



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. 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. Thank you.

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Stakeholder Meetings

California Conference of Local Health Officers

- **April 6, 2017**, 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 CDPH [CCLHO Web page](#).
- **May 3 - 5, 2017**, California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) will hold its [semiannual meeting](#) in Bakersfield. The three-day meeting, "Public Health Strategies to Address Bias," includes a CCLHO business meeting and a continuing medical education program. All CCLHO semiannual meeting information is available on the CDPH [CCLHO Semiannual Meetings Web page](#).
- **June 1, 2017**, 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 CDPH [CCLHO Web page](#).



- **April 4 - 5, 2017**, select participants from the Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement (PIOHQI) Project will attend the National Learning Network for Perinatal and Infant Oral Health learning session in Washington, D.C. This semi-annual event convenes to obtain guidance on program objectives, reporting requirements, data-collection instruments and best-practices to overcome challenges to project objectives. For more information, contact Jennifer.Byrne@cdph.ca.gov.
- **April 10 - 14, 2017**, United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service will conduct a Management Evaluation of the California Department of Social Services and the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) funded program. CDPH's SNAP-Ed program is administered by the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch, which funds 60 local health departments. For more information, contact Gil.Sisneros@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 449-5353.
- **May, 2017**, Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program (Delta MERP) will hold its final quarterly stakeholders meeting in West Sacramento. The meeting will focus on women and children's health and the sustainability of MERP messaging. The Delta MERP is a collaborative project of the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to raise awareness about fish contamination in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and to reduce exposure to mercury and other chemicals from eating fish. The meeting will include local community-based organizations and local agencies to provide input into the final activities of Delta MERP. For more information and for the exact date and location, contact Lauren.Baehner@cdph.ca.gov.
- **May 4, 2017**, Safe and Active Communities Branch's Prescription Drug Overdose Program is assisting with a one-day meeting of physician groups and health system leaders in Sacramento to discuss the opioid epidemic. This invitation-only event is sponsored by Smart Care California, in partnership with the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, CalPERS, Covered California, the California Health Care Foundation and the California Departments of Public Health, Justice and Health Care Services. Participants will share strategies and solutions, resulting in a published white paper of best practices. For more information, visit the [SACB website](#) or contact steve.wirtz@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9831.
- **May 17, 2017**, Chronic Disease Control Branch will host *The Advancing Prevention in the 21st Century: Commitment to Action (P21) 2.0 Conference* in Sacramento. This conference will highlight successes and best practices for prevention and create synergies by showcasing the Public Health 2035 Initiative with innovators and visionary speakers to describe the optimal public health system. Presentations will include California Wellness Plan (CWP) goals under the overarching goal of equity in health and wellness. The four CWP goal areas are: healthy communities, optimal health systems linked with community prevention, accessible and usable health information, and prevention sustainability and capacity. Approximately 400 people are expected to attend. For more information, contact Jessica.NunezdeYbarra2@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9877.

- **June 5 - 6, 2017**, Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) will meet in Sacramento for a two-day event. On day one, CDPH California Tobacco Control Program, California Department of Education Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program, and the University of California Office of the President's Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) will provide updates toward the 2015-2017 TEROC Master Plan objectives. On day two, TEROC will conduct a strategic planning session to develop a 2018-2020 TEROC Master Plan for implementation of tobacco control activities in California. For more information, visit the [TEROC website](#) or contact Nadine.Roh@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 449-5501.
- **June 7, 2017**, Chronic Disease Control Branch will facilitate four webinars to collaborate with each of the four pillars (or workgroups) focused on preventing diabetes in California through the California Prevent Diabetes STAT™ (CA PDSTAT) effort. Each webinar will discuss successes and strategies of the pillars. The objectives of CA PDSTAT include increasing coverage, availability, awareness and the number of referrals to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-certified diabetes prevention programs in California. For more information, contact Corine.Amato@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 552-9936.
- **June 26, 2017**, Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will host its quarterly Advisory Group meeting in Sacramento at the East End Complex. This meeting provides a forum for state agencies involved in regulating California's gambling industry, along with industry and legislative representatives, and other key stakeholders. The Advisory Group is open to the public and allows individuals to receive updates on problem gambling prevention and treatment services, and offer input for the OPG Strategic Plan. For more information, please visit the [OPG Events Calendar](#).

