

SAFE INJECTION FACILITIES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS HCPC Presentation 2-26-2018

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General Framework: San Francisco Safer Injection Services Task Force

The Task Force developed 17 total recommendations that support the creation of safe injection services in San Francisco, and address the need for legal analysis, program planning and management, delivery model, location considerations, community engagement and education, and identifying special populations.

HIV Community Planning Council Motion

****Approved by Steering Committee 2/15/18****

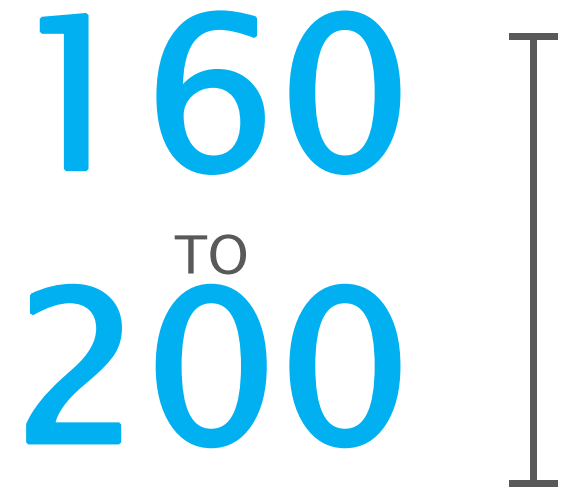
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- The HCPC supports Assembly Bill 186
- The HCPC supports the implementation of safe injection services

INJECTION DRUG USE IN SF

- Estimated 22,500 people who inject drugs in SF
- SF has continued to see overdoses from heroin, methamphetamine, and fentanyl poisoning
- People who inject drugs are at-risk for
 - unhealthy substance use
 - acquisition and transmission of HIV and hepatitis C
 - serious physical and mental health conditions
 - premature death

OVERDOSES IN SF

- SF has continued to see overdoses from heroin, methamphetamine, and fentanyl poisoning
- Overdose deaths from opioids and stimulants in SF have been fairly stable



RANGE OF OVERDOSE DEATHS IN SF PER YEAR SINCE 2006

HARM REDUCTION

- Public health philosophy
- Promotes methods of reducing the physical, social, emotional, and economic harms associated with harmful behaviors that impact individuals and their community
- Free of judgment and directly involve clients in setting their own health goals

