



Health and Human Services Agency Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)
10/4/22, *3PM–5 PM* Virtual Meeting on Zoom, San Diego, CA
Public Health Officer's Report

I. Communicable Disease Issues

A. Infectious Disease Issues

1. Monkeypox

- a. Monkeypox (Mpox) clusters have been reported in other countries that normally do not report Mpox, including Europe and elsewhere in North America; most cases are in MSM population.
- b. The County of San Diego (County) first issued a [health advisory on May 23, 2022](#), following Mpox cases that have occurred in the United States.
- c. On June 15, 2022, the County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) [reported](#) two probable cases of Mpox.
- d. Launched website with information, data and educational materials about Mpox in SD County: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/human-monkeypox.html.
- e. Extended four contracts for outreach and education efforts.
- f. July 2022: Planned for July Pride events; Town Hall sessions were held regularly, and vaccinations were offered to high-risk, prioritized individuals.
- g. August 2022: Conducted Points of Dispensing clinics in South Region. To date, 6037 vials (Phases 0-3c) of vaccines have been allocated and received in San Diego County.
- h. September 2022: Conducted Points of Dispensing clinics in Central Region and administered vaccines at County Public Health Centers. To date, 10057 vials (Phases 0- 3c) of vaccines have been allocated and received in San Diego County. As of 9/27/2022:**
 - **As of September 27, 2022, there have been 408 probable and confirmed cases.**
 - **At least 11,051 individuals have had at least one dose of the Jynneos MPX vaccine.**
- i. The HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) has amended five contracts for HIV prevention to include MPX outreach, health education and risk reduction through December 31, 2022:
 - **40 hours of training for staff**
 - **Agency in-reach to 850 clients**
 - **In-person outreach to 1,900 clients**
 - **Virtual outreach to 12,000 clients**
 - **Distribution of 8,150 educational materials to 100+ venues**
 - **21,000,000 impressions on social media and sexual networking apps**
 - **75% of persons reached through outreach will receive monkeypox education**
 - **100% of persons disclosing exposure to monkeypox or reporting symptoms consistent with monkeypox infection will be referred to medical providers for testing.**

2. 2019 Novel Coronavirus

a. Recent Updates

- See [COVID-19 Watch](#), published each week (attached report provided).
- [COVID-19 Weekly Update](#), [weekly Power Point Link](#)
- On September 13, 2022, CDPH issued revised and updated State Health Officer orders. This information can be found [here](#).
- On September 20, 2022, CDPH issued revised and updated State Health Officer orders. This information can be found [here](#).

b. COVID-19 Statistics: National, State, and Local

- **National**
 - **Data reported through 09/28/2022, in the U.S., indicates that over 95,919,166 cases and 1,051,389 deaths. Within the U.S., 84% of the eligible population 5 years and older has been vaccinated with at least one dose.**

- o Within the U.S., 48.8% of people 5 years and older have received the first booster
 - California
 - o California is now only reporting new updates once a week on COVID-19 trends
 - o The current number of cases in CA is now 10,384,673 cases and 95,009 deaths (as of 9/22/2022).
 - o At least 72.2% of the eligible population five years of age and older in California has received at least one dose.
 - San Diego
 - o As of 9/29/22, San Diego County residents – 922,131 confirmed cases with 5,491 deaths.
 - o The current number of COVID-19 vaccines administered as of 9/29/2022 is as follows:
 - 3,343,827 = San Diego County population 6 months of age and older (eligible population).
 - 9,060,985 total vaccine doses received in the region.
 - 7,820,710 doses administered and entered in SDIR.
 - 1,448,515 first booster vaccines administered
 - 3,079,047 San Diego County residents six months of age and older have received one dose.
 - 2,497,372 San Diego County residents six months of age and older only are fully vaccinated.
 - Testing and vaccination sites include community partners, pharmacies, healthcare partners, and County sites.
 - c. **Data Reporting Frequency:** Beginning Thursday, May 5, 2022, San Diego County data reporting aligned with CDPH. Cases, hospitalization, and deaths went from Monday to Friday reporting to Tuesday and Friday reporting. The *COVID-19 Watch* is being reported on Thursdays, instead of Wednesdays.\
 - d. **Data Format: COVID-19 data has transitioned to Tableau-link.** **View all information at www.coronavirus-sd.com.**
3. **Influenza**
- a. **Flu Season 2022/23**
 - **The 2022 Kick-the-Flu Summit occurred on Wednesday, Sept 7, 9AM-1PM at San Diego Central Library, Neil Morgan Auditorium.**
 - b. **With flu cases finally now declining, the last publication of the *Influenza Watch* was released 6/22/2022. The new flu season weekly reports will be resumed sometime in October.**

