



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

July 7, 2020, *3PM–5PM* 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 the last issued Influenza Watch surveillance report of the flu season, through April 4, 2020, there have been 20,591 reported positive influenza cases since July 1, 2019. During this same time, there have been 105 deaths and 60 confirmed influenza outbreaks.
- As of 04/04/2020, there have been 11,212,956 vaccinations registered into SDIR. These reflect vaccinations administered and reported by many types of providers, hospitals, pharmacies, and County staff.

2. Measles

- For calendar year 2020 to date, there have been no reported confirmed measles cases.

3. Mumps

- Mumps continues to circulate within San Diego County
- In 2020 so far, there have been 16 cases of mumps identified in San Diego County.
- An outbreak of mumps was identified among students at San Diego State University (SDSU). As of 2/26/2020, four confirmed cases and 2 probable cases of mumps have been identified. On 2/26/2020, a San Diego CAHAN alert was issued about this situation.
- In 2019, a total of 66 San Diego County residents were reported with confirmed or probable mumps, the greatest number in over 25 years. Cases ranged in age from 9 months to 79 years (median 28 years) and 40 (61%) were male. Of the 6 cases in 2019, 8 have been associated with an outbreak at the Otay Mesa detention facility.
- 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.

4. 2019 Novel Coronavirus

- Since early December 2019, a new strain of coronavirus was identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China. This virus is now known as Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Confirmed cases of this virus have now been identified in many places in China and in the world. Currently, it is unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people.
- The County of San Diego has developed a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emerging Disease Response Plan (Plan) to address the County of San Diego’s response to the current potential of a COVID-19 case or outbreak within San Diego County.
- The key features of the Plan will be: 1) public health surveillance and investigation; 2) public health laboratory specimen collection, transport, and testing; 3) guidance to healthcare community; 4) communication to the public; 5) planning, preparedness, and response; and 6) collaboration with state health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- A local emergency was declared on February 14, 2020

As of July 1, 2020:

- **The current number of cases in the U.S. is over 2,624,873 and 127,299 deaths**
- **California Cases**
 - **The current number of cases in CA is now 232,657 cases and 6,090 deaths.**
- **San Diego Cases**
 - **San Diego County residents – 14,623**

- **Deaths – 372**

II. Board Actions

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- December 1 to 7, 2019 was National Influenza Vaccination Week
- December 1 to 7, 2019 was National Handwashing Awareness Week

IV. Grants

A. New Applications

- CDC Opioid “Data to Action” Public Health Grant
 - HHSa submitted a grant application titled “Data to Action: A San Diego Model for Opioid Overdose Surveillance and Prevention” on May 2, 2019.
 - Award notification was given on August 13, 2019.
 - 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.
 - The funding amount requested was \$2,185,228 per year for up to three years.
 - 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:

- Drs. Wooten and Hernandez met with the leadership of the City of Encinitas (February 4, 2020), City of Lemon Grove (February 10, 2020), City of Chula Vista (March 6, 2020), City of San Marcos (March 17, 2020), City of Vista (March 18, 2020), City of Oceanside (March 19, 2020), City of Carlsbad (March 23, 2020), City of Del Mar (April 7, 2020), City of Poway (April 23, 2020), and the City of La Mesa (May 5, 2020).
- Due to a shift of priorities surrounding the COVID-19 response, the County of San Diego PHS requested an extension to the grant period. **The Kresge Foundation approved this extension request and moved the grant end date to November 30, 2020.**
- The last of the 2 city meetings with the City of Solana Beach and the City of Coronado are tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2020.**

B. Funding

1. Local Oral Health Program (LOHP):

- 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 was held February 22, 2020 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Seven locations throughout the County offered free dental screenings and sealants and fluoride varnish placement. Over 220 children received services valued at \$52,480.
- The program provided 2000 toothbrush kits to San Diego Unified School District for distribution with meals to families needing assistance due to COVID-19. Kits contained a toothbrush, small toothpaste, toothbrush cover, floss, and a pamphlet on good oral health.**

2. Tobacco Control Resource Program (TCRP):

- 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 smoke free 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 smoke free outdoor dining policy.