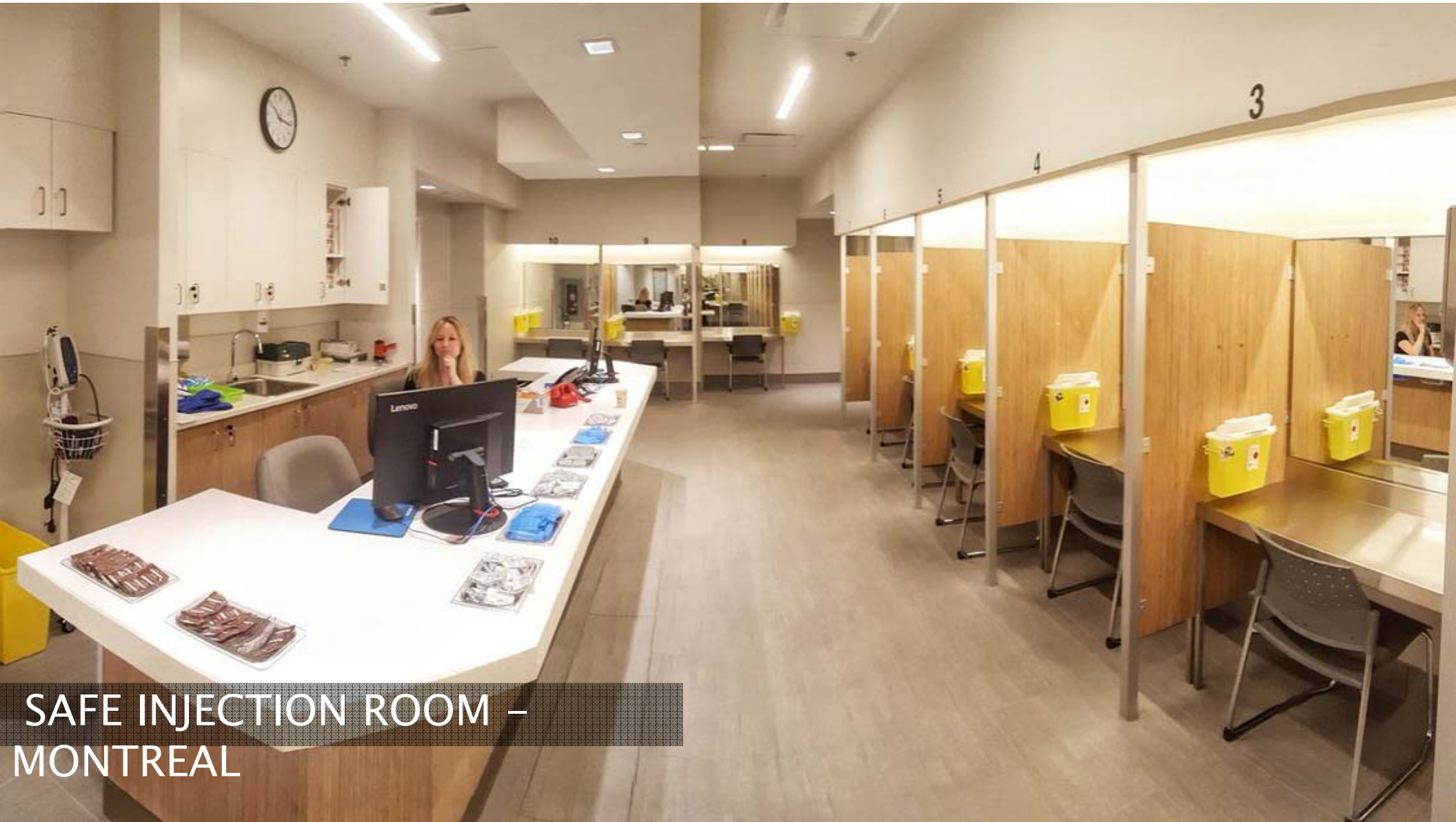
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Examples in San Francisco

- Syringe Access & Disposal
- Naloxone
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine)
- Sobering Center

SAFE INJECTION SERVICES

- Professionally supervised facilities where drug users can inject pre-obtained drugs in safer conditions
- Service models:
 - Integrated
 - Specialized
 - Mobile



SAFE INJECTION ROOM –
MONTREAL



SAFE INJECTION ROOM –
VANCOUVER



SAFE INJECTION ROOM –
AUSTRALIA

TASK FORCE OVERVIEW

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #123-17

- Introduced by Supervisor London Breed (passed April 2017)
- Urged SFDPH to convene a safe injection services (SIS) task force
- Task Force Purpose:
 - to investigate: the potential opportunities and obstacles associated with safe injection services; the community need for such services; and the feasibility of opening and operating such services.

