

2019 Public Health Accomplishments

October 11, 2019



2019-20 Funding for Public Health



\$5M STDs (one-time)

\$2M STD (ongoing)

\$15M Asthma Mitigation (one-time)

\$100M WPC (one-time)

\$5M HIV (one-time)

\$19.5M BIH ongoing

\$5M Alzheimer's Disease Infrastructure (one-time)

\$20M non-WPC (one-time)

\$5M HCV (\$2.5 to LHDs) (one-time)

\$45.9M CHVP ongoing

\$15.2M SUD Harm Reduction (one-time)

\$12M Cannabis Surveillance

Infectious Disease Funding



California local health departments applaud Gov. [@GavinNewsom](#) for including an investment to address infectious diseases in today's [#MayRevise](#). [#CALeg](#) [#CABudget](#) [cheac.org/2019/05/09/cal...](#)



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California Local Health Departments Applaud Newsom's Investment to Address Infectious Diseases

The County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) and the Health Officers Association of California (HOAC) applaud Governor Newsom for the inclusion of \$40 million to local health departments for prevention, testing, and treatment services in the FY 2019-20 May Revision.

CHEAC President and Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency Director Mimi Hall expresses gratitude, indicating, "Governor Newsom's investment is a promising step toward strengthening the capacity of local health departments and will provide crucial flexible funding to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases impacting our communities. We commend the Governor for acknowledging the essential work of California's local health departments and look forward to partnering with the Newsom Administration to protect the health of Californians."

CHEAC and HOAC are statewide organizations representing California's 58 county and three city health department and agency directors and physician health officers dedicated to the promotion, protection, and improvement of the health of all Californians.

Additional information available at [www.cheac.org](#) and [www.calhealthofficers.org](#).

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SB CDPH
@SBCountyPH

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health commends Gov. [@GavinNewsom](#) for investing in California's local health departments to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases in our community in today's [#MayRevise](#).

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The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services commends Gov. [@GavinNewsom](#) for investing in California's health departments to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases in our community in yesterday's [#MayRevise](#). [@CHEAC](#) [#CALeg](#) [#CABudget](#)

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LA Public Health
@lapublichealth

[@CountyofLA](#) Department of [#PublicHealth](#) thanks Gov. [@GavinNewsom](#) for including funding to local health departments for infectious disease prevention in the [#MayRevise](#)! This funding will allow us to better protect the health and safety of our community. [@CHEAC](#) [#CALeg](#) [#CABudget](#)



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Public Health is grateful to [@CAGovernor](#) for his \$40M commitment to health in our communities! [cheac.org/2019/05/09/cal...](#)



PlumasHealth
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Plumas County Public Health Agency commends Gov. [@GavinNewsom](#) for investing in California's local health departments to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases in our community in today's [#MayRevise](#). [@CHEAC](#) [#CALeg](#) [#CABudget](#)



Public Health SCC
@PublicHealthSCC

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Stronger Public Health Protections



Enactment of SB 276



Confronting Youth Vaping

Legislative Education Day



2019 CHEAC State Legislative Member Education Day Legislative Meeting Schedule

CHEAC Member Information

Jurisdiction – San Benito County Public Health Services
Participants – Lynn Mello

CHEAC Phone Numbers –
Michelle Gibbons: 916-254-9274 Jack Anderson: 308-627-6141
Betsy Armstrong: 916-747-2574 Kelly Brooks-Lindsey: 916-835-7704

12:00 PM – Senator Anna Caballero (D) – State Capitol, Room 5052



Staff Meeting – Legislative Aide Michele Canales
Meeting Attendees: Lynn Mello (San Benito); Elsa Jimenez (Monterey)*;
Michelle Gibbons (CHEAC)

District: 12 (Ceres)
Counties: Fresno (p), Madera (p), Merced, Monterey (p), San Benito,
Stanislaus (p)

Committees: Agriculture; Banking & Financial Institutions; Housing; Judiciary;
Natural Resources & Water

Occupation: Attorney; Governor's Cabinet Secretary

Legislative Interests: Affordable Housing; Water; Education; Gang Violence-Crime; Healthcare;
Women and Equality