Board Actions and Policies

A. Major Initiative Updates

1. **Getting to Zero. Approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2016.**
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. New HIV diagnoses decreased by 42% from 499 in 2016 to 292 in 2020 in relation to the Getting to Zero Initiative.
[Link to Action Plan](#)
2. **Hepatitis C Initiative- Approved by the Board of Supervisors in November 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.
 - b. Meetings for all committees have initiated and on track (Steering; Research and Surveillance; Access, Testing, and Treatment; and Consumer).
[Link to Implementation Plan](#)
3. **Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative. Approved by Board of Supervisors in July 2019:**
 - a. Task Force meetings for TB Elimination continue to meet and implement planning elements.
 - The last TB Elimination Initiative Community of Practice Quarterly Meeting was held on 1/27/22.
[Link to TB Elimination Initiative Implementation Plan.](#)
4. **Tobacco Retail Licensing Program-Approved by Board of Supervisors on December 8, 2020:**
 - a. In addition to applying for and obtaining a County Tobacco Retail License (TRL), tobacco retailers must comply with other eligibility, operating, and tobacco product requirements. All retailers will be required to renew their TRL and pay an annual application fee (amount to be determined) by 7/1/22.

- b. The County of San Diego began receiving and processing TRL applications on 6/1/21.
 - Between July 1, 2021 and June 27, 2022, the Program has received 96% (268/280) of the applications from retailers eligible for a Tobacco Retail License. Program staff is currently preparing to collect and process new applications and fees (approved in May 2022) from retailers for fiscal year 2022-23.
- c. The Tobacco Retail License (TRL) fee was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2022 (first reading). The fee is a required component of a comprehensive TRL Program and follows the Board's direction per the County's tobacco retail licensing ordinance. The full cost recovery TRL fee was calculated at \$1,460. The fee will be phased in over a three-year period.
 - Year 1: Effective July 14, 2022, the TRL fee will be \$730, reflecting a 50% phased-in fee approach.
 - Year 2: Effective July 1, 2023, the TRL fee would increase incrementally to 75% of the full cost.
- d. Year 3: Effective July 1, 2024, the full fee will be in place.
- e. **August 2022 TRL Evaluation Update was presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 16, 2022.**
 - **TRL fee collection for FY22/23 began in late July. Retailers had until August 29 to pay the annual fee and submit renewal applications. As of September 26, 89% of the retailers (249/280) paid their fee and 65% (183/280) submitted a complete application with their fee. A total of 115 licenses have been issued and 126 applications are currently being processed. Follow-up phone calls and visits are being made to retailers who did not submit fees and/or applications.**

5. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Food Assistance Components: Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Sourcing Food Procurement Policy and Program and Community Garden Component.

- a. On June 8, 2021 (3) the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) voted on the recommended framework for the use of ARPA funding for Food Assistance Components, of which \$8 million in funding was earmarked for healthy food procurement (\$1 million) and community gardens (\$7 million).
- b. *Food Procurement Policy and Program*
 - A sustainable, equitable, and local sourcing Food Procurement Policy and Program creates an opportunity for the County to reconsider and improve upon how food procurement dollars are spent and instead look to positively impact the food system for local food producers, workers, and businesses owned, operated, and/or run by marginalized communities.
 - Additionally, the Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program and Policy Framework went to the Board of Supervisors meeting June 14, 2022, where it was approved on consent.
 - A contract was executed on May 25, 2022 for a technical assistance provider to support implementation of the program and policy.
 - The technical assistance provider hosted a kickoff meeting with the Food Services Leadership Committee (September 17, 2022), comprised of all County of San Diego food service operators, and is working on collecting food procurement data to conduct baseline assessments. Next steps will include utilizing the data from the base line assessments to collaboratively develop action plans with each food service operation.
- a. *Community Food Production Program (formerly Community Gardens Components)*
 - The community gardens project aims to create grants to support community food production projects which can include community gardens as well as other types of community food production.
 - This project was broadened to include food production beyond just community gardens and is now called the Community Food Production Project. Additionally, \$1 million of the \$7 million was set aside to fund Internal County-Led projects that meet the same objectives as the Community Food Production Project. The Board authorized PHS to execute an agreement with The San Diego Foundation for the purposes of disseminating funding for the *Community Food Production Projects*. The grant agreement between the County and the San Diego Foundation has been executed effective June 28, 2022.

