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**California Conference of Local Health Officers**

**Stakeholder Meetings**

**August 2 and September 6** the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Board of Directors will meet in Sacramento. All CCLHO Board of Directors meeting information is available on the [CCLHO Web page](#).

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

**Stakeholder Meetings**

**August 2018** (date tbd) Environmental Health Investigations Branch staff will host a community meeting in San Jose to present findings from the Asian and Pacific Islander Community Exposures Project. Contact Nerissa Wu, (510) 620-3666.

**August 6** Safe and Active Communities Branch (SACB) will facilitate a meeting of the California State Level Collaborative for Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, and Teen Dating Violence Prevention in Sacramento. Contact Nancy Bagnato, (916) 552-9846.

**August 28** Safe and Active Communities Branch will facilitate the [Statewide Opioid Safety Workgroup](#) meeting in Sacramento. Contact Steve Wirtz, (916) 552-9831.
August/September the Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee will meet in the Bay Area. Contact Mayra Miranda, (916) 552-8268.


September 19 Lead-Related Construction Program will have a training provider meeting in San Diego. The annual meeting seeks to update training providers regarding various Lead-Related Construction topics. Contact Martin Carmona, (510) 620-5640.

September 27 Chronic Disease Control Branch’s California Wellness Plan Implementation will sponsor a regional convening in Sacramento. Contact Dr. Jessica Núñez de Ybarra, (916) 552-9900.

Conferences, Presentations, Reports, Speeches and Training

July (date tbd) the Environmental Health Investigations Branch will conduct an Asthma Management Academy training series in San Diego. Contact Ashley Kissinger, (510) 620-3644.

July 31 - August 1 Safe and Active Communities Branch’s Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Initiative will conduct Academic Detailing Training in Burbank to promote opioid safety. Contact Steve Wirtz, (916) 552-9831.

July - September Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) will offer Kern County Public Health Services’ public health nurses three trainings to improve asthma management. EHIB will also work with Kern County to update their electronic medical record to track asthma outcomes. Contact Lori Copan, (510) 620-3627.

July - September Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch’s California Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) Statewide Training Team will host 2018 Promising Practice Exchanges throughout the state. Contact the Training Consultant for the SNAP-Ed Service Area.

August - September Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch’s California Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) Statewide Training Team is offering training for Technology of Participation (ToP) Secrets of Implementation and ToP Virtual Mentoring. Visit the Training and Events Calendar or contact CASNAP-
August 1 Environmental Health Laboratory will lead a Bay Area regional health resilience workshop on wildfire chemical exposures. Contact Kevin Chao, (510) 620-2889.

August 13 - 15 Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will conduct California Gambling Education and Treatment Services Phase I Training in Riverside. Contact OPG, (916) 327-8611.

September (date tbd) Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) staff will conduct Spanish-language pilot trainings in Tulare and Woodland for community health workers and promotores on the toxicity of mercury in skin creams and lead in non-housing items. EHIB may also provide onsite screenings for toxicity in creams and other household products for the promotores who attend the training. Contact Amy Smith, (510) 620-3635.

September 4 Environmental Health Laboratory will lead a training course on wildfire chemical exposures for Continuing Challenge HAZMAT 2018 workshop in Sacramento. Contact Kevin Chao, (510) 620-2889.

September 12 Environmental Health Laboratory will present research findings at Air Sensors International Conference in Oakland. Contact Jeff Wagner, (510) 620-2816.

Regulatory Action
July 1 Mandatory statewide reporting of Parkinson’s disease begins. CDPH’s California Parkinson’s Disease Registry will begin accepting Parkinson’s disease case information through electronic reporting and manual entry portal. Contact Judy Polakoff, (916) 731-2526.

Recent Major Activities, Achievements and Publications
April Environmental Health Investigations Branch Epidemiologic Investigations Unit Chief Dr. Gayle Windham and Occupational Health Branch Chief Dr. Barbara Materna successfully recruited a new Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer for the Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control. Dr. Amy Heinzerling will start in July 2018. Contact Gayle Windham (510) 620-3638.

April the manuscript, “Urinary biomarkers of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in pre- and peri-pubertal girls in Northern California: predictors of exposure and temporal variability,” co-written by CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch staff members Dina Dobraca and Dr. Gayle Windham, and others, was published online. Contact Gayle Windham or Dina Dobraca, (510) 620-3620.
April the Environmental Health Investigations Branch’s Site Assessment Section coordinated a Disaster Preparedness and Environmental Health Roundtable for community leaders and health workers from the Bay Area. Forty-five people attended this free event, conducted in Spanish. Contact Nancy Villasenor, (510) 620-5845.

April Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) staff collaborated with Alameda County Child Poisoning Prevention Program to provide lead screenings of garden soil and health education at a soil SHOP screening activity. The event occurred during the City of Alameda’s Earth Day Event. Contact Natalie Sacramento, (510) 620-3624.

April the Environmental Health Laboratory received support to expand California’s portion of a NASA-funded study to develop and test U.S. low-cost measurement networks for fine particulate matter (PM2.5), an outdoor air pollutant known to cause respiratory and pulmonary health effects. The work will enable high-resolution PM2.5 mapping, forecasting and identifying sources of PM2.5 pollution in California. Contact Jeff Wagner, (510) 620-2816.

May the Environmental Health Laboratory published a paper related to e-cigarette project, Measurement of heating coil temperature for e-cigarettes with a “top-coil” clearomizer. Contact Kaz Kumagai, (510) 620-2805.

May the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch gathered more than 300 public health and community-based organizations to support Rethink Your Drink Day. The statewide day of action promotes the importance of drinking healthy beverages like water - not soda, energy drinks or sports drinks. Contact Carmen Heredia, (916) 449-5402.

May Environmental Health Laboratory staff participated in the 2018 Dow Chemical Community Awareness Emergency Response drill. Contact Kevin Chao, (510) 620-2889.

May - June the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch’s California Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) Statewide Training Team held Ignite! Getting Your Community Coalition Fired Up for Change, a webinar series to strengthen California SNAP-Ed partnerships. The Training and Events Calendar has information on future trainings/events. Contact CASNAP-EdTraining@cdph.ca.gov.

June Environmental Health Investigations Branch and Environmental Health Laboratory staff co-led a workshop at the Association of Public Health Laboratories annual meeting in
Pasadena for laboratory directors to support state and local biomonitoring programs. Contact Nerissa Wu, (510) 620-3666.

June Environmental Health Laboratory staff presented research on community scale monitoring of PM2.5 with low cost samplers at International Conference on Transport and Health in Michigan. Contact Jeff Wagner, (510) 620-2816.

**Center for Environmental Health**

**Conferences, Presentations, Reports, Speeches and Training**

**July 10 - 11** Food and Drug Branch will provide food safety training (Good Manufacturing Practices and Food Recalls) in Fresno, to regulated food processors. For registration and information, visit the [Food Industry Training Web page](#).

**August 8** Food and Drug Branch will provide food safety training (Good Manufacturing Practices) in Chico, to regulated food processors. For registration and information, visit the [Food Industry Training Web page](#).

**Regulatory Action**

**Summer** Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch will submit its permanent rulemaking package for Manufactured Cannabis Licensing to the Office of Administrative Law. Currently, manufacturing licensees are operating under emergency regulations adopted in December 2017. There will be a 45-day comment period once the regulations are released to the public.

**Recent Major Activities, Achievements and Publications**

Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch (MCSB) has issued 791 temporary licenses and received more than 270 annual applications. A [look-up tool for licensed manufacturers is available on the MCSB website](#).

**Center for Family Health**

**Stakeholder Meetings**

**July 6** the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division will host a webinar to inform stakeholders about the proposed amendments to the WIC Vendor Authorization Criteria in WIC Bulletin Regulations. Contact Theresa Harlan, (916) 928-8761.
August 14 - 15 the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division will host the quarterly WIC Training Committee meeting in Sacramento. Contact Trish Kearney, (916) 928-8859.

September 18 - 19 the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division will host its quarterly WIC Outreach Committee meeting in Sacramento. Contact Kinjal Patel, (916) 928-8653.

September (date tbd) the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division will host a webinar to inform stakeholders of the proposed Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) amendments to the WIC Vendor Authorization Criteria in WIC Bulletin Regulations. Contact Theresa Harlan, (916) 928-8761.

July, August and September the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division will host WIC local agency quarterly regional meetings in the Great South, Orange/LA Basin, Sac Delta/Sierra Gold, Bay Area, Central Valley, North Coast, and Sierra Cascade Regions. Contact Charmaine Nave, (916) 928-8729.

Regulatory Action
June 20 the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division will post Regulatory Alert 2018-03, which proposes amendments to the vendor authorization criteria. Sign-up to receive regulatory notices regarding California’s WIC Program. Contact Theresa Harlan, (916) 928-8761.

