


SFDPH DRUG USER HEALTH INITIATIVE

An update on the HPPC Substance Use Work Group Recommendations
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Background

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October and November 2014

HIV Prevention Planning Council (HPPC) Substance Use Work Group recommendations approved by the full HPPC and the HIV Health Services Planning Council

2015

Extensive community engagement process to inform implementation

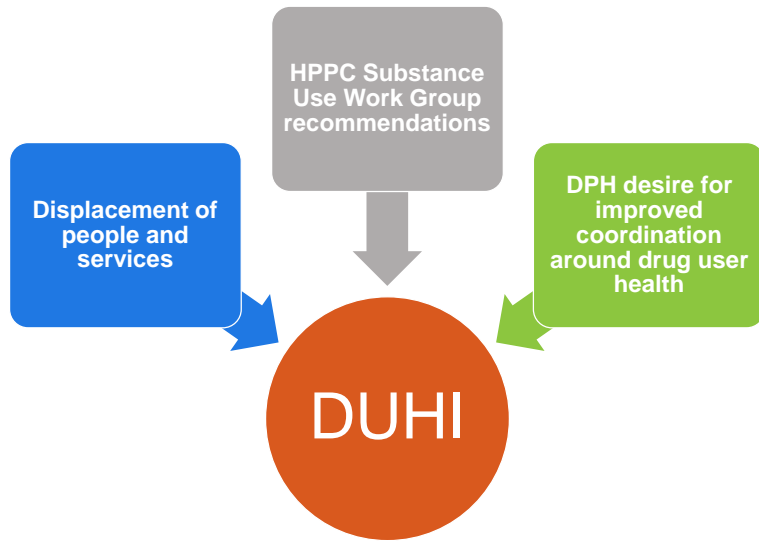
- Focus groups with providers and people who use drugs

2015

San Francisco Department of Public Health established the Drug User Health Initiative (DUHI): a **collaborative, department-wide** effort to **align services and systems** to consistently **support the health of people who use drugs and alcohol in San Francisco**

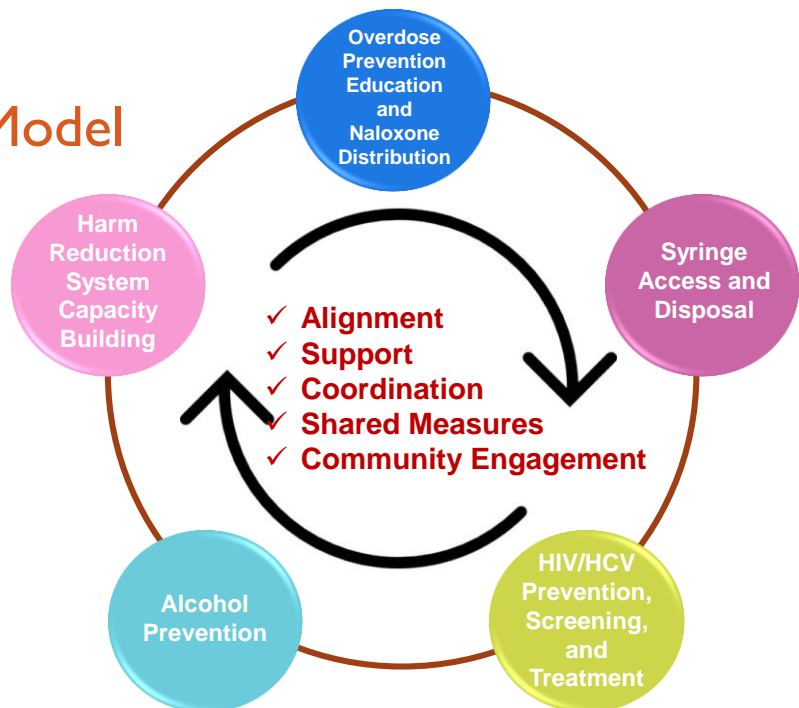
Impetus for the Creation of Drug User Health Initiative (DUHI)

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DUHI: An Integrated Model

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Drug User Health Initiative (DUHI)

Mission Statement

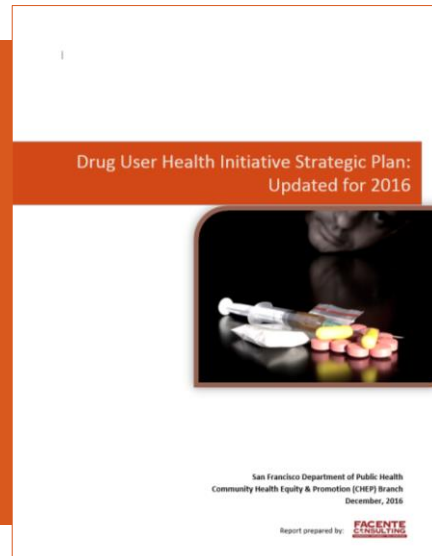
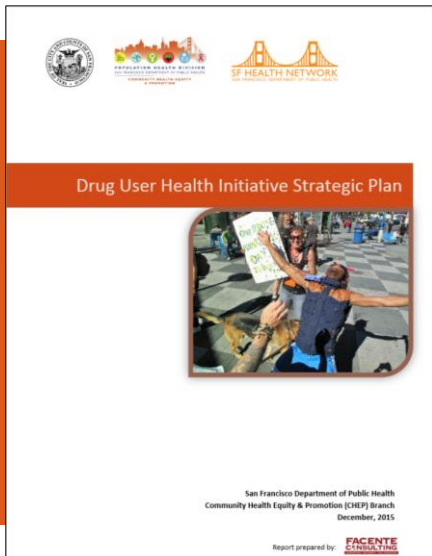
To support drug users in caring for themselves and their communities through strengthening and aligning services and systems promoting drug user health in San Francisco.

