

# Drug User Health Initiative Strategic Plan Update



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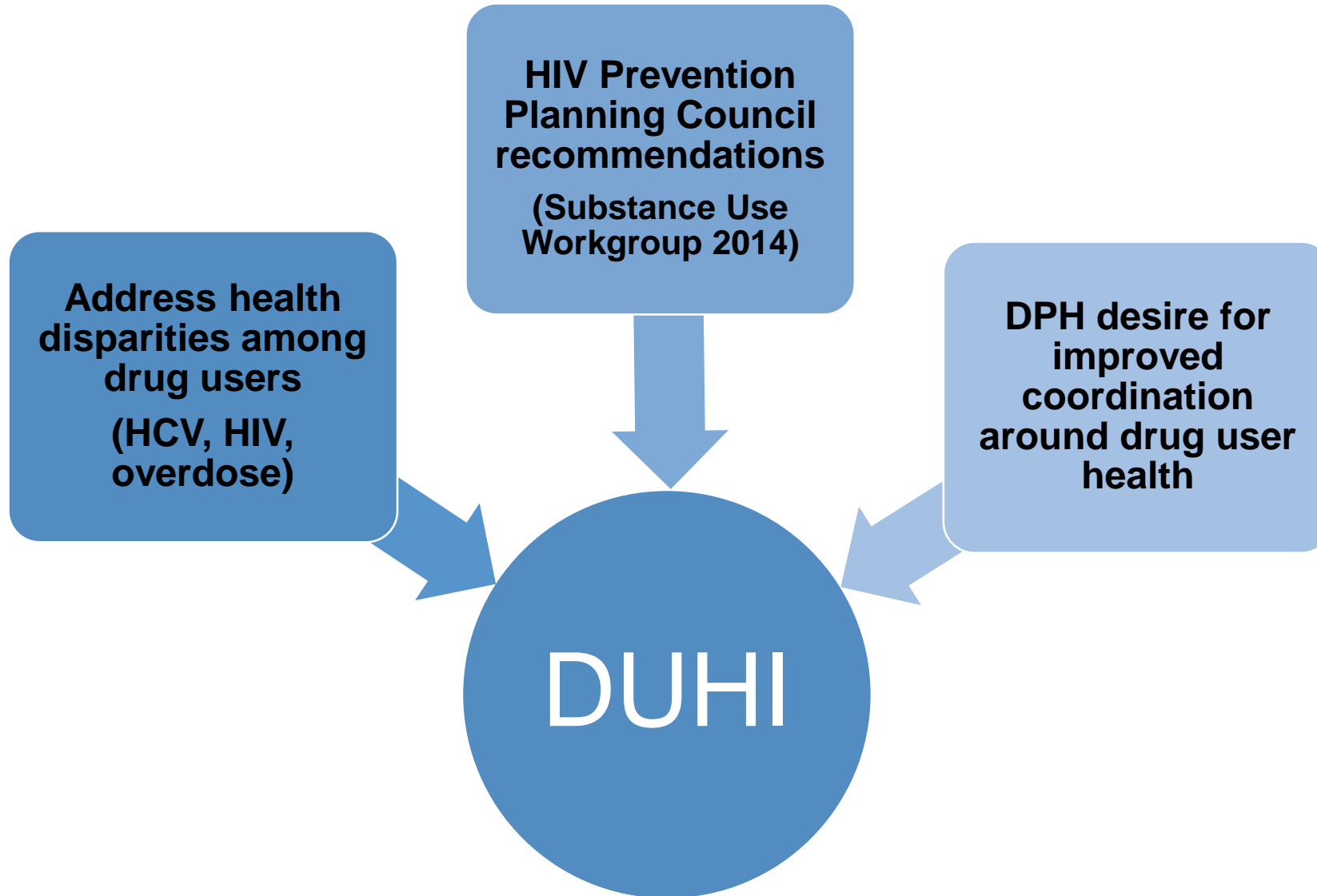
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# Overview

- Background of DUHI
- Key Initiatives and Priorities
- Successes
- 2017 and Beyond