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- A Board Letter and recommendations for ordinances banning flavored smoking products, establishing one-year moratorium on electronic smoking devices, and prohibiting smoking in outdoor dining areas were approved on 1/14/20 (1st reading) and 1/28/20 (2nd reading).
- A Board Letter and recommendations for a Tobacco Retail Licensing program will be returned on 4/7/20, along with an amendment to the flavored smoking product ban to include smokeless tobacco products and a hookah exemption review. Due to COVID-19, the Board Letter date is rescheduled to 9/29/20 (1st reading).
- On direction of the Board, TCRP staff are coordinating with HHS and County communications to promote a vaping public awareness campaign.
- Contract amendments with three TCRP regional contractors (Vista Community Clinic, CASA, and SAY San Diego) will fund data collection for the Young Adult Tobacco Purchase Survey in the unincorporated area. The survey was completed in February 2020 and a report is under development.
- A single source contract with the University of California, San Diego will fund expanded data collection for the California School Tobacco Survey in 2019-20. The contract was executed on 4/15/20.
- **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.**

3. STD Funding:

- The CDPH STD Control Branch (STDCB) received a \$5 million one-time increase in funding spendable in FY16-17, FY17-18, and FY18-19. HSHB received \$427,649 of that amount.
- San Diego received notice of funding award for STD services in the amount of \$1,045,125 for the period of July 1, 2019-July 30, 2024. This represents an annual decrease of \$228,024 per year. CDPH has directed most of the funding to health jurisdictions experiencing high rates of congenital syphilis and syphilis among women of childbearing age.
- HSHB is receiving \$1,618,445 (revised and reflects an additional \$573,320) in STD funding from CDPH for the time period 7/1/2019-6/30/2024 for sexually transmitted disease prevention and control activities. BOS authorized acceptance of these funds on 12/10/2019.
- 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.

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

- 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.
 - Contract was executed 12/31/19
- 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.
 - **New target date start date is 8/1/20**
 - 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 separate awards to Community Based Organizations. Funded at up to **\$264,000** annually (up to \$88,000 each award) through 9/30/22.
 - **Vista Community Clinic was selected as one of the three Community Based Organizations for an HCHR contract serving the City of Vista.**
 - **Contract start date: 6/8/20**
 - **RFQ 10376: Active Living Policy and Planning Services was posted to BuyNet on 6/10/20. Will provide TA to Vista HCHR and will support on Active Transportation efforts in the unincorporated areas.**
 - **Target effective date: 8/15/20**
 - **An RFI is planned for 8/15/20 to gather additional input on community need for the 2 other HCHR contracts, and for the TA provider.**
 - **Funded at up to \$426,000 annually through 9/30/22**
 - **Up to \$88,000 annually each for 2 HCHR contracts in other jurisdictions**
 - **Up to \$250,000 annually for TA contract**
 - **New target date start date for these contracts is TBD.**
5. **Perinatal Equity Initiative:**
- **The next PEI Community Advisory Board meeting will be held on July 10, 2020 via Microsoft Teams.**
6. **California Home Visiting Program:**
- 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.
 - MCFHS received a Notice of Intent for Award Home Visiting State General Fund Expansion Funds from CDPH on January 21, 2020. San Diego County will receive \$703,718 annually for four years beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 to expand current home visiting services utilizing Nurse-Family Partnership home visiting model. The Board Letter to accept these funds is slated for April 7, 2020.
 - BOS accepted these funds on April 7, 2020. MCFHS is working with First 5 San Diego to expand current home visiting services utilizing Healthy Families America home visiting model.
7. PHS EISB received \$126,000 in grant funds to support specialized respiratory surveillance in sentinel sites. This would allow for sentinel surveillance of COVID-19, Flu, RSV, Parainfluenza virus.
8. **San Diego Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (SD REACH):**
- 2-1-1 Scope of Work was added to Eligibility Operations' 2-1-1 contract that was executed 7/1/19. SOW focus is to develop a bi-direction referral system between community-based lifestyle change programs and Federally Qualified Health Centers operating in the Central and Southeastern areas in the City of San Diego.
 - 2-1-1 REACH Scope of Work is 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).
 - Short-term contract executed through 9/30/19 for REACH project year 1 with Cook & Schmidt to develop targeted public awareness media campaign for the Central and Southeastern areas in the City of San Diego focused on promoting breastfeeding and shopping at Farmers Markets.
 - **A multi-year RFQ for Active Transportation services is in development with a targeted effective date of August 1, 2020 funded annually at \$60,000 through August 31, 2023.**

- This project will involve a significant partnership with the City of San Diego’s Transportation and Storm Water Division.
- RFQ 10374: Active Transportation Project was posted to BuyNet 6/16/20.
- Target contract start date: 8/1/20.
- Contract amendment for Be There San Diego planned with a focus to improve health outcomes for clients served at Federally Qualified Health Centers by Community Health Workers through health systems improvements.
 - Funded at \$60,000 through 9/30/20, with option to extend to 12/30/20 pending approval by funder.