Notes: Caballero is new to the Senate after serving twice in the Assembly; worked as an attorney for
CA Rural Legal Assistance; former Salinas City Council Member, first female Mayor of Salinas; worked
in areas of domestic violence and youth and gang violence prevention; served as Cabinet Secretary in
Brown Administration

1:30 PM – Assembly Member Robert Rivas (D) – State Capitol, Room 5158 (Elsa Jimenez may be few minutes late joining meeting; feel free to begin at 1:30)



Member Meeting – Assembly Member Robert Rivas
Meeting Attendees: Lynn Mello (San Benito)*; Elsa Jimenez (Monterey);
Michelle Gibbons (CHEAC)

District: 30 (Salinas)
Counties: Monterey (p), San Benito, Santa Clara (p), Santa Cruz (p)

Committees: Agriculture; Appropriations; Governmental Organization; Local
Government; Rules

Occupation: College Professor; Former San Benito County Supervisor

Legislative Interests: Jobs; Roads and Transportation; Housing; Education; Agriculture; Environment;
Healthcare

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2019 CHEAC State Legislative Member Education Day Legislative Meeting Schedule

CHEAC Member Information

Jurisdiction – Humboldt County Public Health Department
Participants – Michele Stephens

CHEAC Phone Numbers –
Michelle Gibbons: 916-254-9274 Jack Anderson: 308-627-6141
Betsy Armstrong: 916-747-2574 Kelly Brooks-Lindsey: 916-835-7704

2:00 PM – Assembly Member Jim Wood (D) – State Capitol, Room 6005



Member Meeting – Assembly Member Jim Wood
Meeting Attendees: Michele Stephens; Michelle Gibbons (CHEAC)

District: 2 (Santa Rosa)
Counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma (p), Trinity

Committees: Health (Chair); Budget; Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on
Health & Human Services; Water, Parks & Wildlife

Occupation: Dentist

Legislative Interests: Economic Development; Healthcare; Natural

Resources

Notes: Wood is a returning member; extensive interest in health, dental, and mental health services,
particularly in rural areas; co-chair of Assembly Select Committee on Health Care Delivery Systems &
Universal Coverage; served on Healdsburg City Council and two terms as mayor; passed local
ordinance banning tobacco sales to those younger than 21

3:45 PM – Senator Mike McGuire (D) – State Capitol, Room 5061 (Suggested arrival time: 3:30 PM)



Member Meeting – Senator Mike McGuire
Meeting Attendees: Michele Stephens

District: 2 (Healdsburg)
Counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Sonoma (p),
Trinity

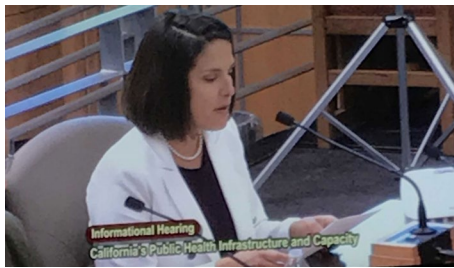
Committees: Governance & Finance (Chair); Budget & Fiscal Review;
Education; Energy, Utilities & Communications; Housing; Transportation

Occupation: Former Sonoma County Supervisor; Healdsburg Mayor

Legislative Interests: N/A

Notes: McGuire is a returning member; serves as Assistant Majority Leader;
former Sonoma County Supervisor; youngest mayor of Healdsburg

Public Health Informational Hearing



Tools and Resources for LHDs



Communicable Disease Infrastructure Budget Request Fact Sheet

The County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) and the Health Officers Association of California (HOAC) request a continuing appropriation of \$50 million General Fund beginning in FY 2019-20 to improve the local health department infrastructure to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases.

Background

California's 61 local health departments (LHDs) are mandated to prevent and control the spread of communicable diseases throughout the state. LHDs play a unique and critical role in outbreak investigations and disease control in order to protect the public's health and safety, a responsibility for which no other entity is responsible.

