



# California Syphilis Prevention Summit

Los Angeles, CA – January 9-10, 2017

## Agenda At-A-Glance



### DAY 1: Monday, 1/9/17 (1:00 PM – 5:30 PM)

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1:00 – 1:10	Welcome & Opening Remarks ( <i>Mario J. Pérez, MPH – LADPH</i> )	Center Ballroom
1:10 – 1:50	Stemming the Rising Tide of Syphilis in California ( <i>Heidi Bauer, MD, MS, MPH – CDPH</i> )	Center Ballroom
1:50 – 2:50	The Intersection of Biomedical HIV Prevention & Syphilis Prevention ( <i>Stephanie Cohen, MD, MPH – SFDPH &amp; Leo Moore, MD, MSHPM – LADPH; Facilitator: Winston Tilghman, MD – San Diego</i> )	Center Ballroom
2:50 – 3:05	Break	Galleria
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	Six Degrees of Separation or Less Across the SF Bay Area? What We Know or Don't Know about Syphilis Networks ( <i>Robert P. Kohn, MPH – SFDPH &amp; Rilene A. Chew Ng, MPH, DrPH – CDPH; Facilitator: Joan Chow, MPH, DrPH – CDPH</i> )	Champions B
	Cultural Humility with MSM ( <i>Tim Vincent, MS &amp; Deborah Wyatt-O'Neal, RN, MSN, ACRN – CA PTC</i> )	1880 Room
	MSM and Syphilis: What's the Message? ( <i>Dan Wohlfeiler, MJ, MPH – BHOC &amp; Harlan Rotblatt – LADPH</i> )	200 Room
4:15 – 4:25	Break	Galleria
4:25 – 5:25	Models of Syphilis Prevention among Gay, Bisexual and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in California ( <i>Ryan D. Murphy, MPH, PhD – LADPH, Trang Nguyen, PhD, MPH – SFDPH &amp; Denise Smith, PHN, MPA – Kern; Facilitator: Sonali Kulkarni, MD, MPH – LADPH</i> )	Center Ballroom
5:25 – 5:30	Closing ( <i>Sonali Kulkarni, MD, MPH – LADPH</i> )	Center Ballroom

### DAY 2: Tuesday 1/10/17 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

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10:00 – 10:40	Eliminating Congenital Syphilis in California ( <i>Heidi Bauer, MD, MS, MPH – CDPH</i> )	Center Ballroom
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	Harm Reduction 101: Approaching Syphilis Prevention for People Who Use Drugs ( <i>Christine Rodriguez, MPH – CDPH</i> )	Champions B
	Power and Place Matter: Social Determinants and Syphilis Prevention ( <i>Tim Vincent, MS &amp; Deborah Wyatt-O'Neal, RN, MSN, ACRN – CA PTC</i> )	1880 Room
	Working with Corrections: Strategies for Syphilis Prevention ( <i>Jane R. Bowers, MPH – LADPH, Satvinder Kaur Dhaliwal, MPH – Fresno, Dana Fagen, MPH &amp; Karina Torres Cornejo – Stanislaus; Facilitator: Jennifer L. Harmon, MPH – CDPH</i> )	200 Room
12:05 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:40	Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health: A Partnership in Reducing Congenital Syphilis ( <i>Diana E. Ramos, MD, MPH – LADPH</i> )	Center Ballroom
1:40 – 2:50	Models of Congenital Syphilis Prevention in California ( <i>Monica Munoz, RN, MPH – LADPH, Denise Smith, PHN, MPA – Kern, Vanessa Stacholy – Sacramento, Renee Simmons-Wilkins – San Joaquin; Facilitator: Julie Stoltey, MD, MPH – CDPH</i> )	Center Ballroom
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### Meeting Objectives

- Develop effective and sustainable strategies to address syphilis in priority populations, e.g. pregnant women, women of reproductive age, and gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Identify key stakeholders and partnerships to assist with syphilis and congenital syphilis prevention in California
- Share best practices for disease investigation/partner services, surveillance/epidemiology, health promotion and policy interventions to prevent syphilis and congenital syphilis in California
- Provide innovative training opportunities for STD program staff on topics that support upstream interventions for the prevention of syphilis and congenital syphilis
- Explore the intersection of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) health and women’s health -- transmission networks and bridging
- Share effective strategies to address socioeconomic and racial/ethnic disparities among syphilis and congenital syphilis in California, and how to engage with these vulnerable populations