- The San Diego Foundation (Foundation) is developing an outreach plan and planning to host virtual community engagement sessions in late October, 2022. Additionally, they will be sending out questions via an email survey to broaden opportunities for community engagement. Participation in both the sessions and the survey responses will inform the criteria and application development for the Community Food Production Program funding. The Foundation is also establishing an Advisory Council to provide stakeholder expertise into the development of the criteria and application for funding.
- Seven (7) Internal County-Led Projects were approved by the County Administrative Officer and staff are in the process of solidifying ARPA Federal eligibility requirements and implementing the projects. The current projects are:
 - HHS – Aging & Independence Services “Older Adult Community Food Production Projects”
 - HHS – Child Welfare Services Polinsky Children’s Center “Polinsky Children’s Center Urban Farming and Utilization”
 - HHS – Public Health Services California Children’s Services “California Children’s Services Medical Therapy Program Gardening Education Projects”
 - LUEG – Department of Public Works Solid Waste Planning and Recycling “Healthy Food Starts with Soil – Compost and Mulch Giveaways”
 - LUEG – Department of Parks and Recreation “Calavo Park Community Garden”
 - LUEG – Department of Parks and Recreation “Collier Park Community Garden”
 - PSG – San Diego County Probation Department “Operation Positive Growth”

6. Declaring the County of San Diego a Champion for Reproductive Freedom on September 14, 2021.

- In light of recent attacks on abortion rights in other states, San Diego County is looking to serve as a model for upholding rights to reproductive freedom.
- As HHS is tasked with promoting wellness, self-sufficiency, and a better quality of life for residents, the San Diego County assumes responsibility for being a champion for reproductive freedom.
- Although abortions are legal, individuals still face barriers to reproductive access. This includes people of color, people with low incomes, immigrants, and young people.

III. Public Health Issues

A. Health Observances Days (October).

1. Bike to School Day: 10/5/22
2. National Latino AIDS Awareness Day: 10/15/22
3. Global Hand Washing Day: 10/15/22
4. National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day: 10/15/22
5. National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: 10/23/22 to 10/29/22
6. Domestic Violence Awareness Month: (all of October)
7. Health Literacy Month: (all of October)
8. National Bullying Prevention Month: (all of October)
9. Binational Health Week and Month: (all of October)
10. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month: (all of October)
11. National Physical Therapy Month: (all of October)

B. New Grant Submissions

1. Grant Applications: Public Health Services submitted an application for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Infrastructure Grant on 8/15/22.
 - a. This grant focuses on workforce, foundational capabilities, and data modernization.
 - b. The application amount requested will be up to \$162 million.
 - c. This is a competitive grant with only 116 awardees anticipated.
 - d. The Letter of Intent was submitted by PHS on 6/29/22.
2. EISB submitted a grant application for funding from the CDC for Pathogens Genomics and will hear

about this award on September 30. This grant, if awarded, would provide \$6 million per year up to 5 years.

a. **As an update, EISB was notified that they did not receive the grant award.**

