



# THE STAKEHOLDER BRIEF

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is pleased to present “The Stakeholder Brief,” a quarterly update of important upcoming activities, actions and accomplishments from CDPH. Updates include information about meetings, presentations, media announcements and solicitations for input or services. To receive this update or to unsubscribe from the list, visit the CDPH [Subscribe page](#). For questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact us at [CDPHPress@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CDPHPress@cdph.ca.gov). Thank you.

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### Stakeholder Meetings

- October 4 - 5, 2015**, CDPH staff will participate in the inaugural event of the XV Binational Health Week (BHW) and the Binational Policy Forum on Migration & Global Health, to be held in the San Francisco Bay Area. More than 300 participants, including government officials, legislators, community organizations and health professionals from the U.S., Mexico and Latin America, will attend to raise awareness of priority health issues along the U.S.-Mexico border region to improve collaboration and resource sharing with the potential to improve health outcomes and access to care. Confirmed participants include California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Diana Dooley, Mexico’s Secretary of Health Dr. Mercedes Juan Lopez, various ambassadors of the Latin American participating countries, U.S. government delegates and UC officials.

Since its inception in 2001, BHW has expanded from a program between Mexico and California to one that now includes six Latin American countries, 43 U.S. states and three Canadian provinces.

### California Conference of Local Health Officers

- October 14 - 16, 2015**, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) will hold its [semiannual meeting](#) in La Jolla. The three-day meeting, “Achieving Health Equity



Through Public Health,” includes a CCLHO business meeting and a continuing medical education program. All CCLHO semiannual meeting information is available on the CDPH [CCLHO Web page](#).

- **December 3, 2015**, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Board of Directors will meet in Sacramento. All CCLHO meeting information is available on the CDPH [CCLHO Web page](#).

#### Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **October 14, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will conduct its Stakeholders Advisory Meeting (SAM) at the University of California, Los Angeles. The SAM provides an opportunity for OPG’s contractors, partners and California Gambling Education and Treatment Services supervisors and providers to network, learn about services available and provide feedback to assist OPG in developing innovative responses to new issues related to the prevention and treatment of gambling disorder.
- **October 19, November 16 and December 14, 2015**, the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch’s Site Assessment Section (SAS) staff is participating in Community Environmental Health Assessment Team (CEHAT) meetings in the city of South Gate in Los Angeles County. CDPH is conducting public health assessments at two Superfund sites in the city of South Gate. In response to requests from the community to include additional environmental stressors in its reviews, the SAS implemented the “Protocol for the Assessment of Community Excellence in Environmental Health” (PACE-EH), developed in part by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This is the first implementation of PACE-EH in California. Since January 2015, CDPH has facilitated these monthly CEHAT meetings which are at the core of the PACE-EH process. CEHAT members and partners include community members, civic groups, elected officials, and representatives of public agencies.
- **October 26, 2015**, the CDPH Nutrition Education & Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOPB) is hosting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) Stakeholders’ Meeting at the California State University, Sacramento Alumni Center. The purpose is to solicit input and feedback from stakeholders on the development, integration and evaluation of the NEOPB SNAP-Ed program. Quarterly meetings are required by Senate Bill 857 (Chapter 31, Statutes of 2014). Stakeholders and the public may participate in-person or via webinar. Registration is required. For more information, please visit the [NEOPB Web page](#) or email [NEOPBStakeholders@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:NEOPBStakeholders@cdph.ca.gov)
- **November 3 - 4, 2015**, the CDPH Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOPB) Project Directors Meeting (PDM) will take place at the Hilton Sacramento - Arden West. Meeting objectives include training and technical assistance for local health department (LHD) project directors and staff on the development of current and future work plans, preview NEOPB’s updated obesity prevention strategic plan for review, receive administrative updates from NEOPB section chiefs, and highlight and recognize LHD SNAP-Ed grantees that have performed exemplary work.
- **November 18, 2015**, the Biomonitoring California’s Scientific Guidance Panel will meet at CDPH State Public Health Laboratory (Richmond Campus). The agenda will be posted on

the [Biomonitoring California Web page](#) in mid-October. Biomonitoring California is a joint statutorily mandated program of CDPH, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the Department of Toxic Substances Control. The program is responsible for measuring toxic chemicals in Californians' bodies, tracking exposure trends and helping assess the effectiveness of existing public health and environmental programs in reducing exposures to toxic chemicals.

- **December 8, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will host its quarterly Advisory Group Meeting in Sacramento. At this meeting, stakeholders from the gambling industry, state regulatory agencies, non-profit organizations and the recovery community can provide feedback related to the OPG strategic plan. For more information or to request the agenda, please email [opg@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:opg@cdph.ca.gov).
- **December 2015**, the Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) will meet in Southern California. CDPH's California Tobacco Control Program (CDPH/CTCP), the California Department of Education's Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program (CDE/TUPE), and the University of California Office of the President's Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) will provide program updates to TEROC based on the 2015-2017 TEROC Master Plan objectives. Representatives from the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association will provide an update on current tobacco-related funding, activities and legislation. TEROC is a statutorily mandated oversight committee that monitors the use of Proposition 99 tobacco tax revenues. TEROC advises the CDPH/CTCP, CDE/TUPE, and TRDRP on agency, policy and budgetary issues. TEROC is also responsible for the development of a master plan for the future implementation of tobacco-control efforts in California.