Center for Environmental Health

- **May 11 and May 17, 2017**, Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory (DWRL) will present comparative monitoring data from the Collaborative Beach Testing Study at the upcoming Beach Water Quality Workgroup Meetings in Northern California (May 11) and Southern California (May 17). DWRL is participating in this collaborative laboratory study of rapid molecular methods, such as quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) and droplet digital PCR (ddPCR), at two beaches in the East Bay Regional Park District on the San Francisco Bay. The study counts enterococcus indicator bacteria by both the molecular methods and conventional, culture-based methods such as Enterolert® and Membrane Filtration. Future studies planned include microbial source tracking with ddPCR markers for *E. coli* and the human fecal-associated HF183 marker. The data from the year-long study provide additional evidence supporting the view that rapid molecular techniques are practical and effective for health protective, beach-management decisions.

Center for Family Health

- **April 20, 2017**, Regional Perinatal Programs of California (RPPC) spring semi-annual meeting will be held at the Miller Children's & Women's Hospital in Long Beach. RPPC directors from nine regions will discuss emerging perinatal issues and opportunities to address them. For more information about Regional Perinatal Programs, visit the [CDPH RPPC website](#).

- **May 11, 2017**, California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State Interagency Team Home Visiting (SIT-HV) Workgroup holds its quarterly meeting in Sacramento. This meeting will focus on efforts from the advocacy group, Children Now, which is dedicated to covering the full range of key children's issues, including early childhood, education reform, children's health, foster care and juvenile justice. This workgroup strives to improve home visiting through interagency collaboration. For more information, visit the [CHVP Web page](#).
- **May 16 - 18, 2017**, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division will host the MCAH Director's statewide meeting in Folsom at the Lake Natoma Inn. MCAH will convene representatives from the 61 local health jurisdictions to discuss emerging issues, provide technical assistance and foster collaboration among local MCAH partners and the state. The formal agenda and MCAH statewide director update will be posted to the [MCAH Web page](#).
- **June 1, 2017**, California Statewide Screening Collaborative Taskforce will meet in Sacramento. The meetings are sponsored by California Home Visiting Program in the Center for Family Health's Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, and the Department of Developmental Services. Focused on working together to develop specific products related to developmental screening, referral and linkage to services for children under age three, the collaborative examines current developmental screening practices across the state and assists with designing products for provider use. The meeting also includes the First 5 Association, UC Davis' MIND Institute along with local regional centers. For more information, visit the [CHVP web page](#).

Center for Health Care Quality

- **May 11, 2017**, Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Advisory Committee will hold its quarterly meeting in Oakland. The Committee is composed of 21 voting members and eight liaison members charged with making recommendations to CDPH on the prevention, surveillance and public reporting of HAI. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be posted 10 days prior to the meeting. For more information about the committee, visit the [HAI Advisory Committee Web page](#).

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **April 4, 2017**, California Immunization Coalition will meet in Riverside. CDPH Immunization Branch staff will be presenting during the meeting. [Additional information](#) is available, including the list of sessions.
- **April 4 – 6, 2017**, Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS (OA) will convene a meeting in Sacramento of its new California Planning Group (CPG). Members will receive a CPG orientation, participate in team-building activities, receive updates on OA programs, the Statewide Needs Assessment, and *California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan*. CPG is a statewide advisory group that works in collaboration with OA to reduce new HIV infections, increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV, reduce HIV-related health disparities, and achieve a statewide coordinated response to the HIV epidemic in California. Members of the group are representative of the HIV epidemic in California and include consumers and others involved

in HIV prevention, care and treatment programs. The meeting is open to the public, with an opportunity for public comment. Information about the meeting will be posted on the [OA Website](#) 30 days prior to the meeting.

