



## 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](mailto:EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov)**

#### Measles

- Measles is highly contagious. If you or someone you know suspects measles, call your doctor's office before arriving for proper precautions to be taken.
- Measles spreads through direct contact with an infected person and through the air. An infected person can transmit the virus from 4 days before the rash appears to 4 days after it begins.
- Transmission rate: One person with measles can infect up to 18 others.
- Common symptoms include:
  - High fever (up to 104°F)
  - Cough
  - Runny nose
  - Red, watery eyes
  - White spots inside the mouth (Koplik spots)
  - Measles rash
  - Small, raised bumps may appear on top of the rash
- Vaccine recommendations:
  - Routine vaccination: Children should receive the first dose at 12 months of age and the second dose between 4–6 years.
  - International travel:
    - Infants 6–11 months: 1 dose before travel.
    - Everyone 12 months and older: Must be up to date with 2 doses, given at least 28 days apart if not already vaccinated.
- Current measles cases (as of May 1, 2025):
  - 30 U.S. states have reported cases.
  - 935 total cases, with 96% occurring in unvaccinated individuals.
  - 3 confirmed deaths.
- California update:
  - 10 confirmed cases in the following counties: Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, Placer, Riverside, San Mateo, and Tuolumne.
- San Bernardino County has **no** confirmed cases at this time.

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**San Bernardino County Department of Public Health - Program Updates**

**Environmental Health Services (EHS) – Mosquito & Vector Control Program:**

**Esteban Silva – Garcia,** [EHS.Moe@dph.sbcounty.gov](mailto:EHS.Moe@dph.sbcounty.gov)

- The **Mosquito and Vector Control Program (MVCP)** protects public health by controlling mosquitoes and other vectors that spread disease. The program aims to reduce the risk of vector-borne illnesses such as West Nile virus, Hantavirus, and Lyme disease through effective and environmentally responsible control methods.
- A vector is any insect, rodent, or animal that poses a public health risk due to its ability to transmit disease. Vectors can carry and spread pathogens such as West Nile virus, which may lead to serious health outcomes under certain conditions.

**MVCP Services**

- *Inspection & Treatment:* MVCP inspects and treats water sources to prevent mosquito breeding and responds to community service requests for vector control. This includes mosquitoes, ticks, rodents, cockroaches, and bed bugs.
- *Service Area:* Services cover all regions east of the 15 Freeway, including cities such as Fontana, Rialto, Bloomington, San Bernardino, Yucaipa, and Colton.
  - [Vector Control District Lookup](#)
- *Educational Consultations:* MVCP offers consultations to help the community prevent mosquito problems. If you're experiencing mosquito issues and aren't sure of the source, you can submit a service request or complaint. A technician will inspect your home, apartment, or property and help identify and resolve the issue.
- *Tenant Support & Enforcement:* If you're a renter or work with tenants facing persistent issues with rodents or cockroaches that have already been reported to property management without resolution, MVCP can assist. MVCP ensures property owners and managers address public health-related pest problems.
- Technicians conduct routine surveillance in service areas 2–3 times per week to monitor mosquito and tick activity.
- Mosquito traps are set to capture and test for disease-carrying species.
- Tick flagging is performed on trails to collect ticks and test for viruses and pathogens.
- **Environmental Health Services (EHS)** leads outreach efforts to raise awareness about mosquito prevention in and around the home. The program emphasizes that mosquito control is a shared community responsibility. Public education focuses on eliminating standing water, the primary breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Mosquitoes are among the deadliest creatures in the world, responsible for over 700,000 deaths annually due to mosquito-borne illnesses.
- **Aedes mosquitoes** (also known as *ankle biters*) can transmit:
  - Dengue Fever
  - Yellow Fever
  - Chikungunya
  - Zika Virus
- **Culex mosquitoes** can transmit:
  - West Nile Virus
  - St. Louis Encephalitis

- Other viral diseases

## SBX – Breathe I.E. Asthma Remediation Program

**Presenters:** Sharina Sanchez, [Sharina@sbxinc.org](mailto:Sharina@sbxinc.org)

- The Breathe IE Asthma Remediation Program is designed to support individuals with uncontrolled asthma through in-home visits, education, and access to resources. The program is Medi-Cal covered and provides comprehensive services to improve asthma management and quality of life.

### **Key Features:**

- Asthma Education: Provided through Community Health Worker (CHW) services.
- Personalized Support: Includes education, medication management, resource access, self-advocacy development, home environment awareness, and ongoing support.
- Eligibility: Individuals with uncontrolled asthma living in the Inland Empire.
- Referral Process: Referrals can be made by a healthcare provider or through self-referral. Submit referrals via email, phone, provider portal, or online registration.
- Led by SBX in collaboration with the Sierra Health Foundation, this initiative directly addresses community health disparities. Poor air quality and elevated asthma rates in the Inland Empire prompted the launch of this program to fill critical service gaps.