Vision Statement

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



DUHI Successes: Strategic Plan



DUHI Successes: Behavioral Health Contractual Requirements

SFDPH-funded Behavioral Health program contractual requirements now include:

- ✓ Mandatory harm reduction trainings for staff
- ✓ Mandatory posting of syringe access and Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Program (DOPE) Project schedules
- ✓ Documented agency-wide overdose response policies

Requirements to be added to HIV Prevention contracts upon renewal or new contract

DUHI Successes: Behavioral Health/HIV Integration

- ✓ Behavioral Health Clinician providing integrated behavioral health and HIV care for people who are HIV positive or HIV negative
 - Time split 50/50 between South Van Ness Adult Behavioral Health Services (SVNABHS) and City Clinic
 - Originally funded under MAI-TCE (Minority AIDS Initiative Targeted Capacity Expansion) grant
 - Services include:
 - individual and group therapy
 - linkages to primary care, HIV primary care, HIV related prevention services, substance use harm reduction counseling and case management

DUHI Successes: Harm Reduction Training Institute

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Harm Reduction Coalition contract to support training and technical assistance for SFPDPH and SFPDPH-funded staff

- ✓ Harm Reduction Overview
- ✓ Understanding Drug-Related Stigma
- ✓ Motivational Interviewing
- ✓ Working with Active Drug Users
- ✓ Harm Reduction and Mental Health
- ✓ Burnout Prevention
- ✓ As of June 2016:
 - ✓ Harm reduction training for 874 DPH, city agency, and community-based organization staff
 - ✓ Technical assistance to 28 substance use agencies



DUHI Successes: Hepatitis C (Hep C) Programming

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**We can't treat
Hep C if we don't
know we have it.**



**New treatments have changed the game
Come visit us to get tested**
 Harm Reduction Program • 100 Hours
 1000 E Bay Street (Between Taylor & Jones)
 San Francisco, CA 94102
 415.507.6100 / hrc.sf.glide.org

Establishment of Hep C Linkage Programs at 3 Sites:

- Glide Foundation
- San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- HealthRIGHT 360

**Living with Hep C?
New treatments
have changed the game.**



There is new hope for people with Hep C
 Come visit us. Talk about the new treatments. Get tested.



Primary care-based Hep C Treatment Initiative made Hep C treatment available for drug users at all San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) primary care clinics.

These services provided the groundwork for the formation of End Hep C SF.

DUHI Successes: Overdose Prevention Expansion

- ✓ Ongoing support for DOPE Project
- ✓ Hired a 0.5 FTE overdose prevention coordinator for jail Health Services
- ✓ Supported internship examining stimulant-related overdose deaths
- ✓ Supported training and naloxone purchase for SF Police Department
- ✓ Naloxone Grant Program: free naloxone from California Department of Public Health to be distributed by methadone programs and a couple of behavioral health programs
- ✓ **Primary Care Settings**
 - ✓ Naloxone co-prescribing program in selected SFHN clinics
 - ✓ Academic detailing to encourage community providers to co-prescribe naloxone

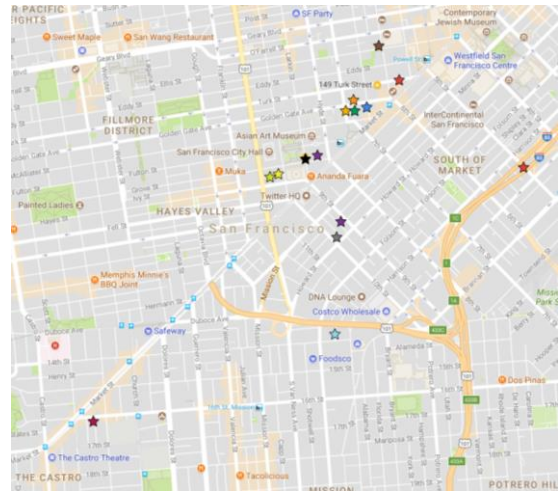


DUHI Successes: Strengthened Syringe Access & Disposal Program

- ✓ Sharing best practices and models: outreach, incentivized testing, tracking returns
- ✓ Collaboration among syringe programs to meet needs of community
 - ✓ Staffing partnership to allow for extended hours
- ✓ Expansion of syringe site include additional services: 6th Street Harm Reduction Center
- ✓ Partnership with SFDPH to address community concerns
- ✓ SFDPH rapid-response team responds to safe disposal requests, in conjunction with community-based clean-up teams and regularly-scheduled syringe sweeps
- ✓ Exploring incentivized sweeps and community clean-up events
- ✓ Addition of several new disposal boxes: 12 small boxes and 6 large kiosks