C. New Grants Received

- a. **Authorize PHS Future Funding from CDPH for \$14,356,108 with focus on increasing workforce capacity.**
- b. **Accept CDC ELC SHARP Funding to strengthen Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI)/Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) program capacity at the San Diego County Public Health Laboratory. This will be accomplished through the funding of a Public Health Microbiologist, laboratory equipment, reagents, supplies, and maintenance contracts.**
- c. **Routine Vaccinations Grant: County and SDCOE have both received \$1.1 million each. The two entities will be coordinating this effort.**
- d. **COVID-19/Flu Vaccines:** The CDC announced a third round of supplemental funding opportunity to promote COVID and Flu vaccine awareness for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-23 (9/30/22-9/29/23) that will be offered to existing REACH grantees. Funding level is \$459,000.
- e. **Refugee Health Promotion Project (RHPP) (number 1)**
 - a. San Diego County was awarded a Refugee Health Promotion Project (RHPP), Afghan Health Promotion (AHP) Supplement fund award in the amount of \$100,000. The award period is October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, and is intended to improve the health of newly arrived Afghans through outreach, education, and support services.
- f. **Epi Capacity Grant:** Building Local Operational Capacity for COVID-19, Healthcare-Associated Infections, and Antimicrobial Resistance (BLOC COVID-19+)
 - a. In collaboration with the CDC, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), San Diego County was selected as a Building Local Operational Capacity for COVID-19, Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI's), and Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) (BLOC COVID-19+) awardee. The BLOC COVID-19+ demonstration site project seeks to strengthen relationships between local health departments (LHDs), facilities, and partners, enhance LHD capacity and confidence in assessing and supporting infection prevention and control (IPC) practices in high-risk facilities, improve implementation of IPC in high-risk facilities, and decrease rates of and negative outcomes associated with COVID-19, HAIs, and AR pathogens within those facilities.
- g. **STD Funding**
 - a. San Diego received approximately \$543,000 in funding for Disease Intervention Specialist workforce training and development. Funding can be used for new or existing staff. The funding is for 5 years and is a supplement to existing STD funding. Period of award is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024 (notification came in September 2021).
 - b. **San Diego has received notice of award of \$2,285,746 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for Syphilis Outbreak Strategy Funding. Length of term is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.**

2. Ongoing Funding

- a. **Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Original and Expansion (Approved by the BOS on 6/8/21)**
 - a. The County of San Diego received two funding allocations for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection grant (original and expansion). The plan for this funding spans six different strategies that collectively build upon current investments and better prepare the County to respond to the needs of the community, allowing for prioritization of resources to serve those most vulnerable to the impacts of SARS-COV-2/COVID-19 and to build infrastructure for preparedness to address other outbreak responses caused by infectious disease.
 - b. These activities are funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and extend over two funding periods from 5/18/20 to 11/17/22 (original) and 1/15/21 through 7/31/23 (expansion).
 - c. These funds are intended to provide critical resources to local health departments for a broad range of activities related to COVID-19 testing and epidemiologic surveillance, including the establishment of modernized systems which will lay the foundation for the future of public health surveillance.
 - d. Funding amounts: Original – \$20,177,680; Expansion - \$123,774,567.
- b. **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Initiative to address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and**

Ethnic

Minority Populations and Rural Communities (RFA OT21-2103).

- a. Approved by the BOS on 7/13/21
MCFHS developed the grant application on behalf of Public Health Services (PHS), which included an extensive stakeholder engagement process with internal County departments to determine activities to leverage or enhance existing COVID-19 response efforts and ensure sustainable public health capacity building efforts for future emergency responses.
 - b. The *San Diego COVID-19 Health Disparities Project* supports the expansion and strengthening of the local COVID-19 response and prevention capacity through activities in 4 strategies:
 - Increased testing, tracing, and vaccinations,
 - Improved public health data systems,
 - Improved linkages to health and social services for vulnerable populations, and
 - Expanded public health infrastructure for COVID-19 prevention and control to reduce health disparities and expand health equity.
 - c. Priority populations include racial and ethnic minorities and other low-income populations that have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - d. This project is funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the period 6/1/21 through 5/31/23 and will be implemented in collaboration with County staff, community partners, and contracted service providers. Funding amount is \$24,255,805.
- c. Workforce Development Grant**
- a. San Diego County was awarded \$4,647,527 for Workforce Development planning for FY 21/22 and FY22/23.
 - b. The funds are allocated to recruit, hire, and train personnel to address COVID-19 response needs over a two-year performance period, including hiring personnel to build capacity to address public health priorities deriving from COVID-19.
- d. Kresge Emerging Leaders in Public Health Grant**
- a. PHS is working with the *Live Well San Diego* Team to contract with speaker, Trabian Shorters, to provide a series of community conversations on Asset Framing.
- e. National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) Multi-state EHR-based Network for Disease Surveillance (MENDS)**
- a. San Diego Health Connect has discontinued their participation. HHS is looking for other opportunities to continue the project in conjunction with other critical Public Health IT projects.
 - b. **MCFHS received \$150,000 one-time funding in budget build for Chronic Disease Surveillance to begin to work with San Diego Health Connect (SDHC) to implement MENDS for our region. Initial conversation began with SDHC team on 7/19/2022 to explore options for implementation including sources for baseline and ongoing data. Additional discussion with the MENDS team from the National Association for Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) to determine the extent of support available and ongoing participation in the MENDS governance and workgroups is ongoing**
- f. STD Funding:**
- a. San Diego received notice of funding award for STD services in the amount of \$1,045,125 for the period of 7/1/19 to 7/30/24. 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
 - b. HSHB is receiving \$775,254 in STD funding from CDPH State Local Assistance Funds for the time period of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2022 for STD prevention and control activities. Fifty percent of the funding will be contracted out to local community providers. Update April 2022: The County was notified on March 25, 2022 that it will receive approximately \$370,000 in additional STD State Local Assistance funding for the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 2022. 50% of funds must be allocated to a community-based organization and cannot be carried over into next fiscal year. Funds can be used retroactively to July 1, 2021. **As an update September 2022: San Diego has received an additional \$260,264 in funding from the California Department of Public Health for State Local Assistance Funding for the time period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This brings total funding up to \$500, 212.**
- g. CalFresh Healthy Living** (Formerly known as NEOP or Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention, through the SNAP-ED Program):
- a. CDPH Granted an extension to a Year 4 (FFY 23: Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023) of a normal 3-year grant
 - Total Estimated Budget (State Award + Carry-In) is \$5,109,673 for Year 4
 - Four existing contracts are being amended for a YEAR 4 extension (San Diego Unified School District,

