



Public Health Health Equity

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CBO Collaborative Meeting Summary Sharon Wang, DO, MSHPE, FIDSA Health Officer

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Purpose

To enhance outreach and promotion efforts throughout the County by fostering collaboration with community-based partners and trusted messengers.

Public Health Officer Update

Speaker: Dr. Sharon Wang, EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov

Facts About Vaccines

- Definitions:
 - **Disease Control:** Reducing disease incidence and death to low local levels.
 - **Elimination:** The absence of a disease or an intensive intervention measure with a specific disease reduction target.
 - **Eradication:** Worldwide absence of a specific disease-causing agent.
- Examples of vaccine-preventable diseases: Cholera, COVID-19, Dengue, Tetanus, Rabies, Polio, Influenza, and more.
- Vaccines not only prevent these diseases but also help prevent secondary complications.
- Complete vaccination schedules are crucial for children, ages 0-18.
- Some vaccines, such as tetanus, require multiple doses over time.
- Measles cases are appearing locally again, whereas before they were mostly travel-related.
- Pregnant individuals receiving the Tdap vaccine can pass immunity to their unborn child, protecting them from whooping cough.
- Pneumonia Vaccine: Recommended by Dr. Wang for individuals aged 50 years and above.
- While it may not completely prevent pneumonia, it reduces the risk of death from complications of the disease, such as heart infection.

Scheduling a Vaccine Appointment

- Call: 1-800-722-4777
- Online: MyTurn.ca.gov

San Bernardino Countywide Vision

Community Vital Signs (CVS), Dori Baeza, Dori.Baeza@dph.sbcounty.gov

- **Vision Statement:** We envision a county where a commitment to optimizing health and wellness is embedded in all decisions by residents, organizations, and government.
- Full Countywide Vision Statement available at: [CAO Vision – San Bernardino CountyWide Vision](#)
- **10 Elements of the Countywide Vision:** Education, Environment, Housing, Image, Infrastructure, Jobs/Economy, Public Safety, Quality of Life, Water, Wellness
- Community Vital Signs was created to improve the county's overall wellness.

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- It provides a structure for communities to assess and address pressing health issues through cross-sector collaboration.
- CVS helps align and leverage resources across sectors and drives strategic action through the San Bernardino County Community Transformation Plan (CHIP).
- CVS helps turn the Countywide Vision into action by creating community-led health improvement structures, encouraging cross-sector collaboration, and aligning resources and efforts for action.

Community Health Priorities

- Behavioral Health: Improve mental health and reduce substance misuse in San Bernardino County
- Injury and Violence Prevention: Decrease incidences of violence in San Bernardino County
- Chronic Disease: Decrease morbidity and mortality rates for chronic diseases in San Bernardino County

Get Involved

To join a workgroup or implementation committee, contact: Dori.Baeza@dph.sbcounty.gov

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern California: Stephanie Avila, kids@ccfsocal.org

- The Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern California supports families with children (0-18) diagnosed with cancer by providing emotional, social, educational, and emergency assistance from the time of diagnosis through treatment or loss.

Key Statistics

- Diagnoses: Approximately 15,000 children were diagnosed with cancer in 2024 in the United States
- Average age at diagnosis: 10 years
- Mortality: Cancer remains the leading disease-related cause of death among children (1,800 deaths/year)
- Most common cancer types (ages 0-14): Leukemia; brain and central nervous system tumors; lymphoma
- Survivors: Around 500,000 childhood cancer survivors in the U.S.

Signs & Symptoms to Watch For

- Unexplained weight loss
- Persistent headaches, often accompanied by vomiting
- Swelling in bones or joints
- Lumps or masses
- Excessive bruising
- Whitish reflection behind the pupil
- Changes in eye appearance or vision
- Recurring infections
- Noticeable paleness

Treatment Options

- Can be a single or combination treatment
- Chemotherapy
- Hormone therapy
- Immunotherapy
- Radiation therapy
- Blood stem cell transplant
- Surgery
- Duration: Typically, lasts 2-3 years

Long-Term Effects on Survivors

- Approximately two-thirds of survivors develop at least one chronic health condition

- Potential conditions include:
- Learning difficulties, attention and memory issues, nerve damage, vision or hearing loss
- Heart disease or failure, high blood pressure, reduced lung function
- Anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress, fear of recurrence
- Lifelong care needs: ongoing medical screenings, specialist follow-up, education support services

CCFSocal Programs & Services Offered

- Grocery Distribution
- Gift Distribution
- Housing Assistance
- Teen Connection Program
- Parent Pantry
- Birthday Gift Program
- Parent Support Meetings
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Educational Support Services
- Diaper Bank Program
- Hospital Visitation
- Special Events

CBO Business

Speaker: Karen Rodriguez, EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov

September Learning Topic Poll:

1. Bullying Prevention Month
2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month
3. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Poll Results – Bullying Prevention Month

Reminder: The topics listed above are observances for October. We present these topics a month in advance, so you have time to prepare for sharing information or hosting events during the observance month.

We encourage you to fill out the survey — All feedback will help us to better support our community.

[CBO Collaborative Feedback](#)

Community Partner Roundtable

- **Morongo Basin Healthcare District** is hosting a *Health and Wellness Resource Fair* on October 11th
For more information contact: danderson2@mbhdistrict.org
- **Cayenne Wellness Center** services patients with sickle-cell in the Inland Empire area.
To get in touch with their organization, contact: joan.green.cayennewellness@gmail.com
- **Project Fighting Chance** has re-opened their services for youth after school. They provide boxing, fitness, arts, enrichment, and social emotional needs.
Learn more at projectfightingchance.org
- **Inland Empire Alzheimer's Association** offers free classes in the Inland Empire on awareness and understanding Alzheimer's and living healthy and thriving.
Call (800)272-3900 or visit ALZ.ORG/CRF to learn more.

The next meeting will be on

September 2nd
9 AM – 10:30 AM

Via Zoom: [CBO Collaborative Meeting Link - Zoom](#)