- **April 20, 2017**, 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. The Collaborative consists of agencies representing government, academia and nonprofit organizations in the United States working in the California - Baja California border region. This creates networking opportunities in order to improve communication, strengthen collaboration, streamline coordination, share knowledge and best practices, and disseminate information amongst groups/organizations/individuals working in public health in the California - Baja California border region.
- **May 4, 2017**, Vector-Borne Disease Section will participate in the quarterly meeting of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California in Monterey. Staff will present an update on key vector-borne disease activities in California, with an emphasis on Zika preparedness and response. For more information, contact Dr. Vicki Kramer at (916) 552-9730 or visit its [Website](#).
- **May 18, 2017**, Office of Binational Border Health, in coordination with several agencies representing government, academia and nonprofit organizations in the California - Baja California border region, will hold its biannual Border Health Consortium of the Californias Binational (BHCC) Meeting in San Diego. The goals of the BHCC are to create networking opportunities to strengthen collaboration, communication and coordination. The BHCC also facilitates access to trainings and capacity building for individuals and organizations working in public health in the California - Baja California border region, and educates our local, state, and federal legislators regarding public health issues affecting the region.
- **May 30, 2017**, Binational Obesity Symposium will be held in San Diego from 8 a.m. to noon as part of the 9th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference. The symposium will present an updated overview of childhood obesity in the California-Baja California Border region and look at successful projects, partnerships and promising practices. Experts from California and Baja California will share data, strategies and engage conference participants in a discussion about opportunities for expanding binational collaboration. Visit the [conference Website](#) for more information.
- **June 2017**, Office of Refugee Health, in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services' Refugee Programs Bureau, will hold five quarterly regional stakeholder meetings in Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento and the counties of Stanislaus 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.
- **June 5, 2017**, Office Binational Border Health (OBBH) will hold its biannual Advisory Group Meeting in San Diego. The 12-member group represents the California Conference of Local Health Officers, local governments, health plans, hospitals, community-based organizations, health consumers, and universities, all from different geographic regions of urban, and rural communities in California. The Advisory Group supports the OBBH

mission by developing and monitoring a strategic plan to address border/binational health issues. It also advises CDPH and the California members of the U.S. – Mexico Border Health Commission on critical health issues.

- **June 19, 2017**, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch, Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention will host a meeting in Oakland about the five sites implementing hepatitis C testing and linkages-to-care demonstration projects. Participants will identify successes, challenges and lessons learned across the demonstration project sites. The projects are funded March 2016 through June 2018.

Emergency Preparedness Office

- **April 19, 2017**, CDPH will host a California Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) on Public Health Emergency Preparedness meeting in Sacramento. The JAC advises CDPH on setting statewide preparedness-strategies for public health and medical care during disasters. Subject-matter experts and representatives from local, regional, state and federal levels, and local health departments, health care providers, first responders, hospitals and non-governmental organizations bring expertise to coordinate and develop public health and medical preparedness efforts and strategies on the local, state and national level.

Laboratory Field Services

- **June 2017**, 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 and teleconference-access information will be posted in advance on the [LFS Website](#), where minutes from previous meetings are also available.

Office of Health Equity

- **May 18, 2017**, Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee will convene its quarterly meeting at the Sierra Health Foundation, 1321 Garden Hwy., in Sacramento. Members of the public are invited to attend in person or by conference line. Information is published at least 10 days before the meeting on the [OHE website](#).

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Trainings & Conferences

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **April 12, 2017**, Safe and Active Communities Branch's Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Program, in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH), will conduct an Academic Detailing Training in Lake County for promotion of opioid safety. This training will build an educational base for academic detailers working with opioid prescribers in Humboldt, Lake and Shasta counties. The detailers are generally physicians and pharmacists with an interest in and commitment to improving opioid prescribing-practices. The training curriculum was developed by SFDPH and a separate pharmacy curriculum was developed by staff from the Department of Health Care Services

and the Keck School of Pharmacy. More information is available on [the Program website](#) or by contacting Steve.Wirtz@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9831.