# Creation of Drug User Health Initiative (DUHI)



# SFDPH's Drug User Health Initiative

## Mission Statement

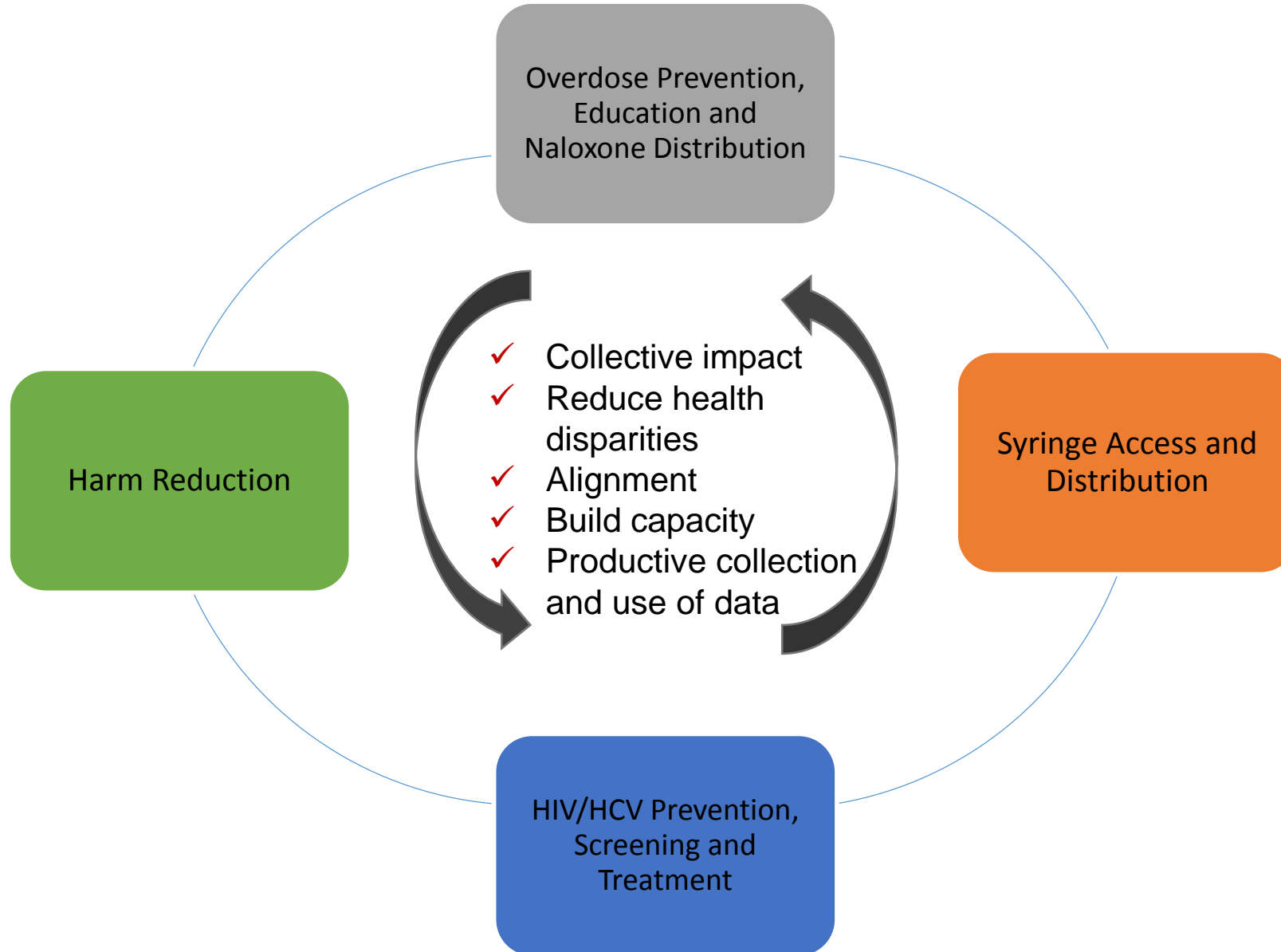
To support people who use drugs in caring for themselves and their communities through strengthening and aligning services and systems promoting drug user health in San Francisco.

## Vision Statement

The system of care and prevention supports health equity for people who use drugs and ensures that all people who use drugs are treated with dignity and respect throughout San Francisco.



# Key Initiatives



# Strategic Priorities

## Harm Reduction

- Strengthen service system capacity.
- Continue existing and develop new partnerships.
- Consider the role of harm reduction with respect to other substances.

## Overdose Prevention/Naloxone

- Continue to reduce opioid deaths.
- Review data and explore strategies related to stimulant overdose.

## Syringe Access and Disposal

- Continue and expand community-driven approaches.
- Expand access to safer injection supplies through integration.
- Improve syringe disposal.