### Center for Environmental Health

- **October 6, 2015**, the CDPH Food and Drug Branch (FDB) Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) Unit will host the next Tobacco Task Force meeting in Glendale. FDB staff will present an overview of the STAKE Act and update stakeholders on STAKE Unit activities regarding the illegal sales of tobacco to minors. The Tobacco Task Force is a partnership of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies working together to foster communication and share knowledge as it relates to tobacco-related law enforcement issues. In addition to FDB's STAKE Unit, Task Force members include the California Department of Justice, California Board of Equalization, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Tobacco Tax Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- **October 28, 2015**, the CDPH Radiologic Health Branch will hold its biannual Radiologic Technology Certification Committee (RTCC) public meeting in Sacramento. The RTCC assists, advises and makes recommendations for the establishment of regulations necessary to ensure the proper administration and enforcement of the Radiologic Technology Act in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 114855 through 114865. RTCC members are appointed by the CDPH director. Membership is comprised of six physicians and surgeons, two individuals representing the field of radiologic technology, one radiological physicist, one podiatrist and one chiropractic

practitioner. An agenda will be published by October 14, 2015 and will be available on [RHB's Web page](#).

## Center for Family Health

- **October 6 - 7, 2015**, the CDPH Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Division will host the annual meeting of its local agency contractors. Representatives from the 84 local WIC agencies will discuss operating, business and programmatic priorities, share updates and obtain input on strategies for the new contract period which begins October 1, 2015.
- **October 7, 2015**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division will host its biannual meeting of local MCAH directors. MCAH will convene representatives from the 61 local health jurisdictions to discuss emerging issues and Title V administrative and programmatic priorities. The formal agenda and MCAH statewide director update will be posted to the [MCAH Web page](#) closer to the meeting date.

The Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant provides core funding to California Title V programs serving all pregnant women, mothers, infants, children and adolescents, including children with special needs.

- **November 4 - 5, 2015**, the CDPH, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division will host the Perinatal Service Coordinator Annual Meeting at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom. The meeting convenes perinatal service coordinators from California's 61 local health jurisdictions. The agenda will focus on intimate partner violence, mother-to-baby transmission of opiates, and ins and outs of collective impact. Attendees will have an opportunity to share best practices and network. For more information, please visit the [CDPH Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program Web page](#).
- **November 5, 2015**, the CDPH California Home Visiting Program's (CHVP) State Interagency Team (SIT) Workgroup will hold its quarterly meeting in Sacramento. The workgroup strives to improve home visiting through interagency collaboration. The focus of the meeting will be developing organizational pathways to transition families to post-home visiting services. At the meeting, California Head Start Association (CHSA) and Department of Education staff will provide an overview of the Early Head Start/Head Start programs. There will be a discussion of how these programs can collaborate with CHVP so that graduating CHVP families can transition into Early Head Start/Head Start, without experiencing a gap in services. Additional opportunities for collaboration will also be identified. For more information, please visit the [CHVP Web page](#).
- **November 19, 2015**, the CDPH Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Division will convene the 34th Annual California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Conference, at the California Endowment Center in Los Angeles. The conference is for those interested in learning more about SIDS and other sleep-related infant deaths. The agenda will include discussion of current SIDS research, infant safe sleep and SIDS risk-reduction updates, and tips on SIDS home visits. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with SIDS experts, hear perspectives from SIDS-affected parents, and talk with SIDS coordinators and public health professionals. For more information on SIDS, please visit the [CDPH SIDS Web page](#).

## Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **November 3, 2015**, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records (CHSI-VR) will meet with county clerks, recorders and health departments at the quarterly Vision Group meeting in Sacramento. Items to be discussed include the issuance and registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths and marriages. Representatives from the Social Security Administration, Department of Motor Vehicles, and U.S. Passport Agency will discuss internal policies and procedures. The Vision Group meeting is sponsored by the County Recorder Association of California and CHSI-VR.

## Center for Infectious Diseases

- **October 5 - 7, 2015**, the CDPH Viral and Rickettsial Diseases Laboratory (VRDL) will participate in the 2015 joint meeting of the California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors and the California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers. In addition to VRDL's annual update, VRDL will present measles surge testing based on department experience from the 2014 and 2015 measles outbreaks and discuss suggestions to enhance surge capacity.
- **October 6, 2015**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch (IDB) staff will participate in the joint annual meeting of the California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors and the California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers in San Diego. Staff will present on mosquito-borne diseases including dengue and chikungunya.
- **October 6, 2015**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch staff will attend the regional stakeholders meeting on Stewardship of Medically-Important Antimicrobial Drug Use in Food Animals: Understanding the United States Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Guidance and Veterinary Feed Directive. The meeting is sponsored by Farm Foundation at the University of California, Davis. Representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture, FDA, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and others will address challenges for livestock producers and veterinarians to implement the FDA Guidance for Industry related to use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals.
- **October 15, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health (OBBH), as part of the Binational Border Health Consortium of the Californias, is convening the Binational Health Summit at the Hospital Angeles in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. The goal of the summit is to provide a platform where representatives from academic and public sectors, private health organizations and non-governmental organizations can discuss, analyze and provide solutions to public health issues in the California-Baja California border region. Discussion will center around challenges, promising practices and ways to work together as a consortium to elevate awareness of priority health issues and ultimately impact public policy.
- **October 19, 2015**, CDPH Office of Binational Border Health (OBBH) will hold its biannual Advisory Group meeting in San Diego. The Advisory Group is composed of 12 members, representing the California Conference of Local Health Officers, local governments, health plans, hospitals, community-based organizations, health consumers and universities from different geographic regions of California's urban, and rural communities. The Advisory

Group's supports the OBBH mission by developing and monitoring a strategic plan for OBBH to address border/binational health issues. The group also advises both CDPH and the California members of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission on critical health issues.