- **April 13, 2017**, the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Essentials for Childhood Initiative will be co-hosting, in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a presentation from Dr. Ken Epstein, the Children's System of Care Director for San Francisco County Community Behavioral Health Services and leader of their Trauma Informed Systems Initiative. His presentation, entitled *Prepped To Change: Towards Healing Organizations*, will focus on trauma-informed approaches and practices in public health. The presentation will take place in Sacramento at the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) auditorium and will be followed by a panel discussion and reception. The presentation is co-sponsored by the CDPH Office of Health Equity, the Department of Health Care Services, the Department of Social Services' Office of Child Abuse Prevention, Health in All Policies, the University of California, Davis, the ACES Connection, and Resilient Sacramento/Yolo. More information is available [on our website](#) or by contacting Dorith.Hertz@cdph.ca.gov.
- **April 18 - 20, 2017**, Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will host the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services (CalGETS) Phase I Training in San Francisco. This training teaches how to screen, assess and treat gambling disorder and provides 30 hours of continuing education units to marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers and psychologists. Providers who complete CalGETS Phase I Training are eligible to become authorized by OPG to receive reimbursement for the providing of treatment for gambling disorders. For information or to register, visit the OPG [training information Web page](#).
- **April 23 - 26, 2017**, Oral Health Program staff will attend the National Oral Health Conference in Albuquerque, NM. They will share accomplishments and best practices with conference attendees, and receive guidance to meet national oral health objectives and skills pertinent to dental public health. Staff will also attend the Association of State and Territorial Dental Director's preconference workshop. For more information, contact Jennifer.Byrne@cdph.ca.gov.
- **April 25, 2017**, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and its coalition, the California Dialogue on Cancer, in collaboration with the California Primary Care Association and the American Cancer Society will hold training to increase colorectal-cancer screening rates in community health centers. The training will address barriers and present best practices. It will be held at the California Endowment in Los Angeles from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offer continuing education units. This event is designed for community health center staff but is open to the public. [Event registration is available online](#). For more information, contact Shauntay.Davis@cdph.ca.gov.
- **April 26, 2017**, Chronic Disease Control Branch will collaborate with the California Medical Association (CMA) to present a webinar on prediabetes awareness, screening, testing and referral. Speakers include Dr. Jessica Núñez de Ybarra, branch chief of the Chronic Disease Control Branch. The webinar will highlight the prevalence and burden of prediabetes and diabetes in California, the California Wellness Plan, diabetes case-studies and strategies for referral to and enrollment in lifestyle-change programs. Attendees will

include CMA members, health care and diabetes-prevention program providers. For more information, contact Corine.Amato@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9936.

- **April 26, 2017**, Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program will convene a webinar on the "walking school bus" program implementation challenges and best practice for Caltrans' Active Transportation Program Safe Routes to School practitioners. Visit the [website](#) for an update and registration. For more information, contact Nancy.Bagnato@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9846.
- **May 2017**, Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program will host a webinar on Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Evaluation Resources and Best Practices. The primary target audience is Caltrans' Active Transportation Program SRTS practitioners. Invited presenters include the National Center for Safe Routes to School and Caltrans' Active Transportation Program awardees who are currently implementing and evaluating their SRTS programs. Visit the [website](#) for an update and the registration link. For more information and the exact date, contact Nancy.Bagnato@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9846.
- **May 5, 2017**, Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will conduct the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services (CalGETS) Phase II Training in Oakland. This training is only available to authorized CalGETS providers and consists of a five-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. Registration information is available on the [OPG training information Web page](#).
- **May 15 - 18, 2017**, Environmental Health Investigation Branch's Site Assessment Section (SAS) staff will attend the annual Partner's Meeting of the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in Atlanta, GA. Under the Cooperative Agreement between CDPH and ATSDR, attendance of all staff is required. SAS staff will present CDPH's work under the Cooperative Agreement as requested by ATSDR. For more information, contact Gabriele.Windgasse@cdph.ca.gov.
- **May 16-17, 2017**, CDPH California Wellness Plan Implementation Program staff will host an evening reception and one-day statewide chronic disease prevention and health promotion conference in Sacramento, entitled "*Advancing Prevention in the 21st Century: Commitment to Action (P21) 2.0.*" About 500 partners committed to working collaboratively to achieve a broad, coordinated chronic disease prevention movement will meet to share progress on prevention, specify successes and best practices, and to learn from innovators and visionaries about the future of public health. For more information, contact Jessica.NunezdeYbarra2@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9900.
- **June 12-14, 2017**, Office of Problem Gambling (OPG), in partnership with the California Friday Night Live Partnerships' Betting on Our Future (BOOF) program will host "Spotlight Festival 2017" in Southern California. BOOF is a youth-driven problem gambling awareness campaign supported by an OPG grant. The three-day event will include informative workshops, hands-on activities, and will help youth build skills in leadership, advocacy, public speaking and project planning. Youth from 27 sites will showcase their work. Representatives from agencies throughout the state will offer their expertise and

knowledge related to gambling disorders. For more information, visit the [BOOF Spotlight Festival webpage](#).

