Sipler
13. Renewal of San Diego Health Information Exchange Contract	11/17/20	HSA IT	(PHS is concurrence)
December 2020			
14. Provided COVID-19 Update	12/8/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
15. Presented Tobacco Retailers License Program Recommendations: 2 nd Reading (additional BOS changes from 11/17/20)	12/8/20	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey/ Alison Sipler
January 2021			
16. Provided COVID-19 Update	1/12/21	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
17. Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis	1/12/21	D4 & D1	
18. Realigning Policies That Govern County Resources and Contracting	1/12/21	D3 & D4	
19. A Collaborative, Data-Driven, and Equitable Response to COVID-19 in San Diego County	1/12/21	D4 & D1	
20. Provided COVID-19 Update	1/26/21	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
21. Provided Harm Reduction Recommendations	1/26/21	BHS	(PHS is concurrence)
22. Measures to Provide Economic Access and Equity in the Cannabis Industry	1/27/21	D4/LUEG	
February 2021			
23. Presented Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative Recommendations	2/16/21	TBRHB	Dr. Kadakia
24. Getting to Zero Annual Update 2020	Board Memo	HSHB	Patrick Loose
25. Provide COVID-19 Update	2/9/21	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
26. Declaring Pollution at the Tijuana River Valley a Public Health Crisis	2/9/21	D1	
March 2021			

27. Provide COVID-19 Update	3/2/21	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
28. Provide COVID-19 Update	3/16/21	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
29. Resolution to Accept California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant	3/16/21	MCFHS	Alison Sipler
April 2021			
30. Provide COVID-19 Update	4/6/21	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
31. Harm Reduction Strategy Report Back (PHS is concurrence)	4/6/21	BHS	
May 2021			
32. Provide COVID-19 Update	5/4/21	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
33. Accept Perinatal Equity Initiative Funding	5/4/21	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey
34. Provide COVID-19 Update	5/18/21	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
35. Accept Ryan White Part A Funding	5/18/21	HS HB	Lauren Brookshire
June 2021			
36. Getting to Zero Annual Update 2021	Board Memo	HS HB	Patrick Loose
37. Accept TB Revenue	6/8/21	TBCRH	Dr. Kadakia
38. Budget Hearings	6/14/21 & 6/16/21		
39. Budget Deliberations and Adoption	6/29/21		
July 2021			
40. Accept Safe Routes to School- Active Transportation Grant	7/13/21	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey
41. Measures to Provide Economic Access and Equity in the Cannabis Industry Report Back	7/13/21	D4	
October 2021			
42. Provide Update for TRL Program Evaluation	10/19/21	MCFHS	Alison Sipler
TBD			
Accept State Oral Health Funding to Contract with City of Escondido			
Provide Kratom Ordinance Recommendations			
Provide Update for Eliminate Hep C Initiative			

VI. Announcements

A. Personnel

1. New Hires:

- Dr. Seema Shah has been hired and will begin as the new EISB Medical Director on 2/12/2021. Dr. Shah will step in as Dr. Eric McDonald retires from County service.
- Walter Burrola has been hired as the new Human Services Program Specialist managing many of the administrative functions within for the Public Health Laboratory within EISB.
- Luke Dela Calzada and Ashenafi Hailu began 1/15/2021 as Administrative Analysts in the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch.
- **Renate Remulla began 1/29/2021 and Maria Aleman-Garcia began 2/12/2021 as Administrative Analysts in the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch.**

- Six PHNs have been hired in EISB as part of the ELC Grant
- An Epidemiologist I has been hired into EISB as part of the ELC Grant.
- Kirthana Tangirala, rejoined the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Team as a Community Health Program Specialist on 2/12/2021.
- Kelly Strona has accepted a temporary assignment to a higher class (TAHC) with Public Health Services Administration as a Supervising Health Information Specialist.

VII. Site Visits/Audits

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
Visit: 11/12/21 Report: 1/18/21	Performance audit of BioWatch program and verification of correct processes and procedures	Ashley Combs (virtual)
Visit: TBD Report: TBD	Health Resources and Services Administration site visit for Ryan White Part A to cover programmatic and fiscal review. Postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.	Health Resources and Services Administration
Visit: TBD Report: TBD	California Department of Public Health annual site visit for Ryan White Part B to cover programmatic and fiscal review.	California Department of Public Health
Visit: TBD Report: TBD	Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Cooperative Agreement Annual Site Visit	CDC
Visit: 11/5/20 Report: TBD	Annual State Audit of grant funded Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	California Department of Public Health

VIII. Recognitions and Awards

- A. On January 14, 2021, the San Diego YMCA honored Dr. Wooten with the *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human Dignity Award* for efforts to promote a science-based response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Human Dignity Award is given annually to a person who exemplifies the work and character of Dr. King. According to the YMCA, past honorees encompass outstanding qualities of volunteerism, philanthropy and activism in the San Diego community.

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