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1:10 – 1:50	<b>Stemming the Rising Tide of Syphilis in California</b> <i>(Heidi Bauer, MD, MS, MPH – CDPH)</i> Dr. Heidi Bauer will set the stage for the summit by reviewing recent trends showing increases in syphilis among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men as well as among childbearing age women, which has led to dramatic increases in congenital syphilis. She will discuss some of the traditional prevention and control strategies and challenge the audience to reconsider these approaches, reframe the role of public health, redefine goals of prevention, redirect limited resources toward effective data-driven interventions, and leverage partnerships.	Center Ballroom
1:50 – 2:50	<b>The Intersection of Biomedical HIV Prevention &amp; Syphilis Prevention</b> <i>(Stephanie Cohen, MD, MPH – SFDPH and Leo Moore, MD, MSHPM – LADPH; Facilitator: Winston Tilghman, MD – San Diego)</i> This session will address what is known about the impact of biomedical HIV prevention on sexual risk behaviors, condom use, and STD incidence, consider the role of the health department in the nexus of PrEP implementation and syphilis prevention, and discuss best practices for syphilis prevention in the biomedical HIV prevention era.	Center Ballroom
2:50 – 3:05	<b>Break</b>	

**Breakout Sessions****Real Talk about Real-Time STD/HIV Data Matching & Integration: Barriers and Solutions**

Champions A

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Early syphilis diagnosis opens the door to opportunities for HIV prevention, allowing health departments to facilitate HIV testing, PrEP, and linkage to care for syphilis patients and their partners. Current laws allow data sharing between local STD and HIV programs to ensure continuity of care and case management. If we are to prioritize our limited public health resources to focus disease intervention efforts on those clients at highest risk, “real-time” data matching (e.g., surveillance confirmed HIV status and/or lapse from HIV care for patients reported with early syphilis) is necessary to initiate public health follow-up. This workshop will clarify program expectations for STD/HIV integration, explore the practical reality of data sharing at the local level, and identify best practices and potential solutions to improve upon a data-informed client interaction.

**Six Degrees of Separation or Less Across the SF Bay Area? What We Know or Don’t Know about Syphilis Networks**

Champions B

*(Robert P. Kohn, MPH – SFDPH and Rilene A. Chew Ng, MPH, DrPH – CDPH; Facilitator: Joan Chow, MPH, DrPH – CDPH)*

Developing effective syphilis control strategies in California remains an urgent STD program priority. In the San Francisco (SF) Bay Area Region, SF bears a significant burden of cases in the SF Bay Area region. However, surrounding counties were also seeing concerning increases in syphilis morbidity. Limited data sharing functionality and siloed surveillance systems pose a barrier to counties “seeing” beyond their borders and understanding how they both contribute to and are impacted by syphilis transmission in the surrounding region. This session will include a presentation from SF that shows how surveillance and partner services data were used locally to identify a “mega” network of syphilis cases. This will be followed by a presentation from the state STD Control Branch that expands upon the information from SF by incorporating surveillance and partner services data for the surrounding Bay Area counties. The resulting regional sexual network suggests the potential value in sharing case and partner investigation data across jurisdictional boundaries to interrupt transmission. The discussion will cover challenges in the SF implementation of network-based partner services as well as state-level policies governing inter-jurisdictional access to STD surveillance data.

**Cultural Humility with MSM**

1880 Room

*(Tim Vincent, MS and Deborah Wyatt-O’Neal, RN, MSN, ACRN – CA Prevention Training Center)*

Working effectively with gay men and other men who have sex with men requires an awareness and understanding of the diverse experiences and cultural identities present in this population group. This workshop will describe the principles of cultural humility and how to apply them to improve relationship and engagement with gay/bi and other MSM.

**MSM and Syphilis: What’s the Message?**

200 Room

*(Dan Wohlfeiler, MJ, MPH – Building Health Online Communities and Harlan Rotblatt – LADPH)*

This workshop will cover key elements of effective messaging, lessons of previous campaigns, special challenges of the current environment, and practical ideas for developing high-impact communications about syphilis for MSM in California.

**Break**

4:25 – 5:25

**Models of Syphilis Prevention among Gay, Bisexual and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in California**

Center Ballroom

*(Panelists: Ryan D. Murphy, MPH, PhD – LADPH, Trang Nguyen, PhD, MPH – SFDPH and Denise Smith, PHN, MPA – Kern; Facilitator: Sonali Kulkarni, MD, MPH – LADPH)*

This session will feature a panel of representatives from 3 local health jurisdictions to share some of their recent work to prevent and control syphilis among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (MSM), followed by a discussion about challenges, best practices, and future directions. We will hear from colleagues in San Francisco, Kern and Los Angeles on initiatives such as collaborating with HIV partners to follow-up on syphilis cases among MSM, qualitative data collection to elicit responses from MSM when presented with information about STD and HIV trends, and how the HIV Care Continuum approach has been adapted to better assess the impact of field services among males with early syphilis.