- **October 28 - 29, 2015**, The CDPH Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA) will host a California Planning Group (CPG) meeting in San Diego to continue the development of the 2016 Statewide Needs Assessment and California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan (Integrated Plan), as required by CDPH/OA federal funders, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Resources and Services Administration. The needs assessment will identify the HIV service gaps and areas of greatest need, and the Integrated Plan will articulate the goals and objectives deemed to be of critical importance in addressing those gaps and needs. This meeting is open to the public.

CPG is a statewide planning and advisory group that works in collaboration with CDPH/OA to reduce new HIV infections, increase access to care, improve health outcomes for persons living with HIV, reduce HIV-related health disparities and achieve a coordinated response to the HIV epidemic in California.

- **October 29, 2015**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch staff will participate in the quarterly meeting of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California in San Diego. Staff will present an update on key vector-borne diseases activities in California and participate in committee meetings.
- **November 17, 2015** the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health will convene the California/Baja California Quarterly Epidemiology Meeting in San Diego. Participants include key local and state public health officials from California and Baja California. The purpose of the meeting is to enhance situational awareness as it relates to infectious disease matters in the border region. This meeting provides a platform for sharing information on current infectious disease cases and/or outbreaks in the border region and discussing other public health concerns.
- **December 9 - 10, 2015**, the CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch will participate in a meeting in Oakland with the 15-member California Tuberculosis Elimination Advisory Committee, made up of county tuberculosis control directors, tuberculosis physicians from public and private settings, and directors of federally-qualified health centers that serve patients at high risk for tuberculosis. An additional 20 stakeholders will attend the first day of the meeting to develop an action plan to expedite tuberculosis elimination in California.
- **December 2015**, the CDPH Office of Refugee Health, in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services' Refugee Programs Bureau, will hold four quarterly regional stakeholder meetings in Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento and Alameda. The goal is to promote community engagement and improve self-sufficiency, adjustment and integration for newly arriving refugees by sharing information on refugee processing and arrivals, health concerns, available funding and resources, and other timely issues affecting refugee placement.

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## Laboratory Field Services

- **December 4, 2015**, the quarterly meeting of the Clinical Laboratory Technology Advisory Committee (CLTAC) will be held in Richmond and Los Angeles with a videoconference link. The agenda will be posted two weeks in advance on the [LFS Web page](#). Minutes from previous meetings are also available.

## Office of Health Equity

- **October 13, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity's Climate and Health Team will host Public Health Working Group of the Climate Action Team at the California Environmental Protection Agency building in Sacramento. This quarterly meeting will focus on adaptation planning with regional collaboratives, local health departments and community partners to weather the health impacts of climate change. Details, including speakers and agenda, will be available in October on the [Air Resources Board's website](#).
- **October 27, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity will hold a forum "Stakeholders in Equity," from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. The forum will be open to all registrants of the PolicyLink Equity Summit 2015 taking place October 27-29, 2015. At this forum, stakeholders will receive an overview of *Portrait of Promise: The California Statewide Plan to Promote Health and Mental Health Equity (2015)*. During this interactive forum, they will be invited to contribute their ideas to the plan's implementation.
- **October 27 - 29, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity staff will present "Institutionalizing Health Equity," at the Equity Summit "All in for inclusion, justice and prosperity," hosted by PolicyLink, in Los Angeles. The summit will connect attendees to the vision of the equity movement, applying a lens of inclusion, justice and prosperity to the urgent issues of today, and offering insight into the impact of local and national initiatives.
- **December 8 - 9, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity (OHE) Advisory Committee will hold its quarterly meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento. The OHE Advisory Committee was created to advance the goals of OHE and is comprised of up to 26 representatives from state agencies and departments, local health departments, community-based organizations, vulnerable communities and stakeholder communities. For more information, please visit [OHE's Web page](#). The public is encouraged to attend or call in.

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## Trainings & Conferences

### Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **October 15, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling will conduct the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services (CalGETS) Phase II Training at the University of California Los Angeles. This training is only available to authorized CalGETS providers and consists of a six-hour classroom session featuring advanced topics for the treatment of

gambling disorders. Participants will not be charged a registration fee and will receive five continuing education units. Advanced registration is required. To register and for more information please visit [www.problemgambling.ca.gov](http://www.problemgambling.ca.gov).

- **October 27 - 29, 2015**, the CDPH California Tobacco Control Program, in collaboration with the California Department of Education Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program, and the University of California, Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program, will co-host a conference, "Tobacco Control, Research, and Education: Joining Forces to Address New Challenges," in Sacramento. This conference is for California's tobacco-control advocates, researchers and prevention specialists funded by Proposition 99, the Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act of 1988. The conference is designed to provide opportunities to develop collaborative contacts and provide tools and resources that funded projects can use within their project activities. Other goals of the conference will be to address the state of the science in tobacco research and its practical application, and identify ideas that address the disproportionately high rates of tobacco use within priority populations.