TASK FORCE COMPONENTS

- APRIL 2017 – SEPTEMBER 2017
- 15 TASK FORCE MEMBERS
- 3 TASK FORCE MEETINGS
- 3 SURVEYS
- 2 FOCUS GROUPS



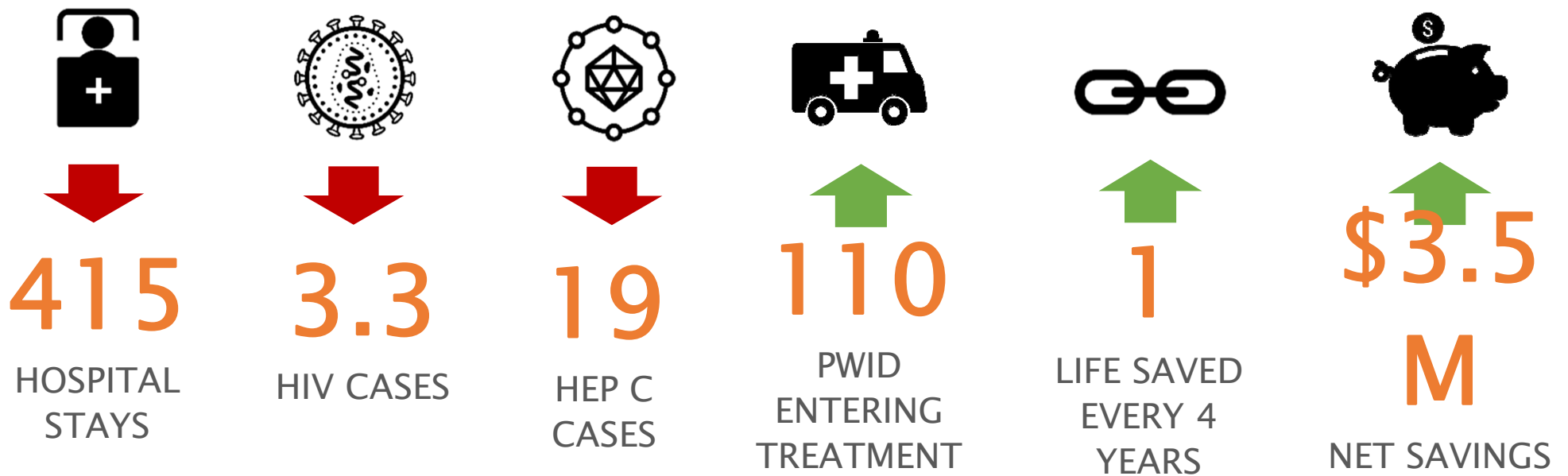
KEY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Support creation of safe injection services in San Francisco

*“You don’t want to see me use drugs. I don’t want you to see me use drugs.
SIF will meet both our needs.” –Seven*

POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF SIS FOR SAN FRANCISCO

ANNUALLY



**Source: Irwin, A., Jozaghi, E., Bluthenthal, R. N., & Kral, A. H. (2017). A Cost-Benefit Analysis of a Potential Supervised Injection Facility in San Francisco, California, USA. Journal of Drug Issues, 47(2), 164-184.*

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PROGRAM PLANNING

- Plan for legal and real estate barriers
- Conduct need and planning assessments
- Clear program goals, metrics, and program improvement processes

“By not being subjected to the these images in public areas, this will help in reducing any triggers I sometimes feel.” – Anonymous, in early recovery

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MODEL

- Integrated model with on-site services and linkages to other services, including peer staff

*“These sites would make a huge difference for people in recovery or that want to be in recovery.”
-Courtney*

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LOCATION

- Multiple sites throughout San Francisco where drug use most often occurs
- Locate where existing services are delivered to people who inject drugs

"I use drugs. I've also reversed over 20 overdoses. If we had a SIF, you could save more lives than I could."

Frank

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION

- Strong community engagement with:
 - Residents, business owners, and neighborhood groups
 - Law enforcement, probation, and parole agencies
 - City agencies and community organizations

*“I don’t want to use drugs in public, especially in front of children.” –
Kyle*

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- Identify populations at greater risk for health disparities, barriers to services, and/or risk for experiencing violence related to drug use

“I don’t want to die of an overdose alone.” –Johnny

NEXT STEPS

- LEGAL ANALYSIS
- ADVOCATE FOR AB 186
- INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS AND SERVICE SITES
- DEVELOP WORK PLAN

AB 186 – Safer Substance Use Services

This bill allows local governments the discretion to authorize public health and medical intervention programs intended to reduce death, disability, or injury due to the use of controlled substances.

According to the California Department of Public Health, drug overdose is a leading cause of accidental death in California.

AB 186 would allow, pursuant to a vote of local government, exemptions for employee, staff, volunteers, and clients of health facilities intended to reduce drug overdose death and injury from charges related to possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, visiting a place where a controlled substance is present, or maintaining a place where controlled substances are used.

HCPC Motion

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QUESTIONS?

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