- **June 15, 2017**, Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Community of Practice aims to improve the oral health of high-risk pregnant women and infants by linking medical and dental systems of care with existing Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal resources to improve access-to and utilization-of preventive oral health services. The community members meet quarterly in Sonoma County. For more information, contact Jennifer.Byrne@cdph.ca.gov.
- **June 17-22, 2017**, Chronic Disease Surveillance and Research Branch staff will attend the annual North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) Conference in Albuquerque, NM. The theme for 2017 is “Breaking Barriers in Cancer Surveillance.” The conference will provide opportunities to learn from national experts in cancer surveillance, cancer research and cancer-registry operations. For more information, visit [NAACCR Conference](#) or contact Sandy.Kwong@cdph.ca.gov.
- **June 17 - 23, 2017**, Environmental Health Investigation Branch’s Site Assessment Section (SAS) Chief Dr. Gabriele Windgasse will attend the [Gordon Research Conference \(GRC\) of Environmental Nanotechnology](#) in Stowe, VT. At this invitation-only event, she will learn about new developments regarding public health, toxicology, and environmental health and safety aspects of nanomaterials and nanotechnology. For more information, contact Gabriele.Windgasse@cdph.ca.gov.
- **June 2017**, Safe and Active Communities Branch’s Active Transportation Safety Program will host a statewide teleconference featuring a panel discussion on regional Metropolitan Planning Organization efforts to support non-infrastructure active transportation strategies. The primary target audience is Caltrans-funded Active Transportation Non-Infrastructure Project practitioners and interested parties. Visit the [Website](#) for an update and the registration link. For more information and for the exact date, contact Nancy.Bagnato@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9846.

Center for Environmental Health

- **April 19 - 20, 2017**, Food and Drug Branch (FDB) will host food safety trainings in Santa Ana to teach registered food processors about proper manufacturing practices and labeling. The trainings are free. Registration is on the [FDB Website](#).

Center for Family Health

- **April 5, 2017; May 9, 2017; June 14, 2017**, Vital Records, in collaboration with the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Regional Perinatal Programs for California (RPPC) will conduct annual birth-data quality workshops to provide assistance to birth clerks, nurse managers and local registrars with birth registration and data collection issues. The presentations highlight the importance of accurate data-collection vital to improving the quality of birth data. For more information, visit the [CDPH RPPC Website](#).
- **April 11, 2017**, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will host Northern California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) training at the Ventura County Public Health office in Oxnard. This training, for emergency personnel and public health professionals, includes

an overview of current Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID)/SIDS research and risk reduction, and the roles of the first responder, coroner/medical examiner, grief bereavement support and SIDS coordinators. For more information, visit the [SIDS Program Web page](#).

- **April 13 - 14, 2017**, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division's [Black Infant Health \(BIH\)](#) Program will conduct training at the San Diego County Administrative Center for all BIH local health jurisdiction coordinators and program managers. Training includes program updates, review and discussion of program-implementation strategies, fidelity data, and improvements. For information, contact Shirley.Shelton@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 650-0344.
- **April 14, 2017; May 5, 2017**, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will host the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) orientation training for newly enrolled CPSP providers. April's orientation is in Fresno and May's training will be in Sonoma County. The training provides information on program requirements including client orientation, CPSP-enhanced assessments (health education, nutrition and psychosocial), linkages and referrals to needed health and social services, and the intent of the individualized care plan. For more information, visit the [CPSP Website](#).
- **June 27 - 29, 2017**, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division's [Black Infant Health \(BIH\)](#) staff will conduct advanced training for new Los Angeles County staff. The training focuses on supporting professional development, setting participant boundaries, enhanced case-management activities and effective group facilitation skills to assist local health jurisdiction staff with providing ongoing services to BIH participants. For information, contact Shirley.Shelton@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 650-0344.

Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **April 5, 2017; May 9, 2017; June 14, 2017**, Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will host birth-data quality meetings throughout the state to address issues regarding birth-data collection. Regional perinatal program coordinators and the Department of Child Support Services' Paternity Opportunity Program will also make presentations.
- **May 4, 2017**, 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 to examine issues that include the issuance and registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths and marriages. The meeting is jointly sponsored by the County Recorder Association of California and CHSI-VR.
- **June 22, 2017**, Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will host its annual Technical Advisory Group to demonstrate newly enhanced Electronic Death Registration System and Vital Records Business Intelligence System. Invited participants include users of the electronic death and fetal death registration systems, and those involved in the registration of death and fetal death certificates (funeral homes, medical facilities, coroner/medical examiners, local registrars, state staff and the systems' vendor).