#### Center for Environmental Health

- **October, November and December 2015**, the CDPH Food and Drug Branch, Food Industry Education and Training Unit (FDB-ETU) will host food safety trainings October 20 - 22 in Salida, October 28 in Downey, November 5 - 6 and 19 in Sacramento, November 12 in Rosemead and December 1 and 2 in Bakersfield. The training is for registered food processors on the topics of good manufacturing practices, recalls and labeling requirements. Food processors can register for these trainings at the [FDB-ETU Web page](#).

#### Center for Family Health

- **December 8 - 10, 2015**, the CDPH California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) will present at the annual [CalWORKs & Refugee Programs Training Academy](#) in Orange County. The theme this year is "Together Towards Tomorrow." CHVP staff will present at the Cal-Learn workshop and educate CalWORKs staff on the goals of home visiting, including the welfare-to-work activities credit that can be earned by participating in a home-visiting program. CHVP staff will also discuss the additional services and resources that are available through the CHVP infrastructure in order to provide integrated, complementary, non-duplicative services for clients.

CalWORKs is a welfare program that gives cash aid and services to eligible California families. The program serves all 58 counties and is operated locally by county welfare departments.

#### Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **October 13, 2015**, the Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will conduct a birth-data quality workshop in Pasadena for birth clerks, nurse managers and health departments to discuss the importance of timely and quality birth-data collection. Presenters include regional perinatal program coordinators and the Paternity Opportunity Program. The workshops offer a forum for sharing ideas and information.

- **September 28 - October 2, 2015**, CDPH Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch staff will provide clinical training on “Chlamydia 101” and “Sexual History Taking,” at the Fresno Community Regional Medical Center Ambulatory Care Center Quality Improvement Kaizen Event. The audience for this event is clinical providers, who will receive information on STD screening and treatment and clinical quality improvement.
- **October 16, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health, as part of the San Diego County Promotores Coalition (SDCPC), is holding its annual Promotores training at San Diego City College. The SDCPC aims to increase communication skills of Promotores/community health workers to facilitate communication between the community and health care providers.
- **October 20, 2015**, the CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch will hold an orientation in the Los Angeles area for local health department epidemiologists from eight local jurisdictions. The orientation will cover electronic reporting of surveillance data, access to tuberculosis data sources and reports, state-local program evaluation and improvement partnerships, outbreak prevention and control tools and services (including the use of genotyping data), and data analysis to inform tuberculosis control priorities and policies. This orientation follows a May 2015 pilot conducted for epidemiologists from six greater Bay Area health jurisdictions. At least one orientation is planned in 2016 for Central and/or Northern California.
- **October 26, 2015**, the Tuberculosis Control Branch will participate in the fall business meeting of the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association in Oakland. Tuberculosis controllers from throughout California will review guidelines and discuss strategies for the prevention, control and elimination of tuberculosis in California.
- **October 27 - 30, 2015**, the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch staff will attend the National Coalition of STD Directors’ Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA. The meeting will include sessions on disease intervention specialists, pre-exposure prophylaxis, innovative projects in STD prevention, updates on STD testing and treatment, outbreak response, racial disparities and STD assessment, Assurance, Policy Development, and Prevention Strategies, as well as an update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Division of STDs.
- **October 29 - 30, 2015**, the CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch staff will participate in the American Correctional Health Services Association’s annual conference entitled “Precision Healthcare -- Tailoring Inmate Care,” in Sacramento. CDPH staff will disseminate tuberculosis educational materials for providers and patients. This meeting brings together correctional-institution health care providers, local and state public health professionals and custody staff to share best practices and concerns about inmate health care.
- **October 21, November 18 and December 16, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health, as part of the San Diego County Promotores Coalition (SDCPC) is convening the monthly SDCPC meeting in San Diego. The SDCPC mission is to advance, value, and recognize the work of Promotores and to support organizations that work with Promotores to increase access and services to residents of San Diego County.

- **November 3, 2015**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch will participate in the annual Under Surveillance Symposium of the California Emerging Infections Program in Oakland. Public health workers and laboratorians in the San Francisco Bay area will learn about the latest updates on emerging infectious diseases.
- **November 16 - 18, 2015**, the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch is leading a Statewide Disease Intervention Meeting-Local Capacity Building Forum in San Francisco. The program will include inter-jurisdictional collaboration to address emerging issues and best practices in STD and HIV disease intervention, including internet partner notification, partner services, linkage to care, and pre-exposure prophylaxis. Staff working in STD/HIV disease intervention, including state and local disease intervention specialists, communicable disease investigators, public health investigators, public health nurses and others, are encouraged to attend.
- **November 17, 2015**, CDPH Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch will participate in the Fresno Adolescent Sexual Health Conference, a half-day clinical training conference for clinical providers working in pediatrics in Fresno County and the surrounding area.
- **November 17 - 20, 2015**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch will participate in the Integrated Foodborne Outbreak Response and Management conference in Phoenix, AZ. This meeting is tailored towards public health and regulatory officials involved in foodborne outbreak response activities.
- **December 6 - 9, 2016**, staff from the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch will attend the National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta, GA to collaborate with HIV researchers and program personnel to plan and implement HIV prevention and care programs.
- **December 6 - 9, 2015**, the CDPH Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA) staff will attend the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2015 National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. CDPH/OA staff will present posters on five topic areas: utilization of data to drive collaboration and implementation of HIV testing strategies, evaluation tools for HIV-prevention providers to better target populations at highest risk for HIV, California successes in routine opt-out HIV testing in health care settings in African American and Latino communities, HIV incidence in California, and challenges and solutions in sterile syringe access. These presentations highlight CDPH/OA work to introduce high-impact HIV prevention and meet national HIV/AIDS strategy goals in California.