- YMCA, UCSD, and Vista Community Clinic)
- Three new projects are being procured for Year 4 (FFY 23):
 - University of California Cooperative Extension: Food Recovery (\$121,416.00)
 - RFQ for Active Living (\$90,000.00)
 - Community Health Worker (In collaboration with REACH Supplemental Grant) (\$149,000)
- Three MOU/MOA's are in process:
 - University of Colorado Denver: Text Messaging Pilot Program (\$ 27,515)
 - LUEG Food Recycling: Extending for another year (\$87,327)
 - MOA Template for Schools: Was created to expedite the process as schools are increasingly requiring MOA's when working with County departments. Currently with PHS Admin for review.
- b. CFHL Team is in the beginning stages of planning for our next funding cycle (FFY24 – 26)
- h. Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI):**
 - a. The Fatherhood Parenting Program one-year contract ended in 2021.
 - **Virtual Implicit Bias Trainings continue for Health Care providers and their staff. There are two trainings each month, and a total of four trainings have been provided.**
- i. CDC Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Grant Supplemental Funding**
 - b. CDC announced a new supplemental funding opportunity to promote vaccine awareness for the second supplemental grant, SD REACH: Expanding Vaccination Coverage, was awarded on 3/30/21 for \$629,640 for an 18-month period between 3/30/21 through 9/29/22.
 - This program will support adult COVID-19 and influenza vaccination coverage for racial and ethnic groups (African Americans, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, and Hispanic Americans) who are experiencing disproportionate vaccination rates and are at risk for adverse health outcomes associated with influenza and COVID-19.
 - The CDC announced a third round of supplemental funding opportunity to promote vaccine awareness for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-23 (9/30/22-9/29/23) that will be offered to existing REACH grantees. The funding level is \$459,000.
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- j. California Home Visiting Program (CHVP)**
 - a. The California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division, announced an intent to award American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funded portion of the CHVP program.
 - The funding amount is for \$141,209. Funds must be used from once the agreement is executed with CDPH MCAH through September 30, 2023.
 - Funding must be used for hazard pay or other staff costs, home visiting training, technology, emergency supplies, diaper bank coordination, or prepaid groceries.
 - The local CHVP MIECHV program implements the Nurse-Family Partnership program in the North Coastal and North Inland regions and plans to use the funds for prepaid grocery cards and emergency supplies for families in the program.
 - b. The California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division, announced an intent to award Round two of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funded portion of the CHVP program.
 - The funding amount is for \$214,240. Funds must be used from once the agreement is executed with CDPH MCAH and Round 1 funds are depleted through September 30, 2024.
 - Funds must be used for the same purposes as CHVP MIECHV Round 1 American Rescue Plan Act Funds.
 - c. The California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division, announced an intent to expand CHVP State General Fund (SGF) funding this fiscal year and ongoing to provide additional home visiting services to families.
 - The anticipated funding amount is \$400,000, plus a differential based on local Medi-Cal births over the past three years.
- k. Tobacco Control Resource Program (TCRP)**
 - a. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP) contracts with the County to carry out the mandates of Proposition 99 and Proposition 56, which includes mandates to reduce the rate of smoking by addressing four priority areas:

- b. Limit tobacco promoting influences.
- c. Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke, tobacco smoke residue, tobacco waste, and other tobacco products.
- d. Reduce the availability of tobacco.
- e. Promote tobacco cessation.
 - CDPH-CTCP provided the projected in its Local Lead Agency (LLA) Allocation Table that San Diego County’s funding level for the period of January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 would be
 - \$4,048,102. CTCP also provided guidance for LLAs to conduct a community needs assessment to inform the development of the FY 2022-25 Work Plan.
 - In accordance with CTCP’s guidelines, the framework of the LLA FY 2022-25 Work Plan is the State’s *End Commercial Tobacco Campaign*, which “aims to build a movement across California that prepares and transitions communities to end the tobacco epidemic.
 - The Communities of Excellence in Tobacco Control, community needs assessment results led to the prioritization of the following Work Plan objectives:
 - Adoption and implementation of a new comprehensive tobacco retail licensing policy.
 - Adoption and implementation of a policy that eliminates smoking in all outdoor recreational and non-recreational public places.
 - Maintenance and expansion of the San Diego Tobacco Control Coalition, by establishing new partnerships with organizations serving or addressing non- traditional tobacco control partners.

I. San Diego Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (SD REACH) (CDC-RFA-DP18-1813)

- a. On October 30, 2018, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the acceptance of \$3.96 million in grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the period of September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2023.

m. Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health

- a. The Board of Supervisors accepted Title V MCH Block Grant funding and BIH State General Fund funding from the California Department of Public Health on June 28, 2022. The funding term is for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 for a cumulative total of \$4,036,245.

n. Black Infant Health (BIH)

- a. The California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division, announced an intent to expand BIH State General Fund (SGF) funding this fiscal year and ongoing to provide services to additional BIH clients.
 - The anticipated funding amount is \$602,920, plus a differential based on number of clients served.

IV. Fellows and Research Associate

1. PHS Administration-Office of Health Equity & Climate Change

- a. Health and Human Services Agency Director signed a letter of support for SDSU Research Center for a multi-million dollar, multi-year grant to build local research infrastructure for minority health. SDSU Research Center was successful in obtaining the grant referred to as HealthLINK.
 - This is part of the grant funds a position for a Research Associate who reports part-time to SDSU and part- time to Jo-Ann Julien in the PHS Office of Health Equity. The Research Associate is working on this project. for two years (2021-2023) focused on health equity research projects.

2. Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch (EISB)

- a. CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Fellow - two years, FY 21/22 and 22/23.
- b. Council on State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Fellow - two years, FY 21/22 and 22/23.

3. Maternal Child and Family Health Services

- a. Council on State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Fellow - two years, FY 21/22 and 22/23. Working on chronic disease surveillance.

4. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch

- a. California Pathway Training Program. Loise Jensen, two years FY 21,22 and 22/23. CDI trainee working on syphilis investigations and surveillance.

V. Abstracts Submitted

- 1. **Public Health Services submitted three abstracts for the 2022 CSAC Challenge Awards on 8/31/22.**