- On **April 4 - 7, 2017**, Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory (VRDL) will co-host a multi-day laboratory-focused training workshop entitled “Laboratory Methods for Detecting Rabies Virus.” This intermediate-level hands-on workshop, co-developed by VRDL, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Laboratory Training Network, is designed for public health microbiologists responsible for rabies bench-testing or supervising the rabies laboratory. Twenty-four participants from local and other state public health laboratories will attend. Emphasis will be on implementation of the National Standard Protocol for detection of rabies in animals by the direct fluorescent antibody test. Lectures will highlight new and emerging technologies for rabies testing and current information on rabies epidemiology. For [more information and registration](#), contact Sharon.Messenger@cdph.ca.gov.
- **April 18 - 21, 2017**, the annual conference of the National Tuberculosis (TB) Controllers Association will be held in Atlanta, GA. TB Control Branch Chief Dr. Jennifer Flood and her staff will attend to represent the state TB Control Branch. Tambi Shaw, Outbreak Section chief and Ms. Jan Young, Program Development Section chief will also attend. Visit the [TB Controllers website](#) for more information.
- **April 24 - 26, 2017**, Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS will attend a meeting convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD), and Tuberculosis Prevention, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Prevention Program Branch in Atlanta, GA. This “Comprehensive Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention Programs for Health Departments Program Review Meeting” will address program activities, monitoring and evaluation activities, data collection, entry, submission, analysis and quality assurance.
- **April 25 - 28, 2017**, Dr. Gwendolyn Hammer, nurse consultant with the Communicable Disease Emergency Response Branch, will attend the “2017 Preparedness Summit” in Atlanta, GA. This four-day national conference provides the only cross-disciplinary learning for the preparedness community. Attendees include local, state and federal government, emergency management, volunteer organizations and health care coalitions. They will learn how to implement model practices to enhance capabilities for disaster and emergency preparation, response and recovery.
- **May 11 - 12, 2017**, Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS (OA) will attend the 2017 Project PrIDE (Pre-exposure prophylaxis Implementation Data2Care Evaluation) grantee meeting, convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA. Project PrIDE is a CDC-funded project focusing on HIV prevention among young men who have sex with men (MSM), MSM of color and transgender persons, and also provides increased access to HIV prevention services, including PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis). CDPH/OA funds support four projects in Alameda, Orange and San Diego counties, and the Desert AIDS Project in Riverside County. This meeting allows for in-person collaboration between program personnel and evaluators who are planning and implementing HIV prevention and care programs. The goals of the meeting are to share lessons learned within the first year of project implementation and to provide peer-to-peer technical assistance and sharing on identified topics.

- **May 18 - 19, 2017**, Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch Chief Dr. Jennifer Flood will participate as the California study-site principal investigator at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention invitation-only national [Tuberculosis Epidemiologic Studies Consortium](#) meeting in Atlanta, GA.
- **May 20 - 22, 2017**, Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch Chief Dr. Jennifer Flood and Dr. Neha Shah, CDC Medical Officer assigned to the California TB Control Branch, will attend the [American Thoracic Society International Conference](#) in Washington, D.C.
- **June 5 - 30, 2017**, Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory (VRDL) will host a four-week training on diagnostic virology for the California Public Health Microbiologist training program. Expert faculty from VRDL and other related CDPH programs will provide lectures and hands-on laboratory training to 15 participants sponsored by different public health laboratories. The training will focus on the diagnostic and surveillance testing of viral and rickettsial diseases, along with compliance to applicable rules and regulations and interaction with other partners on laboratory investigation of outbreaks. Visit the [resource center website](#) for more information, or contact Maria.Salas@cdph.ca.gov.
- **June 28 - 29, 2017**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will conduct a grantee site-visit in Oakland, and attend an administrative meeting in Sacramento with CDPH Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS (OA). The visit and meeting focus on the CDC's demonstration project, *Project PrIDE* (Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Implementation Data2Care Evaluation). *Project PrIDE* is a CDC-funded project focusing on HIV prevention among young men who have sex with men (MSM), MSM of color and transgender persons, and providing increased access to HIV prevention services, including PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis).