This conference is for scientists, public health officials, community workers, clinicians and persons living with HIV to share their expertise in the work to prevent HIV infections, improve HIV care and reduce HIV-related health disparities. It allows for in-person collaboration between researchers and program personnel in planning and implementing HIV prevention and care programs to improve and strengthen a national response to HIV.

- **December 8 - 10, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Refugee Health (ORH) will participate in the 2015 CalWORKs and Refugee Programs Training Academy in Orange County. ORH will offer an assortment of workshops designed to assist in the efforts to provide services and

support to California's families and refugee populations in need. ORH will facilitate a workshop on health trends among newly arriving refugees.

- **December 15 - 16, 2015**, the CDPH Office of AIDS HIV Prevention Branch will convene a two-day workshop in Santa Ana titled "Routine Opt-Out Testing in Health Care Settings: Implement, Expand and Sustain." The mission is to develop effective, sustainable HIV testing programs by training health care professionals on current best practices and quality improvement strategies. This workshop will serve as an opportunity for past and current grantees and subcontractors to share best practices, explore new opportunities and collaborate on strengthening services for the underserved populations in California who are at risk for HIV. Workshop panels and training topics are expected to include increasing screening of new patients, improving provider buy-in, effective linkage to care and retention in care strategies and maximizing billing and reimbursements from third party payers.

### Emergency Preparedness Office

- **November 16 - 20, 2015**, CDPH will lead the 2015 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE) with the Emergency Medical Services Authority and county and healthcare partners across the state. CDPH will activate the Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC), the Richmond Campus Coordination Center (RCCC) and the Receiving, Storing and Staging (RSS) warehouse. Local health departments in Southern California will conduct their Public Health Emergency Preparedness-mandated full-scale dispensing exercise (Southern California Regional Exercise for Anthrax Disaster Incidents, or "SoCal READI"). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set the scenario for the SoCal READI exercise as an aerosolized anthrax attack. Counties in the rest of the state can use a Pandemic Influenza scenario set by the SWMHE Workgroup or select another scenario that allows them to test local objectives. Multiple CDPH Centers and programs will participate in the exercise, including staff that comprise the newly formed emergency response teams.
- **December 1 - 4, 2015**, the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference is being held in San Diego. This is an opportunity for hospital preparedness program staff throughout the state to attend, meet, network and see best practices from across the nation. The conference theme is "Ensuring Readiness, Building Resilience." Topics being presented include coalition building, pediatric surge, regional planning and response, mutual aid and managing scarce resources. The CDPH Emergency Preparedness Office will be sending several staff to network with California's health care coalitions to build preparedness capabilities that impact healthcare resources.

### Office of Health Equity

- **November 5, 2015**, CDPH Office of Health Equity staff will attend the 35th Annual Mental Health & Aging Conference "Aspects of Aging: Assessing & Navigating the Complex Challenges of Later Life," in Sacramento. This conference brings relevant content, developing theories and best practices to professionals serving older adults. Each year the conference attracts between 200-250 mental health, health care and older-adult professionals. Former Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg will provide the keynote address.

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## Regulatory Action

### Center for Family Health

- **Fall 2015**, the CDPH Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Division will propose amendments to the Vendor Authorization Criteria regulations per California Health and Safety Code Section 123322. The Vendor Authorization Criteria sets the minimum standards vendors must meet in order obtain and retain WIC authorization. The amendments will address stakeholder input on several issues, including the minimum food varieties and quantities a WIC-authorized store must stock, requirements for posting store hours and clarification on cash-register requirements. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to participate in an interactive webinar and provide input to the department regarding the proposed changes. The amendments will become effective once the regulatory process is complete, and CDPH/WIC will post the final rule changes on its [Web page](#) via a regulatory bulletin.

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## Grants, Contracts

### Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- The California Stroke Registry/California Coverdell Program (CSR/CCP) received a Notification of Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Prevention (PCNASP) program for a five-year project period (2015-2020). California was one of nine states selected in this competitive grant application. The PCNASP aims to reduce the burden of stroke disability and mortality by promoting quality improvement for acute stroke care across emergency medical services, hospital and post-discharge settings. The CSR/CCP is collaborating with the Emergency Medical Services Authority, and is contracting with the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency to support the program's integrated data system.