Local health departments employ a variety of strategies to prevent and/or reduce the spread of infectious diseases, including:

- Education and outreach to at-risk communities and health care providers
- Intensive disease investigation and contact tracing
- Public health laboratory testing
- Epidemiologic surveillance

Issue

California local health departments do not have adequate funding to fulfill their unique mandate to prevent and control infectious diseases within their jurisdictions. State and federal funding for communicable disease control activities have considerably declined over time and are primarily siloed based on the disease. This has led to significant challenges in addressing the rising rates of ever-present diseases such as sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and tuberculosis, as well as new and emerging outbreaks experienced in California such as Hepatitis A, influenza, Zika and measles, posing a health and safety risk to residents throughout the state.

According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH):

- Nearly 360,000 cases of communicable diseases were reported in 2016

- In 2016, an estimated 5.8 million cases of foodborne illness occurred in California, leading to nearly 400 deaths
- An estimated 1.1 million to 4.3 million cases of influenza occurred in 2016, leading to an estimated 1,400 to 6,800 deaths
- California has experienced a 45 percent increase in chlamydia, gonorrhea and early syphilis since 2012
- Early syphilis has increased by 600 percent since 2012, 283 children were born with syphilis, and 30 stillbirths occurred due to syphilis
- The 2017 Hepatitis A outbreak resulted in 704 cases, 461 hospitalizations, and 21 deaths

Communicable disease risks are further exacerbated by key issues facing Californians, such as the alarming number of Californians living in unsanitary or congregate settings due to homelessness or natural disasters.

Solution

Local health departments request a continuing appropriation of \$50 million General Fund to improve infrastructure to prevent and control the spread of infectious disease in California using strategies that best meet the needs of local jurisdictions. Examples of these strategies include disease surveillance, contact tracing, staff development and training, education and outreach to the general public and health care providers, clinical services, and laboratory testing.

Additional Information

Please contact Michelle Gibbons, CHEAC Executive Director at mgibbons@cheac.org or Kat DeBurgh, HOAC Executive Director at deburgh@calhealthofficers.org.

CHEAC Members,

On Thursday, April 25, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services will be hearing our joint CHEAC/HOAC Budget request for a continuous appropriation of \$50 million General Fund to improve the local health department infrastructure to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases.

Actions Requested

1. Send letters of SUPPORT.

Please submit a letter of support to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3. Your letters can be addressed to Senator Pan with a copy to the other two members of the Subcommittee – Senator Hurtado and Senator Stone. Please email a copy of your letter to the following contacts:

Scott Ogus, Senate Sub 3. Consultant – scott.ogus@sen.ca.gov
Anthony Archie, Senate Republican Caucus Consultant – Anthony.archie@sen.ca.gov
Jack Anderson – janderson@cheac.org

For your reference, a sample letter that may be used by your jurisdiction is attached, as well as a copy of our joint CHEAC/HOAC letter of support. In addition, a fact sheet on our budget request is also included.

2. Call or visit Senators.

Please call or visit members of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 that represent your jurisdiction. If the member is unavailable, please ask to speak with the staff person staffing the member on Sub 3 issues. If your jurisdiction has taken a formal support position, please be sure to raise that during your call. If you do not have an official position, but can educate your Senator about the need to invest in the local public health infrastructure for communicable disease, please do so. Data, stories, and examples of how your departments are grappling with an increased number of infectious diseases with limited staffing and resources are very helpful. Please note, members are very interested in STD rates, the current measles outbreaks and the previous Hepatitis A outbreak. Any discussion that can tie the need to build capacity at the local level to these issues would likely resonate with members. Subcommittee members and their contact information is noted below:

Senator Pan	Sacramento, Yolo	(916) 651-4006
Senator Hurtado	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Tulare	(916) 651-4014
Senator Stone	Riverside	(916) 651-4028

3. Follow-up with CHEAC Staff.

If you are able to engage with your Senator, please circle back with CHEAC Staff. Insight from your conversations will continue to assist in our advocacy efforts. As always, please let us know if there is anything we can do to further assist.

Thank you,

ORGANIZATION LETTERHEAD

DATE

The Honorable Richard Pan, M.D.

Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services

State Capitol, Room 5114

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: \$50 Million for Local Health Department Communicable Disease Infrastructure – **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Pan:

Insert organization's name respectfully requests your support of a continuous appropriation of \$50 million General Fund beginning in FY 2019-20 to improve local health department infrastructure to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases.

Insert organization's name works diligently to prevent and reduce community exposure to dangerous and potentially deadly illnesses within our jurisdiction, including over 80 reportable conditions. Local health departments in California, including ours, play a unique and critical role in outbreak investigations and disease control in order to protect our residents' health and safety, a responsibility for which no other entity is accountable.

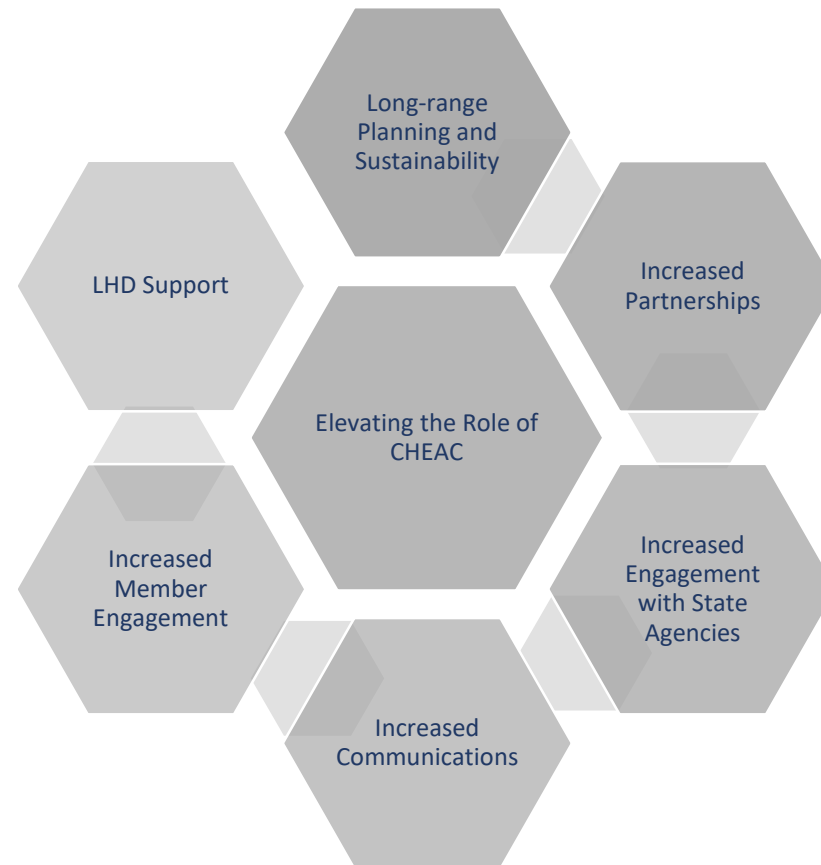
To carry out this work, insert organization's name employs a variety of intensive strategies, including, but not limited to, targeted outreach and education to at-risk communities and health care providers, disease investigation and contact tracing, and epidemiological surveillance. However, we do not have adequate funding to fulfill our unique mandate in preventing and controlling infectious diseases within our jurisdiction. State and federal funding for communicable disease control activities have declined significantly over time and are largely siloed based on disease-specific conditions.

As such, our local health department has experienced considerable challenges in addressing the rising rates of ever-present diseases, such as sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), as well as new and reemerging outbreaks, such as measles. For example, in our jurisdiction ... (provide examples of local communicable disease outbreaks, increases in cases, local actions and challenges, etc.). These communicable disease incidents, along with significant funding constraints to our local health department, pose a serious health and safety risk to residents within our jurisdiction.

This investment would allow our local health department to take critical steps toward improving our public health infrastructure which is fundamental to preventing and controlling the spread of infectious diseases within our jurisdiction and within our state. This flexible funding stream would allow our jurisdiction to address current infrastructure gaps by (provide examples of how funding would be utilized



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Additional Comments?