V. Public Health Initiatives

A. Major Initiative Updates and Highlights

1. Getting to Zero –

- 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.**
- The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch collaborated with UCSD to host a summit on 2/29/2020 to address the federal End the HIV Epidemic initiative. There were over 100 participants. Speakers included Supervisor Nathan Fletcher and Health and Human Services representative Harold Phillips.

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 March 10.
- 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.

VI. Board Letter Forecast

December 2019			
9. City-County MOA 3 rd Basic Agreement	12/10/19	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
10. Amend STD Prevention Grant and Accept Additional STD and HCV Funding	12/10/19	HSHB	Patrick Loose
11. Accept PEI Funding	12/10/19	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
January 2020			
12. Public Health Services FY 18-19 Accomplishments Presentation	1/14/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten and Liz Hernandez
13. Return to the Board for Public Health Crisis from Cigarettes and Electronic Smoking Devices (Hearing #1)	1/14/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
14. Refugee Resettlement Consent	1/14/20	Integrative Services	PHS is concurring
15. Prescription Drug Abuse Plan Update Memo	1/14/20	BHS	PHS is concurring

16. Return to the Board for Public Health Crisis from Cigarettes and Electronic Smoking Devices (Hearing #2)	1/28/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
February 2020			
17. Ratify Proclamation of Local Emergency and Ratify Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding COVID-19	2/19/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
18. Accept CDPH Infectious Disease Funding	2/25/20	EISB	Jeff Johnson
March 2020			
19. Return to the Board for review of Local Health Emergency for COVID-19 every 30 days	3/10/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
20. Hep C Initiative Recommendations Update	3/10/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
April 2020			
21. Accept CDPH California Home Visiting Program Funding	4/7/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
22. Accept HRSA 20-078 Grant	4/7/20	HSB	Patrick Loose
23. Provide COVID-19 Update	4/7/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
24. Accept Revenue Agreement for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	4/21/20	EISB	Jeff Johnson
25. Provide COVID-19 Update	4/21/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
May 2020			
26. Recommendations for Kratom Regulations or Ordinance Amendment	Board Memo	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
27. Accept HRSA Grant for COVID-19 Response	Board Memo	HSB	Patrick Loose
28. Provide COVID-19 Update	5/5/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
June 2020			
29. Accept TB Revenue	6/2/20	TB	Dr. Kadakia
30. Provide COVID-19 Update	6/2/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
31. Accept Ryan White Part A/MAI Funding	6/23/20	HSB	Patrick Loose
32. Provide COVID-19 Update	6/23/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
33. Provide Getting to Zero Update	Board Memo	HSB	Patrick Loose
July 2020			
34. Provide COVID-19 Update	7/7/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
August 2020			
35. Provide COVID-19 Update	8/4/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
September 2020			
36. Provide COVID-19 Update	9/15/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
37. Present Tobacco Retailers License Program Recommendations: 1 st Reading	9/29/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman

38. Provide COVID-19 Update	9/29/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
October 2020			
39. Provide COVID-19 Update	10/13/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
40. Present Tobacco Retailers License Program Recommendations: 2nd Reading	10/13/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
41. Request Health Information Exchange Contract Renewal Authority	10/27/20	EISB	Jeff Johnson
November 2020			
42. Provide COVID-19 Update	11/17/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
43. Present Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative Recommendations	11/17/20	TBRHB	Dr. Kadakia

VII. Announcements

A. Personnel:

1. New Hires:

- **Over 180 Contact Tracers and Investigators have been hired in the Epidemiology, Immunizations, and Surveillance Branch to support COVID-19 response efforts.**

VIII. Site Visits/Audits

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
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: TBD 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: N/A	CHEMPACK site visits by CA Dept of Public Health. This visit will not result in a report.	CDPH
Visit: 10/29/19 Report: N/A	Anthrax site visit (review, readiness, and capacity). This visit will not result in a report.	CDC
Visit: February 2020 (TBD) Report: TBD	CDC Select Agent Program Inspection and Certificate renewal site visit	CDC Lab
Visit: March 9- 13, 2020 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: March 2020 Report: TBD	Management Evaluation of the CalFresh Health Living Program, inclusive of partnering local implementing agencies: Aging and Independent Services and Catholic Charities of San Diego	California Dept of Social Services

IX. Recognitions and Awards

A. HSHB received an unexpected award from HRSA for COVID-19 response to support Ryan White patients:

- **The title of the award is "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A COVID-19 Response."**

- **The amount of funding is \$543,390.**
- **The funding would support COVID-19 testing, treatment, and other needs experienced by persons living with HIV who have been impacted by COVID-19.**

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