### Center for Family Health

- **Winter 2015**, the CDPH Maternal Child and Adolescent Health staff anticipates the release of a Request for Application for the Information & Education contracts. These contracts focus on providing sexual reproductive health information with the goal of avoiding unintended pregnancies and decreasing sexually transmitted infections. Current Information & Education contracts expire June 30, 2016. New cooperative agreements will be issued for three years for the new contract cycle that starts July 1, 2016.
- **November 2015**, the Health Resources and Services Administration will release a new Funding Opportunity Announcement for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs throughout the country. The California Home Visiting Program will be applying for these funds to continue home-visiting programs in the state. The anticipated start date of the funding is April 1, 2016.

## Center for Infectious Diseases

- **November 5, 2015**, final proposals are due for the CDPH Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA) insurance benefits management and medical benefits management services request for proposal (RFP). The purpose of this RFP is to select contractor(s) to administer premium and medical out-of-pocket cost payments for AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) clients. In 2014, ADAP received approval from the Administration and the Legislature to pay for medical out-of-pocket costs for clients enrolled in CDPH/OA's Health Insurance Premium Payment Program.
- **Fall 2015**, the CDPH Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA) AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) will release two requests for proposals (RFPs). The Enrollment Benefits Management services RFP will select a contractor to manage a client-enrollment system and track benefits for ADAP clients. The second RFP is for pharmacy-benefits management services. The awarded contractor will oversee the ADAP statewide pharmacy network. For more information, please visit [CDPH/OA's Web Page](#).
- **Fall 2015**, CDPH/OA will release a request for proposal (RFP) in the amount of \$1.76 million for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) navigation programs which will enable local health jurisdictions and community-based organizations to develop and implement PrEP programs in their communities. The RFP will fund PrEP patient navigator programs to educate individuals about PrEP, assist in obtaining insurance to access PrEP and support treatment adherence, which is necessary to utilize PrEP most effectively.

## Office of Health Equity

- **October 2015**, final proposals are due for the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) Phase II. The CDPH Office of Health Equity recently released multi-component solicitations for CRDP Phase II to fund various projects in an effort to reduce mental health disparities across five CRDP-targeted populations (African Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, Latinos, LGBTQ and Native Americans). Contractors and grantees will be chosen through 16 solicitations for statewide evaluator (SWE), technical assistance providers (TAP), population-specific capacity-building pilot projects (CBPP) and population-specific implementation pilot projects (IPP). The proposal submission deadline for the SWE and TAP is October 16, 2015, while the deadline for the CBPP and IPP is October 23, 2015. Approximately \$60 million will be available in contracts and grants over the next four years. These projects will advance CDPH's effort to improve quality of care for multicultural communities by providing funding to implement the practices and strategies identified in the CRDP Strategic Plan. For more information, please visit the [CRDP Web page](#).

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## Reports

### Center for Family Health

- **Early October 2015**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division (MCAH) will release an updated version of the California Adolescent Sexual Health Needs Index using 2013 data. This report uses data on a small geographic area (Medical Service Study

Area) to effectively target places and population most in need of adolescent reproductive and sexual health services, and is being used to support MCAH program targeting efforts among adolescent population. The report will be available on the [MCAH Web page](#).

- **Late October 2015**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division (MCAH) will release the county profile report. This report provides local data to communities in support of funding applications issued by MCAH. Data presented reflects measures of adolescent sexual and reproductive health, and other indicators related to social determinants of health and social disparities. The report will be available on the [MCAH Web page](#).
- **December 2015**, final Title V 2014 Annual Report and the 2016 Application, prepared by the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division and Department of Health Care Services' Systems of Care Division, will be available online on the [MCAH Web page](#). It will include the 2016-2020 Action Plan to improve the health of mothers, infants and children. The full report will also include responses to questions or comments fielded during the public comment period. The Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant is federally administered by the Health Resources Services Administration and provides core funding to California Title V programs serving all pregnant women, mothers, infants, children and adolescents, including children with special needs.
- **Late December 2015**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division will release infant mortality data related to sudden, unexpected infant deaths (SUID). Included will be the most recent data on sleep-related infant deaths with a final diagnostic cause of death of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Unknown/Undetermined, and Accidental Suffocation and Strangulation in Bed. These three diagnostic causes of infant death are referred to as SUID. The data will be presented statewide, by race and ethnicity, and county. Data previously released were specific to SIDS. For more information, please visit the [MCAH Web page](#).

## Office of Health Equity

- **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity anticipates releasing the California Reducing Disparities Project Strategic Plan to Reduce Mental Health Disparities. The community-authored strategic plan identifies 27 strategies for transforming the California public mental health system to better meet the needs of unserved, underserved and inappropriately served communities. To receive an announcement when the plan is released to the public, sign up at [OHE@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:OHE@cdph.ca.gov).

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## Speeches & Presentations

### Center for Family Health

- **October 31 - November 3, 2015**, three posters developed by the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division staff will be presented at the annual American Public Health Association (APHA) meeting in Chicago, IL. The first poster, "*Decomposing*

*Adolescent Birth Rates in the United States - Contributions of Individual States and Population Subgroups to the Nationwide Decline,*” presents methods and selected findings from an analysis of California’s contribution to the national decrease in the adolescent birth rate relative to other states and by race/ethnicity and age group. The second poster entitled “*A Population Based Method of Program Targeting: Lessons Learned from California Adolescent Sexual Health Programs,*” presents a methodology to improve adolescent sexual health program targeting, by ranking the need of geographical sub-areas in California (Medical Service Study Areas). “*Trends in the Adolescent Birthing Population in California, 1990-2012,*” presents a profile of past and current adolescent birthing populations (1990-2012), highlighting differences in key characteristics of mothers, babies, fathers and source of delivery payment. After the APHA presentation, these posters will be posted on the [CDPH Adolescent and Health Statistics Web page](#).