## HIV/HCV Prevention, Screening, and Treatment

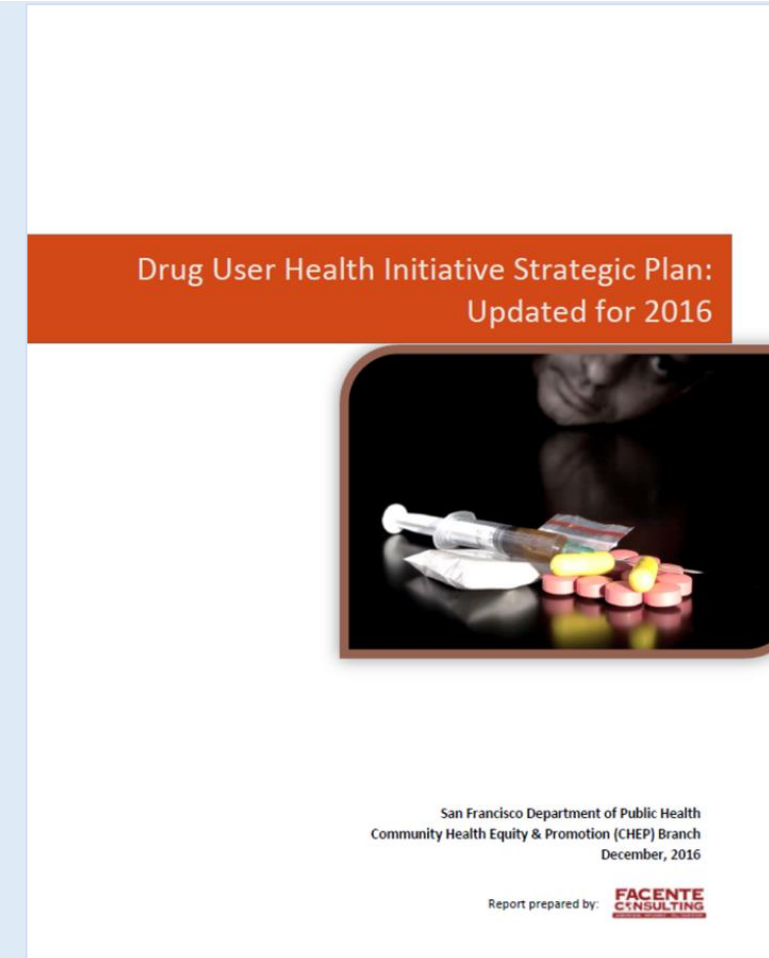
- Implement EndHepCSF strategic plan priorities.
- Explore how to best leverage the Drug Medi-Cal waiver.
- Review data and assess gaps in access for substance users affected by HIV and/or HCV.
- Promote integration of substance use interventions within other services.

# DUHI Successes: Behavioral Health Contractual Requirements

Behavioral health programs contractual requirements now include:

- ✓ Mandatory harm reduction trainings for staff
- ✓ Mandatory posting of syringe access and DOPE Project schedules
- ✓ Documented agency-wide overdose response policies

Requirements to be added to HIV Prevention contracts during renewal.