Emergency Preparedness Office

- **June 14 - 16, 2017**, Emergency Preparedness Office and California Emergency Medical Services Authority Disaster Medical Services Division will hold their annual Emergency Preparedness Training Workshop at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. The theme is "Reaching Beyond Response: Recovery and Resilience." The Workshop will focus on preparedness efforts that demonstrate effective response and recovery, making communities resilient following an emergency. The workshop will improve emergency management knowledge and skills to help attendees prepare for, respond to, and recover from any emergency with a public health and/or medical component. Training includes current practices, trends and lessons learned from past emergencies that will enhance response and recovery efforts and coordination with stakeholders.

Office of Quality Performance and Accreditation

- **April 18, 2017**, a LEAN White Belt Training will take place in the San Bernardino District Office. To meet national public health accreditation requirements, CDPH is offering technical assistance and/or training in performance management practices, methods, and/or tools to tribal and local health departments. CDPH has reserved seats for tribal and local health departments to attend CDPH's in-person LEAN White Belt performance management training. Training dates are being schedules for several locations throughout California. Learn more about [LEAN White Belt Training](#) dates and locations.

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Grants and Contracts

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **May 1, 2017**, California Breathing, the state asthma program within the Environmental Health Investigations Branch, will submit a non-competitive re-application for continued funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This grant funds state health departments to maximize the reach, impact, efficiency and sustainability of comprehensive asthma-control services. Comprehensive asthma care entails providing a seamless alignment of a full array of services across the public health and health care sectors so that people with asthma receive all the services they need. The overall five-year project period for this award is September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2019. California Breathing is requesting \$800,000 for year three of this project. For more information, contact Scott.Kessler@cdph.ca.gov.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- The Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch will submit an application in response to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of STD Prevention Funding Opportunity Announcement to support year five of funding for STD Surveillance Network activities in Fiscal Year 2017/18. The grant supports 10 grantees nationally to conduct gonorrhea case interviews on a weekly population-based sample of reported cases. These interviews collect additional clinical and behavioral information that may clarify characteristics associated with recent local gonorrhea increases.
- **May 10, 2017**, California Department of Housing and Community Development will submit the final 2017/18 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The plan lays out how California will administer HUD funds to improve the lives of Californians through the various housing programs, including the OA-administered Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program in 40 counties.

Office of Health Equity

- **April 2017**, Office of Health Equity will convene a quarterly meeting with the California Reducing Disparities Project grantees and contractors to discuss operational needs, upcoming deliverables, knowledge exchange and updates.

- **April 2017**, Office of Health Equity Community Development and Engagement Unit will reissue a competitive procurement for the California Reducing Disparities Project, Native American Implementation Pilot Project (NA IPP) component to fund one additional Native American organization (for a total of seven). The purpose is to provide mental health prevention and early intervention services, and to validate community-defined evidence practices (culturally tailored treatment approaches).

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Reports

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **April 2017**, Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program (ATSP) will distribute an Active Transportation Resource Center eNews Bulletin to more than 980 active transportation Safe Routes to School practitioners and other interested parties. These biannual newsletters are one of several ways in which the ATSP provides technical assistance to non-infrastructure projects receiving Caltrans' Active Transportation Program funding. This issue will highlight upcoming trainings and new resources, and provide resources and information for *May is Bike Month*. Visit the [website](#) for updates. Contact Nancy.Bagnato@cdph.ca.gov, (916) 552-9846.

Center for Family Health

- **June 2017**, the 2014 Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP) Databooks and Community Health Status Reports (CHSR) will be published online. The FHOP Databooks provide rates and trends for key MCAH indicators and the CHSRs provide county-level rate and trend data. This assists local health jurisdictions to fulfill Title V and State requirements such as the development of 5-year action plans. These tools are produced by UCSF's FHOP with funding from Maternal Child and Adolescent Health. For more information, visit the [MCAH Web page](#).

Office of Health Equity

- The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force will develop new action plans in 2017 to support multi-agency activities in the areas of parks, community greening, and places to be active; active transportation; and equity in government practices. HiAP staff will engage governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, identify opportunities for action, and facilitate collaborative decision-making. Final action plans will be brought to the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) for consideration in mid-2017. Learn more about [details and preliminary goals and objectives](#). For more information, sign up for [SGC email alerts](#) or email hiap@cdph.ca.gov. The HiAP Task Force is staffed through a collaborative arrangement between the CDPH Office of Health Equity and the SGC.