VI. Board Letter Forecast

August 2022			
1. Ratify Declaration of Public Health Emergency Regarding Monkeypox	8/9/22	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
2. Provide COVID-19 Update	8/16/22	HHSA	Dr. Wooten
3. Provide Tobacco Retail License Program Evaluation Update	8/16/22	MCFHS	Kirk Bloomfield
4. Accept Ryan White Part A Funding FY 22/23 and Authorize HIV Services Procurements	8/16/22	HSHB	Lauren Brookshire
5. Provide Monkeypox Update	8/30/22	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
6. Authorize PHS Future Funding	8/30/22	ADMIN	Romina Morris
September 2022			
7. Provide COVID-19 Update	9/13/22	HHSA	Dr. Wooten
8. Provide Monkeypox Update	9/13/22	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
9. Accept CDC ELC SHARP Funding	9/27/22	PHL	Dr. Corrigan
10. Declaring Homelessness a Public Health Crisis	9/27/22	D1 and D4	Supervisor Vargas and Supervisor Fletcher
October 2022			
11. Provide COVID-19 and Monkeypox Update	10/11/22	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
12. Fentanyl Education	10/11/22	D5	Supervisor Desmond
13. Authorize Health Services Complex/Public Health Lab Facility/Funding	10/25/22	Department of General Services	Trisha Wood
14. Authorize Administrative Services Organization Procurement	10/25/22	HSHB	Lauren Brookshire
November 2022			
15. Provide COVID-19 and Monkeypox Update	11/15/22	HHSA	Dr. Wooten
16. Accept Additional STD Funding	11/15/22	HSHB	Lauren Brookshire
17. Authorize As-Needed Temporary Staffing Procurement	11/15/22	EISB	Jeff Johnson
18. Cannabis Program Enhancements Return	11/15/22	LUEG	LUEG
DECEMBER 2022			
19. Accept Ending the HIV Epidemic Funding	12/13/22	HSHB	Lauren Brookshire
20. Declaring Illicit Fentanyl a Public Health Crisis Return	12/13/22	BHS	TBD
2023 and TBD			

21. Provide Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative Update	Jan 2023	TBCRH	Jeffrey Percak
22. Provide Annual Update on Broader Efforts Around Community Gardens and Food Sustainability	Jan 2023	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
23. Provide Tobacco Retail License Program Update	Aug 2023	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
24. Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program Policy	Dec 2023	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
25. Accept Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Funding	TBD	EISB	Jeff Johnson

VII. High Level Trainings for New Employees, Starting in FY 22/23

Training Title	Source
Public Health 101 (3 parts)	Public Health Services
Health Equity (1 part)	Public Health Services
Climate Change (1 part)	Public Health Services
Health Literacy	Public Health Services
Racial Equity (1 -5 modules; available to all staff)	Public Health Services
NIMS: National Incident Management System (multiple)	FEMA
Cultural Competency	The Knowledge Center
Customer Service	The Knowledge Center

VIII. Site Visits

Site Visits/Audits

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
Visit: May 23-27, 2022 Report: estimated 7/27/22	Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) virtual visit for Ryan White Part A to cover programmatic and fiscal review. As an update, the final site visit report was received in September of 2022. A response was delivered on 8/26/2022.	Health Resources and Services Administration, Lennwood Greene
Visit: September 2022 Report: TBD	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) to inspect San Diego County Public Health Laboratory. CLIA regulates laboratory testing and requires clinical laboratories to be certified every two years before they can accept human samples for diagnostic testing.	CLIA
Visit: Fall 2022 Report: TBD	California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to make site visit to the PHS Immunization Vaccine warehouse.	CDPH
Visit: Desk Review Report: Estimated date 9/1/22	Fiscal Year 2018-19 Cost Report Audit for Targeted Case Management (TCM) by California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Providing information to DHCS.	DHCS

Visit: Visit was postponed, and no estimated date has been provided by CDC	Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Cooperative Agreement Annual Site Visit. Visit to be scheduled in the future.	CDC Program Officer Vincent Fears
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IX. Announcements

1. New Hires

- a. Dr. Jeffrey Percak began as the new Chief of the Tuberculosis Control and Refugee Health Branch on 6/13/22.
- b. **Matthew Lui began as the new Program Coordinator for the Public Health Lab in the Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch.**

X. Recognitions and Awards

1. Dr. Wooten has been serving as the Chair of Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) since July 2022. The PHAB works to promote and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of all public health departments in the United States through national public health department accreditation. PHAB's vision is a high-performing governmental public health system that will make the United States a healthier nation.
2. Dr. Ankita Kadakia, Deputy Public Health Officer, was recently selected as the President Elect for California Tuberculosis Controller's Association.
3. Dr. Seema Shah, Medical Director of the Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch, was recently selected as the President Elect of the California Communicable Disease Controllers.
4. Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Deputy Public Health Officer, was recently selected to join as a member of the Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) under the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) and its Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII). The IAC will advise CalHHS and CDII on DxF implementation topics, including, but not limited to: (1) Prioritizing Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) and Policies and Procedures (P&Ps) modifications and additions (2) Data Exchange Intermediary qualification criteria (3) DxF grant program criteria and processes.

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