Early July the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division will post a regulatory alert proposing amendments to the vendor authorization criteria regarding Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT). Sign-up to receive regulatory notices regarding California’s WIC Program. Contact Theresa Harlan, (916) 928-8761.

Grants & Contracts
July 1 the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division’s California Personal Responsibility Education Program cooperative agreements take effect. Local agencies awarded contracts will implement one of the approved evidence-based program models to reduce rates of adolescent births and sexually transmitted infections including HIV among high-need youth populations. Visit the CA PREP website or contact Lissa Pressfield, (916) 650-0381.

Conferences, Presentations, Reports, Speeches and Training
July 26 - 27 the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will host the Black Infant Health (BIH) Abbreviated Basic Training in Sacramento. The training gives an overview of the
BIH program and is for new staff who have not attended a three-day BIH Basic Training. Contact Shirley Shelton, (916) 650-0300.

July the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will release the 2016 Adolescent Births Data, an annual publication of data about live births among California mothers aged 15–19. Contact Renato Littaua, (916) 650-0331.

September 12 - 14 the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will present “Decline in California’s Maternal Mortality Ratio: The role of mothers’ age and race/ethnicity” at the 2018 CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference in Portland, Oregon. Contact Shabbir Ahmad, (916) 650-0300.

September 19 - 21 the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will host the annual Black Infant Health (BIH) Basic Training for new BIH local staff. The training will be at the California Department of Public Health in Sacramento. Contact Shirley Shelton, (916) 650-0300.

Recent Major Activities, Achievements and Publications

April 26 the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, in partnership with the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative and the Public Health Institute, released the California Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review, a comprehensive statewide examination of maternal deaths from 2002–2007. Contact Dr. Paula Krakowiak, (916) 650-0364.

May 7 the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, using 2013–2015 data, released Maternal Infant Health Assessment (MIHA) data snapshots for county and regional subgroups by maternal characteristics. Contact MIHA@cdph.ca.gov.

Center for Health Care Quality

Stakeholder Meetings

September 5 Center for Health Care Quality (CHCQ) will hold its semi-annual stakeholder forum in Sacramento to share updates from the Licensing and Certification and Healthcare Associated Infections programs. The agenda and webinar instructions will be on CHCQ’s Stakeholder Forum in late August.
Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

Stakeholder Meetings

**July 17, August 22 and September 19** the Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will host birth data quality meetings throughout the state to address birth data-collection issues. The Department of Child Support Services’ Paternity Opportunity Program will present. For information, contact Karen Roth, (916) 552-8161.

**August 2** the Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will meet with county clerks, recorders and health departments at the quarterly Vision Group meeting in Sacramento. For information, contact Karen Roth, (916) 552-8161.

**August (date tbd)** Center for Health Statistics and Informatics (CHSI) staff will host the second Birth Data Quality Stakeholder Workgroup Informational Forum. The purpose of the Birth Data Quality Workgroup is to evaluate missing, incomplete, or inaccurate data reported by birth hospitals and birthing facilities to CDPH via the Electronic Birth Registration System. For information, contact Michelle Miles, (916) 552-8710.

Center for Infectious Diseases

Stakeholder Meetings

**August 15, and September 19** Office of Binational Border Health, as part of the San Diego County Promotores Coalition (SDCPC), will convene the monthly SDCPC meeting in San Diego. Contact Prisci Quijada, (619) 688-0218.

**August 16** Office of Binational Border Health, in coordination with the County of San Diego, Public Health Services, will convene a Border Health Collaborative meeting in San Diego. Contact Margarita Santibañez, (619) 647-1346.

Conferences, Presentations, Reports, Speeches and Training

**July** Office of AIDS will begin trainings for surveillance staff in local health jurisdictions to enter HIV Adult Case Report Form information into the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE). Contact Emily Phillips, (916) 322-6804.

**July 20** Office of Binational Border Health, in coordination with the San Diego County Promotores Coalition, will hold the annual Adelante Promotores Conference to motivate and prepare promotores with skills to help them with work they do to improve health and wellness for families and communities.
July, August and September  Office of Binational Border Health, as part of the Border Health Consortium of the Californias, will convene a Border HIV Epidemiology Technical Work Group Meeting. Contact Prisci Quijada, (619) 688-0218.

July 2018 the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch will be recruiting primary care practitioners into a web-based quality improvement project, “Chlamydia Screening for Adolescent Patients – eLearning Collaborative.” Visit the National Quality Improvement Center website or contact Holly Howard, (510) 620-3185.