5:25 – 5:30

**Closing**

Center Ballroom

*(Sonali Kulkarni, MD, MPH – LADPH)*

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9:30 – 10:00	<b>Syphilis in the United States: National Trends and Epidemiology</b> <i>(Sarah Kidd, MD, MPH – CDC)</i> Dr. Sarah Kidd of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will review the current national epidemiology of syphilis and provide perspective on the national trends and how they relate to California.	Center Ballroom
10:00 – 10:40	<b>Eliminating Congenital Syphilis in California</b> <i>(Heidi Bauer, MD, MS, MPH – CDPH)</i> Dr. Heidi Bauer will review recent trends in congenital syphilis, including the geographic distribution around the state, racial and ethnic disparities, and maternal risk factors. She will present data on the congenital syphilis care cascade and highlight traditional and innovative prevention strategies and potential partnerships.	Center Ballroom
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## **Harm Reduction 101: Approaching Syphilis Prevention for People Who Use Drugs**

Champions B

*(Christine Rodriguez, MPH – CDPH)*

People who use drugs are at increased risk for a variety of poor health outcomes, including STDs, HIV/AIDS, and viral hepatitis. In California, we are seeing this risk borne out in syphilis and congenital syphilis cases among women who are often identified as being homeless and using methamphetamine. A harm reduction approach to working with these communities can help begin to build bridges of trust and cooperation with individuals who use drugs and local service organizations. In this breakout session, we'll discuss the basics of harm reduction, the principles that underlie this approach, and how this approach can be applied to syphilis prevention efforts.

## **Power and Place Matter: Social Determinants and Syphilis Prevention**

1880 Room

*(Tim Vincent, MS and Deborah Wyatt-O'Neal, RN, MSN, ACRN – CA Prevention Training Center)*

In responding to the current disparities and challenges in syphilis prevention, a greater understanding of the impact of social determinants is necessary. This workshop will describe concepts related to health equity and consider strategies to integrate a social determinants perspective in service provision.

## **Working with Corrections: Strategies for Syphilis Prevention**

200 Room

*(Panelists: Jane R. Bowers, MPH – LADPH, Satvinder Kaur Dhaliwal, MPH – Fresno, Dana Fagen, MPH – Stanislaus, Karina Torres Cornejo – Stanislaus; Facilitator: Jennifer L. Harmon, MPH – CDPH)*

In California, over 70,000 adults are housed in county-run jails at any given time. The point of entry into the correctional system serves as a prime opportunity to detect and treat sexually transmitted diseases in traditionally medically-underserved populations, as well as interrupt the transmission of infections to the community-at-large. In this session we will hear from several local health jurisdictions about their current work with corrections around syphilis prevention and control, and will discuss the challenges, strategies, and best practices that are involved with working in correctional settings.

12:05 – 1:00

## **Lunch**

1:00 – 1:40

## **Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health: A Partnership in Reducing Congenital Syphilis**

Center Ballroom

*(Diana E. Ramos, MD, MPH – LADPH)*

Dr. Diana Ramos will highlight the importance of partnering with Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health programs for congenital syphilis prevention. She will also identify opportunities for improvement in engaging with providers to prevent and control congenital syphilis.

1:40 – 2:50

## **Models of Congenital Syphilis Prevention in California**

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This session will feature a panel of representatives from 4 local health jurisdictions to share some of their recent work to prevent and control congenital syphilis, followed by a discussion about challenges, best practices, and future directions. We will hear from colleagues in San Joaquin, Kern, Sacramento and Los Angeles on initiatives such as leveraging public health nurses for case management of pregnant females with syphilis, implementing a Bicillin delivery program and increasing community awareness of growing congenital syphilis morbidity.

2:50 – 3:05

## **Break**

3:05 – 4:15

## **Syphilis Prevention Strategy Session**

Center Ballroom

*(Facilitator: Ashley Williamson, MPH – CDPH)*

This working session will provide the opportunity for meeting participants to consider what they have learned and discussed over the course of the meeting and apply it to syphilis prevention in their jurisdictions.

4:15 – 4:55	<b>Bridging Sexual Networks: An Update with Implication for Syphilis Transmission</b> <i>(Pamina M. Gorbach, MHS, DrPH – University of California, Los Angeles)</i>	Center Ballroom
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