## Laboratory Field Services

- **November 4 - 6, 2015**, CDPH Laboratory Field Services (LFS) staff will present an update on LFS at the annual meeting of the California Clinical Laboratory Association to be held at the Westin South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa.

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## Recent Activities & Achievements

- CDPH won 19 awards in this year’s competition of the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) – a record for CDPH. NPHIC is a group of public health professionals who share communications techniques, with the goal of improving public health programs. This contest acknowledges excellence in public health communications while allowing public health professionals across the country to share their work with their peers. Contest categories ranged from print communications and media outreach to Web-based training and broadcast marketing. CDPH winning entries came from: California Tobacco Control Program (one Gold, one Silver and four Bronze), Immunization Branch (two Gold and one Silver), Center for Health Statistics and Informatics (one Bronze), Occupational Health Branch (two Silver and one Bronze), Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch (one Gold), Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (two Gold and one Silver), Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (one Silver), and Office of Public Affairs (one Bronze). All of the winning entries are posted on the [NPHIC website](#).

## Center for Environmental Health

- The CDPH Food and Drug Branch’s (FDB) Medical Device Unit staff were recipients of two awards – the 14th Annual Law Enforcement Award presented by the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the 2015 U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) Leveraging Collaboration Award for their leadership and effort in making “Operation Cat Eyes” a success. As part of this operation, CDPH staff took the lead in investigating the illegal sales of adulterated and misbranded prescription decorative contact lenses. Buying and wearing cosmetic contact lenses without a prescription can be harmful to the eyes and even lead to blindness. In two cases, investigators found contact lenses that were contaminated with bacteria known as *Bacillus cereus*. *Bacillus cereus* bacteria can cause severe infections that, even with

prompt treatment, can lead to blindness. With the assistance of the FDA and the California Department of Consumer Affairs, FDB and the Assistant U.S. Attorney targeted a dozen vendors, and subsequent prosecutions have resulted in six successful convictions. This case was publicized by the U.S. Attorney's Office for its importance to public health and safety.

- The CDPH Food and Drug Branch staff was awarded the 2015 U.S. Food and Drug Administration's "Leveraging Collaboration Award" for participation in joint investigative activities on the California Food Emergency Response Team during 2014. The award cited the group's efforts that protected public health through cooperative enforcement activities that removed adulterated food products from consumer channels and prevented outbreaks of foodborne illness. The activities recognized included the investigation of *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination in stone fruits that was associated with a cluster of illnesses, and a multi-state outbreak investigation of *E. coli* O157:H7 illnesses linked to bagged salad mix. These investigations resulted in the recall of approximately 58 million pounds of stone fruits and 315,385 bags of salad products.

### Center for Family Health

- **August 1, 2015**, CDPH issued a [news release](#) in celebration of National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. The theme for August 2015 was "Breastfeeding and Work: Let's Make it Work!" An accompanying [infographic](#) showed that not all working mothers in California have workplace support for breastfeeding.
- **August 17, 2015**, the CDPH Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Division, in collaboration with the Women, Infants and Children Division, released 2013 Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) benchmark reports for each of the Regional Perinatal Program of California (RPPC) and counties with at least five hospitals participating in the mPINC Survey. mPINC is a national survey of maternity care practices and policies that is conducted every two years by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These benchmark reports were created to provide RPPC coordinators and other breastfeeding stakeholders with local data to facilitate their work with hospitals in improving breastfeeding care. The 2013 mPINC benchmark reports can be downloaded by visiting the [California mPINC Survey Data Web page](#).
- **August 27, 2015**, the federal Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children recommended the addition of Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP). The RUSP is the list of disorders that the federal government recommends all states include on their newborn screening panels. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary will consider the recommendation and can add ALD to the RUSP at any time. Upon approval of the addition of ALD to the RUSP by the HHS, the CDPH Genetic Disease Screening Program will add this disorder to the list of 80 disorders currently screened for by the program.

### Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **As of September 1, 2015**, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records (CHSI-VR) has all 61 local health jurisdictions participating in the California Electronic Death Registration System (CA-EDRS). CA-EDRS is California's system for

electronic death certificate origination and registration. It is a Web-based application for California funeral directors, medical examiners, local registration districts, hospitals and physicians to submit electronic death records for registration, 24-hours a day. Having all local health jurisdictions within CA-EDRS enhances CHSI-VR's capability of providing customers with timely, high quality, accessible data and information in convenient and readily usable formats to support public health research, planning policy, and programs.

- **December 2015**, CDPH will begin the process of migrating the current CDPH Open Data portal to the California Health and Human Services Agency's (CHHSA) Open Data portal. CDPH Open Data datasets will be published alongside other CHHSA department microsites. This migration will allow CDPH to contribute to the administration, outreach, and promotion of open data and leverage the cost sharing advantages of a single, centralized CHHS Open Data portal. As the migration date approaches, CDPH will send out announcements to the Open Data ListServ community, the California Conference of Local Health Officers, County Health Executives Association of California and their stakeholders.