### **Potential asthma triggers the program addresses include:**

- Carpet
- Dust
- Plumbing issues

**Insurance Coverage:** Insurance may cover essential home remediation supplies, such as:

- Air purifiers
- Vacuums
- HEPA filters
- Mattress and/or pillow protectors
- San Bernardino County is home to approximately **2.2 million individuals** at risk for asthma:
  - Pediatric asthma cases: 41,804
  - Adult asthma cases: 125,645

For more information, contact:

Phone: (951) 247-1700

Website: [www.sbcinc.org](http://www.sbcinc.org)

## CBO Business

**Speaker:** Karen Rodriguez, [EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov](mailto:EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov)

### **June Learning Topic Poll:**

1. HIV Stigma and Hepatitis Awareness
2. Healthy Vision Awareness
3. Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness

### **Poll Results – HIV Stigma and Hepatitis Awareness**

We encourage you to fill out the survey—All feedback will support us to better support our community. [CBO Collaborative Feedback](#)

## Community Partner Roundtable

- **SB Fatherhood Program** is hosting a free workshop on May 10th in Rialto at the Kaiser Education Facility on Slover. These three-hour sessions offer peer support and guidance to help dads support moms and care for their babies. Additional workshops are held at Saint Mary Hospital in Apple Valley and the Dignity Health Community Resource Center in San Bernardino.  
Contact: Ryan Berryman, email: [Info@sbfatherhood.com](mailto:Info@sbfatherhood.com) or visit their website: [Black Dads Support - sbfatherhood](http://BlackDadsSupport-sbfatherhood.com)
- **Telecare Corporation** collaborates with the Crisis Stabilization Unit – Merrill Center, a 24-hour mental health urgent care facility for all ages. This center operates 24/7 as an alternative to hospitalization, providing immediate mental health treatment. Services include psychiatrists, nurses, therapists, and counselors, as well as medication refills. No appointment is required; walk-ins are welcomed.  
For more information contact: Omar Gonzalez-Valentino, Email: [Ogonzalezvalentino@telecarecorp.com](mailto:Ogonzalezvalentino@telecarecorp.com)
- **Molina Healthcare** is accepting nominations for the *Inland Empire Molina Healthcare Champions Awards*, recognizing heroes who make a positive difference in the community. This year's Champions will receive a grant to pay forward to a nonprofit organization of their choice.  
For more information contact: Eva Sandoval, Email: [Eva.sandoval@Molinahealthcare.com](mailto:Eva.sandoval@Molinahealthcare.com)
- **Institute for Public Strategies** (East Valley) – Is hosting a *Summer Youth Focus Group* to connect with youth in the communities of Loma Linda, Mentone, Highland, Redlands, and Yucaipa. As a nonprofit focused on substance use prevention and promoting healthy lifestyles, this is a great opportunity for youth to learn about our mission and explore potential volunteer opportunities.  
For more information contact: Ruby Ramos, Email: [Rramos@publicstrategies.org](mailto:Rramos@publicstrategies.org)
- **IEHP Foundation** is offering a *Grant Fundraising Training Series* with individual coaching support for 20 nonprofit leaders. This program is designed for organizations with annual budgets over \$300,000 and will provide tools to strengthen individual donor stewardship and fundraising practices. Training will be led by two expert consultants.  
**Application deadline: May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
For more information contact: Edgar Arreola, Email: [Edgar.arreola@iehpfoundation.org](mailto:Edgar.arreola@iehpfoundation.org)
- **IEHP Foundation** is also working to capture the impact of federal funding losses in the Inland Empire. If your organization has been affected by funding cuts, please reach out to them to build a collective picture for advocacy efforts. Your input will support efforts to communicate the regional need and push for sustainable support.  
For more information contact: Edgar Arreola, Email: [Edgar.arreola@iehpfoundation.org](mailto:Edgar.arreola@iehpfoundation.org)
- **Reach Out** is hosting the *15th Annual National Innovative Communities Conference (NICC)* on June 3–4 at the Riverside Convention Center. As the Inland Empire's largest health and quality of life conference, NICC brings together over 500 leaders from government, business, education, and healthcare. This year's theme, "*Generations*," celebrates changemakers past and present while shaping a shared future for our communities.

- **San Bernardino County Child Support Services** hosted the *3rd Annual SPRING INTO ACTION Health and Resource Fair* on May 17, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Loma Linda. This free event welcomed all community members, low-income families, to connect with local resources and receive support with child support-related questions. For more information contact: [DCSSOutreach@hss.sbcounty.gov](mailto:DCSSOutreach@hss.sbcounty.gov)
- **Clay Counseling Foundation** is launching support groups for the community, especially for youth. These groups aim to give young people the best chance at building fulfilling lives by cultivating relationships, building community, and sharing their stories. *"Real Talk, Real Growth"* groups offer a safe space to process anger, stress, and grief, while also building essential life skills. All sessions are facilitated by clinical staff passionate about mental health and improving lives. For more information contact: Taylor W., Email: [TaylorW@claycounselingsolutions.com](mailto:TaylorW@claycounselingsolutions.com)
- **Reconnected Resources** helps communities access Lifeline program phones, ECM Cal-Aim support, and caregiver services. For more information contact: [Admin@nucreativemedia.com](mailto:Admin@nucreativemedia.com)
- **San Bernardino County Master Gardener Program**, part of the University of California, is a group of enthusiastic plant lovers sharing research-based information with the public on growing food, sustainable landscaping, and better living through gardening. They offer informational tables and presentations and are eager to join upcoming community events. For more information contact: Margaret O'Neill, Email: [Magoneill@ucanr.edu](mailto:Magoneill@ucanr.edu)

The next meeting will be on

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

9 AM – 10:30 AM

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