# DUHI Successes: Harm Reduction Training Institute

DPH funded Harm Reduction Coalition to support training for DPH and CBO staff

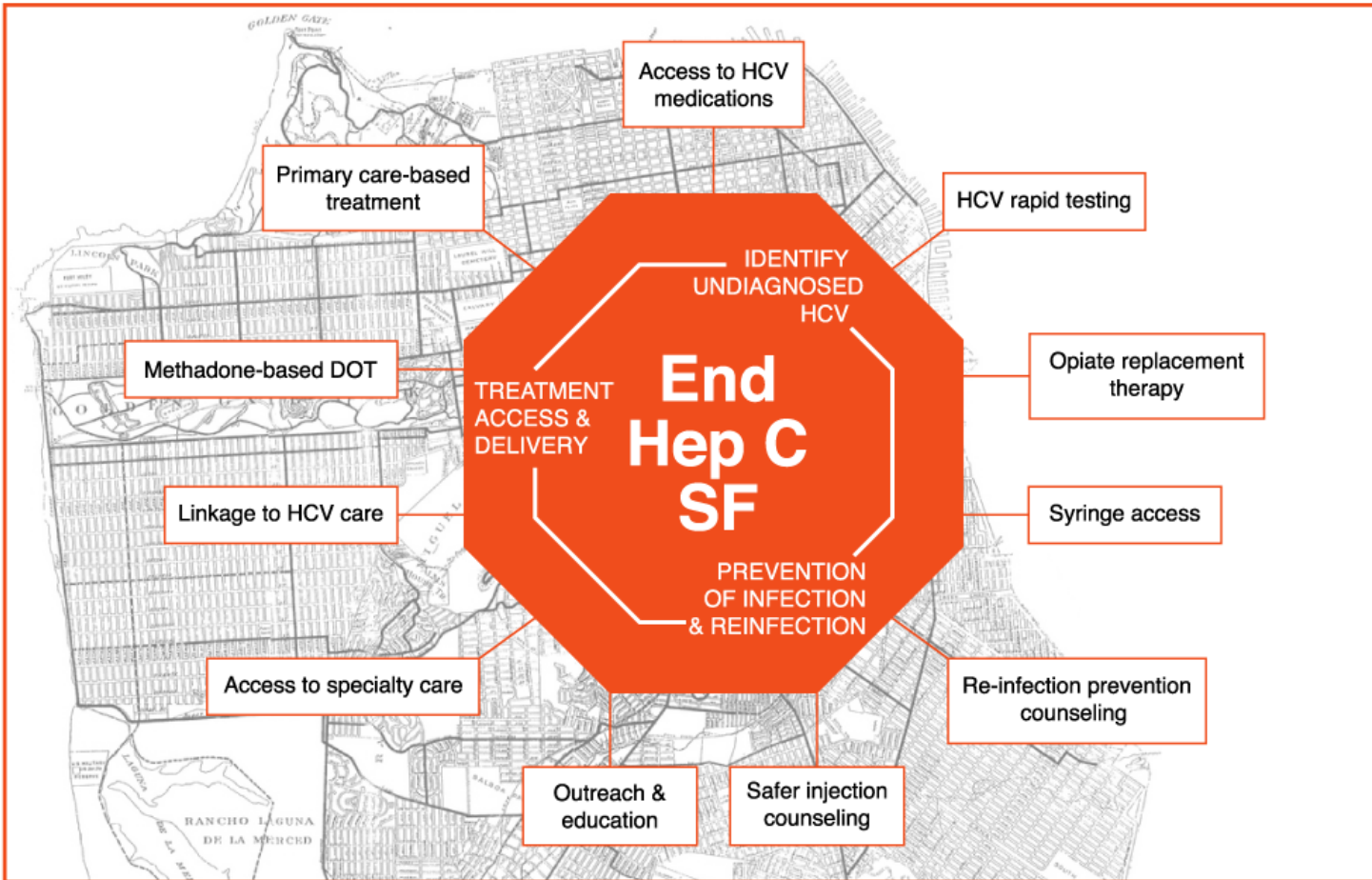
- ✓ Harm Reduction Overview
- ✓ Understanding Drug-Related Stigma
- ✓ Drugs 101
- ✓ Overdose Prevention and Response
- ✓ Incorporating Harm Reduction Principles into Substance Use Treatment
- ✓ Outreach and Engagement



HRC also provides technical assistance to individual CBOs work on harm reduction issues



# DUHI Successes: End Hep C SF



- ✓ Prevalence estimate of HCV in SF
- ✓ Increased community and clinic-based testing
- ✓ Expansion of treatment in primary care and specialty clinics
- ✓ Expanded treatment among People Who Inject Drugs (PWIDs)
- ✓ Launch of “New Treatments Have Changed the Game” prevention/education campaign
- ✓ Publication of Strategic Plan

# DUHI Successes: Overdose Prevention Expansion

- ✓ Expanded overdose prevention in the SF jails
- ✓ Supported co-prescribing naloxone with opioids at safety net clinics
- ✓ Supported internship examining stimulant-related overdose deaths
- ✓ Supported training and Naloxone purchase for SFPD
- ✓ Ongoing support for DOPE Project

# DUHI Successes: Strengthened Syringe Access and Disposal Alliance

- ✓ Sharing best practices & models: outreach, incentivized testing, tracking returns
- ✓ Collaboration amongst syringe programs to meet needs of community
  - ✓ Staffing partnership to allow for extended hours
- ✓ Expansion of syringe site to include additional services: harm reduction center
- ✓ Partnership with DPH to address community concerns

# Strategic Priorities – 2017 and Beyond

- Continue to expand access to harm reduction trainings for providers throughout SF
- Develop an on-site overdose response policy for all SFDPH sites where relevant
- Support community groups in developing innovative strategies to increase access to safe injection
- Develop additional options for syringe disposal as well as clear, consistent messages about disposal
- Continue to expand HCV testing and treatment options for PWID via the End Hep C SF collaborative

# Thank you!

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