Let’s Get Healthy California Innovation Conference 2017

In 2012, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-19-12 creating the Let’s Get Healthy California Task Force with the goal of charting a path to making California the healthiest state in the nation by 2022. Last month, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced that 12 community-based health innovations have been selected as finalists in the Innovation Challenge 2.0. These innovations help advance the Let’s Get Healthy California effort to make California the nation’s healthiest state. They will be highlighted at the Innovation Conference in Sacramento on February 27, 2017.

This year’s Challenge focused on the “social determinants of health,” which are the conditions in which people live and work which profoundly impact long term health outcomes. Among the most powerful determinants of poor health outcomes are poverty, low educational attainment, racial inequality, unsafe housing, food insecurity, lack of jobs or job training, violence, and exposure to toxic substances. Over 80 submissions were received from community, health and human services organizations, health care services providers, community and faith-based organizations, non-profits, civic data enthusiasts and visionary practitioners.

The Innovation Conference will showcase the finalists in the Innovation Challenge and will highlight California’s progress in the six goal areas of the Let’s Get Healthy California Report: Healthy Beginnings, Living Well, End of Life, Redesigning the Health System, Creating Healthy Communities, and Lowering the Cost of Care.

The Innovation Challenge 2.0 finalists

Healthy Beginnings: City of Santa Monica, Los Angeles County and Mental Health NOW, Los Angeles County

Living Well: Providence Health and Services, Southern California, Los Angeles County and Reproductive Health program, Los Angeles County Public Health

Redesigning the Health System: American Academy of Pediatrics, California Chapter 3, San Diego County and LAC+USC Primary Care Adult Clinics, Los Angeles County

Creating Healthy Communities: County of Los Angeles - Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County and Marin County Health and Human Services (HHS), Marin County Parks, Marin County and Institute at the Golden Gate, San Francisco County and HealthLitNow, Tuolumne County and SacSOS, Sacramento County

Lowering the Cost of Care: California Department of Public Health: Center for Infectious Diseases, and San Bernardino County - Department of Behavioral Health, San Bernardino County

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