### Center for Infectious Diseases

- **November 2015**, CDPH-Office of AIDS will shift LabCorp HIV Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) to production status. This will mark the first laboratory to successfully engage in HIV ELR with CDPH. This significant step forward resulted from the summer 2015 CDPH Office of AIDS evaluation of LabCorp HIV-related laboratory results transmitted through the CDPH ELR System. During the evaluation period, 5,856 transactions (95.4 percent) of LabCorp results with a specimen collection date of May 1-31, 2015, were routed to 19 local health jurisdictions (LHJs). These LHJs performed a review of their LabCorp laboratory results showing that 100 percent of the LabCorp results reported to those 19 LHJs through their traditional (mostly paper) reporting processes were reported and routed correctly via the LabCorp ELR feed.

### Health Care Reform

- CDPH, like many other state and local health departments, continues to act in a catalyst and convener role in activities related to the Affordable Care Act, particularly the implementation of the [California State Health Care Innovation Plan](#) (Innovation Plan) which was designed to help California achieve the goal of being the healthiest state in the nation by 2022. CDPH Director's Office staff and programs have been focused on Accountable Communities for Health and building the Let's Get Healthy California website, both of which are key initiatives in the Innovation Plan.
- Over the last two months, CDPH has been inviting those who work to improve the health of their community and the state to submit their ideas to the Let's Get Healthy California (LGHC) "Innovation Challenge." The panel of judges will soon be reviewing the submissions in six categories that are aligned with LGHC goals: Healthy Beginnings, Living Well, End of Life, Redesigning the Health Systems, Creating Healthy Communities, and Lowering Cost of Care. Finalists will be announced later in the fall and will be highlighted at the statewide LGHC Innovation Conference January 26, 2016. Selected submissions will also be featured on the LGHC dashboard and website for its 2016 launch.

For more information or questions regarding Let's Get Healthy California, please visit the [California Health and Human Services Agency website](http://California Health and Human Services Agency website) or email [Innovate@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:Innovate@chhs.ca.gov) and [LGHC@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:LGHC@cdph.ca.gov).

- CDPH is working with Taborda Solutions and Uptown Studios to develop the Let's Get Healthy California website and dashboard. Staff and stakeholders have taken part in a human-centered design process to build a website where the 39 LGHC indicators and data will be tracked, local public health and health care initiatives and innovations will be spotlighted, and the status of California's journey of becoming the healthiest state in the nation will be shared. The website will be unveiled at the statewide LGHC Innovation Conference January 26, 2016.
- CDPH is currently in the process of developing an evaluation framework to be used to evaluate Accountable Communities for Health (ACH). An ACH is an initiative that is responsible for improving the health of the entire community through partnership and with particular attention to achieving greater health equity among its residents. There is no universally accepted definition of what an ACH must include or how it should be initiated, organized, monitored and sustained. Additionally, there is no standard framework for evaluating the success of an ACH, other than to measure simple health outcomes as related to a chosen intervention. This framework is a cutting edge opportunity to synthesize the goals of an ACH into key components and concepts and to provide a roadmap for nascent ACHs. Upon the completion of this project, the resulting evaluation framework will guide the implementation of the evaluation of the ACH initiative, which is sponsored by a cohort of philanthropic foundations in California.

The ACH initiative is in line with CDPH's efforts to support clinical and community linkages and improved health literacy to further the goals of reducing health disparities and getting the right care in the right place at the right time, while leveraging expertise in data collection and analytics to inform issues around access and quality of care.

### Laboratory Field Services

- Assembly member Tony Thurmond's (D, Richmond) staff recently presented proclamations by the California Assembly and Senate to former Laboratory Field Services Chief Beatrice O'Keefe to mark her retirement after 50 years of service to CDPH. Dr. Paul Kimsey, deputy director, Office of the State Public Health Laboratory Director, was also present to thank Ms. O'Keefe for her service to CDPH and California's clinical laboratories.
- A new online system for clinical laboratory personnel certificate and license applications was made available on September 28, 2015. This system allows applicants for new personnel licenses and certificates to submit applications, pay fees, and upload most supporting documents online. The new platform will eventually handle other applications for personnel and facility licensure.

### Office of Health Equity

- The CDPH Office of Health Equity recently participated at the 48th Annual Native American Day at the State Capitol. This is a yearly celebration of Native American culture, native

youth, leaders and community members and is an opportunity for state agencies to interface with the local and statewide Native American community while also learning about the variety of state, federal, and local government programs to assist Native American people.

- **June 30, 2015**, the California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force shared publicly and with the Governor's Strategic Growth Council (SGC) an update on activities accomplished between April and June of 2015 and an action report describing progress on urban and community greening and access to green spaces. The update includes highlights of interagency projects, infrastructure development, and external capacity building and outreach. The June 2015 update and Action Report are available at the [SGC's website](#).

HiAP works under the auspices of the SGC in collaboration with the CDPH Office of Health Equity.

- **October 15, 2015**, the California Health in All Policies Task Force will submit an action report describing progress on farm to fork activities at a public meeting of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The report will describe tangible actions that have been implemented to advance objectives including the establishment of California Office of Farm to Fork, strengthening the ability of schools and other institutions to provide locally grown fruits and vegetables and land-use approaches to increase access to healthy food. Materials will be available in early October on the [SGC website](#).

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