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Speeches & Presentations

Center for Family Health

- **May 30 - June 2 2017**, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division staff will present a research poster on “The Role of Home Visiting in Promoting Breastfeeding and Preventing Childhood Obesity” at the [9th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference in San Diego](#). This year’s conference theme is “Good Health for All: Addressing Equity Where We Live, Learn, Work, and Play.”

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Recent Activities & Achievements

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **May 4, 2017**, California State Employee BikeShare Program will celebrate its 3rd anniversary with a photo opportunity and statements from invited guests on the West Steps of the State Capitol beginning at 9 a.m. The BikeShare program has grown to nearly 100 bikes within 13 State agencies and departments, reaching nearly 15,000 employees. Since May 2014, CDPH has partnered with Kaiser Permanente to build this program. The bikes are used by employees to travel to meetings, or during breaks for errands or exercise.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of TB Elimination and the TB Control Branch are collaborating on a project supported by the CDC [Office of Advanced Molecular Detection](#). The project will develop and test methods and tools to integrate clinical and epidemiologic data with whole-genome sequencing and phylogenetic analysis results to help identify TB transmission links between cases and focus interventions to interrupt further transmission. The planned project launch is April.

Office of the Director

- **July 12, 2017**, CDPH will celebrate its 10th anniversary as a separate department within the Health and Human Services Agency. The celebration will take place on the South Steps of the State Capitol with displays and discussions focusing on the past decade’s advancements of public health. The events will also look at how CDPH will tackle emerging issues in the next decade. Plans are still being developed. If you have suggestions or ideas, please email cdphpress@cdph.ca.gov.

Office of Health Equity

- **March 22 - 23, 2017**, Office of Health Equity held a two-day kickoff meeting in Sacramento to launch the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) Implementation of Phase II. The CRDP is a five-year demonstration project of culturally specific mental-health interventions. Grantees include 40 community-based organizations throughout the state serving African-Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Latinos, LGBTQ, and Native

Americans. The kickoff will introduce new implementation pilot projects and welcome the 11 former capacity building pilot projects that started in September 2016, and have successfully completed the requirements to enter the implementation-pilot phase.

- The Office of Health Equity's Climate Change and Health Equity Program was requested by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to aid in preparing the public health analysis of various climate-change mitigation strategies to inform Assembly Bill 32 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update. Key points of the public health analysis will be incorporated into the Scoping Plan's main body, while an extended public health analysis and discussion will be included in the Scoping Plan's Appendix. This is of particular importance in helping to advance climate-change mitigation policies and actions that promote health equity and public health in a comprehensive way. The current draft plan is included in information about the current [Scoping Plan Update](#) process.
- Office of Health Equity's Climate Change and Health Equity Program was asked by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to chair the Equity and Vulnerable Populations sub-group. This group of stakeholders will develop a checklist for state agencies to prioritize vulnerable communities in their plans and investments. The guidance will help state agencies identify communities facing inequities, engage in decision making, and shape state investment and infrastructure plans in ways that provide additional resources (funding, facilities, services, training, jobs, etc.) for people facing inequities. OPR will release this guidance for state agencies in the next few months.
- The California Natural Resources Agency invited the CDPH Office of Health Equity Climate Change and Health Equity Program, along with the Resources Legacy Fund (a non-governmental organization) to collaborate in creating a workgroup of environmental justice, health equity and climate-justice organizations. This work group will provide input regarding the threats that climate change may pose for affected communities and the provisions needed in climate adaptation policies to protect them. The Climate Justice Workgroup is developing principles and recommendations for the 2017 update of *Safeguarding California*, the State's climate adaptation strategy, and goals for California's climate adaptation policies.

Office of Quality Performance and Accreditation

- **April 4, 2017**, Office of Quality Performance and Accreditation will host CDPH's annual Public Health Week PHAME (Public Health Acknowledging My Efforts) Awards in Sacramento at the East End Complex Auditorium. This is CDPH's largest employee recognition and awards ceremony of the year, honoring employees and workgroups that exemplify the behaviors and activities that support and strengthen CDPH as an "innovative, high-performing organization." During the ceremony, CDPH will also present the Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health, the highest award presented annually by CDPH to a public health professional outside the department. This year's recipient is Dr. Kelly Pfeifer.

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