24-Hour Syringe Disposal Locations (as of 11/30/2017)

- Next to GLIDE
330 Ellis St. @ Taylor St.
- 50 Leach Walesa St.
near Tom Waddell Clinic
- 150 Golden Gate Avenue
- 133 Golden Gate
(St. Boniface)
- 150 9th Street (Conard
House)
- Pond Street (Eureka
Valley Library parking lot)
- 45 Jones Street
- 76 Leach Walesa St.
near Please Touch Garden
- Leavenworth between
McAllister & Golden Gate
Ave.
- 149 Turk Street
- 1380 Howard Street
- Trainor street between 14th
street & Division on fence of
Rainbow's back parking lot
- Bill Graham Civic
Auditorium (on Larkin at
Hayes)
- Main Library on Fulton &
Hyde
- 5th Street between Harrison
& Bryant



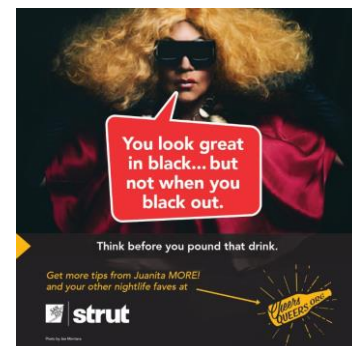
DUHI Successes: Community-Based HIV Prevention Binge-Drinking Intervention

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- ✓ Early-intervention, harm-reduction intervention for gay men and transgender women who binge drink
- ✓ Established under MAI-TCE grant
- ✓ Implemented by San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- ✓ Cheers Queers enrolled 143 clients in 2016-2017
- ✓ Client satisfaction rate: 97.2%
- ✓ Part of continuum of care
- ✓ Strong linkages to further support as needed
- ✓ Social marketing campaign and street outreach

<http://cheersqueers.org/>

For more information call Rich Lugo: 415-437-3439

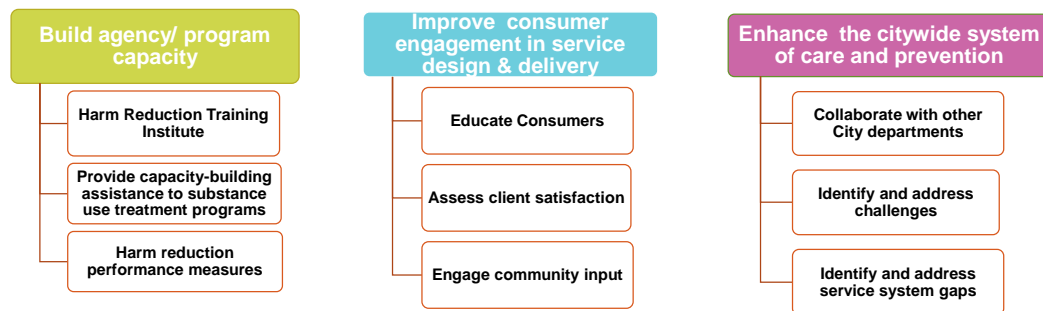


DUHI Challenges

- ✓ External challenges as city dynamic changes and increased scrutiny on homelessness, drug use, and syringe program
- ✓ Changing political environment
- ✓ Stretches parameters of HIV prevention work
- ✓ Culture shift for city departments to work together and collectively own initiative
- ✓ Resources including staff time are limited
- ✓ Social determinants of health

Update: Harm Reduction Policy

- The strategy has been to shore up services and develop programs that are most impactful and meeting the needs of drug users
- DUHI will continue to focus on services and systems improvements



Update: Safer Injection Services (SIS)

- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #123-17
- Introduced by Supervisor London Breed introduced a resolution that passed April 2017
- Urged SFDPH to convene a safe injection services (SIS) task force
- Members from Substance Use Work Group & HCPC were on task force
- 17 Task Force recommendations
 - <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/SISTaskForce/>

Presentation will be made to HCPC at a later date

DUHI Next Steps

- ✓ Update Strategic Plan and shared measures
- ✓ Continue to strengthen service system capacity
- ✓ Consider the role of harm reduction with respect to tobacco, alcohol, and cannabis
- ✓ Continue and scale up current best practices to continue to reduce opioid deaths, staying abreast of any developments related to fentanyl overdose
- ✓ Review data and explore strategies related to stimulant overdose
- ✓ Continue to explore opportunities to expand access to safer injection

DUHI Next Steps Continued

- ✓ Review data and assess gaps in access to services for substance users affected by HIV and/or Hep C
- ✓ Continue to expand “out of clinic” Hep C treatment options for drug users
- ✓ Explore interventions to reduce deaths from severe chronic alcohol abuse
- ✓ Pursuing new projects and opportunities
 - Buprenorphine academic detailing
 - Peer based buprenorphine project
 - Youth education around cannabis legalization

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