California Department of Public Health

10 Year Anniversary Celebration

10 Years Stronger – Protecting You Since 1870

California State Capitol
South Steps

East End Complex
Building 172
Training Rooms A, B & C

JULY 12 2017
Welcome to our 10th Anniversary Celebration!

On July 1, 2007, Senate Bill 162 established the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) within the Health and Human Services Agency. Prior to 2007, public health programs operated within the Department of Health Services. Establishing an independent department enhanced California's public health infrastructure and provided greater visibility for important issues affecting the public's health. California has been protecting the public's health since April 1870 when leaders established the first Public Health Board to tackle the cholera epidemic that was devastating early settlers. CDPH continues to prepare for and respond to natural disasters and other public health emergencies while also providing the many other essential public health services and programs necessary to protect and promote health in California.

Every day, in more than 200 programs, CDPH protects the people of California by controlling the spread of infectious diseases; regulating laboratories, food and drug manufacturing, drinking water, and radiological materials; licensing/certifying healthcare facilities and some healthcare providers; and responding to natural disasters and public health emergencies. CDPH programs prevent injuries and illness by addressing exposures to environmental and workplace toxins and other health risks, and through cross-sectoral programs that help develop safe communities. CDPH programs also provide essential services and support to improve maternal and child health outcomes. Many CDPH programs promote healthy lifestyles to address the major risk factors for many chronic diseases and work to build healthy and resilient communities.

CDPH carries out its mission and programs through collaboration with the broad community of stakeholders that make up the public health infrastructure in California; and the Department provides funding and leadership to local health departments and community-based organizations to develop and drive community focused interventions.

From the beginning, science, research, and technology have been the foundation of our work. Both bench science and programmatic research done throughout the department advance the science of public health. Programs across CDPH collect and analyze a wide variety of data to understand how health happens and what are the risks to health, as well as to help design and evaluation programs and interventions. Technology, and innovation to inform and eliminate poor outcomes.

Over the years, CDPH has been a leader in many areas and has won many awards. Some examples include: dramatically reducing tobacco use, addressing health inequity, promoting health in all policies, lowering maternal mortality rates, and developing cutting-edge technology and procedures that diagnose infectious diseases and identify food and drug risks, among other accomplishments. Over the last 100 years, public health has been credited with adding more than 30 years to the life expectancy of Californians!

For nearly 150 years, CDPH, in its various forms, has protected and promoted the Health of everyone who calls California home and the millions who visit here each year. Join us as we proudly celebrate the past and continue to build on our foundation of innovation, service and excellence.

Proudly serving with you,

Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH
Director and State Public Health Officer
California Department of Public Health
### Capitol Presentations

#### South Steps of Capitol

**Walk to Capitol**
Meet at the Rose Garden and then join us to listen to the musical duo of Maryann & David as you visit the CDPH Program Showcase

**California Department of Public Health – Past, Present and Future**
Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH  
Director and Public Health Officer  
California Department of Public Health

**Improvements in Public Health Policy – From Immunization to Tobacco Taxes**
Senator Richard Pan, MD  
Senate District 6, Sacramento

**Social Determinants of Health – The Impact of Poverty on Health**
Senator Holly Mitchell  
Senate District 30, Los Angeles

**The Role of CDPH as a Partner with Local Health Departments**
Bruce Pomer, Former Executive Director, Health Officers Association of California

**Closing Remarks**
Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH

**CDPH Program Showcase**
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

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### CDPH Staff Celebration

**East End Complex, Building 172, Training Rooms A, B and C**

**Gather and Review Historical Timeline**
The Story of the California Department of Public Health in Pictures

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH

**Perspectives on Public Health from Past Directors**
- **Michael Wilkening (Panel Moderator)**  
  Undersecretary, California Health and Human Services Agency
- **Mark B. Horton, MD, MSPH, FAAP**  
  Health Leadership Consultant
- **Howard Backer, MD, MPH, FACEP**  
  Director, California Emergency Medical Services Authority
- **Ronald W. Chapman, MD, MPH**  
  Health Officer, Yolo County

**Video Congratulations from CDPH Stakeholders**

**Memorable Moments**
CDPH Deputy Directors / Chief Deputy Directors

**Winners of “What Public Health Means to Me” Challenge**

**Closing Remarks / Light Refreshments**