August  HIV Prevention Branch, in collaboration with the Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center, will host a statewide Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Summit in Orange County. Contact Matthew Millspaugh, (916) 449-5293.

September 19 - 20 the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch will cohost the “California Congenital Syphilis Elimination Summit” in Oakland. Contact Ashley Dockter, (510) 412-1594.

September 26 Office of Binational Border Health and partners are organizing the III Binational Obesity Symposium in Tijuana, Baja California. Contact Margarita Santibañez, (619) 647-1346.

Recent Major Activities, Achievements and Publications

April  the AIDS Drug Assistance Program Branch launched Phase 1 of the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program for uninsured clients. More information is available on the Office of AIDS Webpage.


May  the Office of AIDS’ AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) created a program that will pay an ADAP client’s portion of their employer-based insurance premiums. Training was provided to 113 local ADAP enrollment workers. Contact Chris Unzueta, (916) 449-5974.
May the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch published 2017 provisional STD data in new formats of snapshots and infographic pages, and new congenital syphilis prevention resources, including materials that can be used by local health departments.

May Center for Infectious Diseases’ Immunization Branch received the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s “Healthy People 2020 Immunization Coverage Award” for achieving high immunization rates for adolescents aged 13-17 years. This is due in part to efforts from the branch to increase adolescent vaccination rates through projects such as the HPV: Tdap Ratio Letter, HPV Vaccine e-Reminder Pilot and annual Preteen Vaccine Week campaign.

June the AIDS Drug Assistance Program Branch expects Phase 2 of the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program to go live and will expand benefits to individuals with private insurance and Medicare.

June the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Branch expects to enhance the Medicare Part D Premium Assistance Program to include coverage of Medicare Part B medical out-of-pocket costs, and coverage of Medigap policies for clients co-enrolled in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. More information will be on the ADAP Communications Webpage.

Laboratory Field Services

Stakeholder Meetings

September 7 Laboratory Field Services will host the Clinical Laboratory Technology Advisory Committee meeting in Richmond with a videoconference link to Los Angeles.

Office of Health Equity

Stakeholder Meetings

July 17 Office of Health Equity’s Climate Change and Health Equity Program will co-chair the Climate Action Team – Public Health Workgroup in Sacramento and via webcast. Contact CCHEP@cdph.ca.gov.

Conferences, Presentations, Reports, Speeches and Training

September 12 - 14 Office of Health Equity’s Climate Change and Health Equity Program will support the 2018 Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco, co-hosted by Governor Jerry Brown.
**September 26 - 27** Office of Health Equity’s Community Development and Engagement Unit will host the 2nd annual California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) meeting in Anaheim.

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**Grants and Contracts**

**June 22** Office of Health Equity’s Community Development and Engagement Unit anticipates announcing the intent to award the contract for the California Reducing Disparities Project's Education, Outreach & Awareness Consultant. Contact Laura Leonelli, (916) 322-2199

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**Recent Major Activities, Achievements and Publications**

**April** Office of Health Equity’s Community Development and Engagement Unit Chief Marina Castillo-Augusto was nominated for a Distinguished Exito Latino Award by the California State University, Sacramento, Latino Alumni Chapter.

**April** the California Pan Ethnic Health Network held the California Reducing Disparities Project’s (CRDP) final conference to announce and disseminate the CRDP Strategic Plan to Reduce Mental Health Disparities.

**May** Office of Health Equity’s Community Development and Engagement Unit Chief Marina Castillo-Augusto convened with California State University, Sacramento representatives from the Center for Collaborative Health Practice and Policy to embed a health equity lens in the center design.

**May** Office of Health Equity’s Community Development and Engagement Unit staff participated at Mental Health Matters Day at the Capitol.

**May** Office of Health Equity’s Community Development and Engagement Unit staff Kimberly Knifong presented and moderated a California Reducing Disparities Project panel at the Annual National Alliance on Mental Illness Multicultural Symposium.

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**Office of Strategic Development and External Relations - Fusion Center**

**Recent Major Activities, Achievements and Publications**

**May 8** Office of Strategic Development and External Relations - Fusion Center, in partnership with the California Health and Human Services Agency, hosted the 3rd Annual Let’s Get Healthy California (LGHC) Innovation Conference. Several CDPH programs participated. Contact LGHC@cdph.ca.gov or Latesa Slone.