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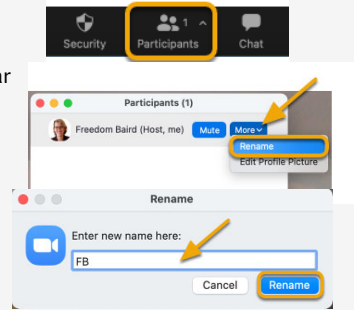
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- Policy**
- Centralized Program Flex**
- Field Operations**
- Emergency Preparedness**

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Introductions – CDPH Speakers

Cassie Dunham

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Cassie Dunham is the Deputy Director for CHCQ. She has been with the Center for 14 years serving in various roles including Policy and as Chief of Field Operations for Northern California which includes offices from Bakersfield to the Oregon border.

Cassie is a firm believer in elevating the quality of health care across all disciplines beyond the minimum standards. She is driven by the opportunity to promote equity and safety for those who find themselves most vulnerable in accessing health care services for ongoing wellness and in times of crisis.

A Californian native, Cassie began her career in operations and regulatory compliance in private healthcare settings, spanning roughly 17 years prior to state service.



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Introductions – CDPH Speakers

Chelsea Driscoll

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Chelsea Driscoll is Chief over the Public Policy & Prevention Division within CHCQ. She has served in various positions within the Center for 11 years. Prior to joining CHCQ, Chelsea worked at the Department of Social Services in various roles including program policy development, government and legislative affairs and development of the local assistance budget. She has over 20 years of experience in legislative and public policy development in a variety of policy areas including, health care, social services and public safety.



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Introductions – CDPH Speakers

Mandi Posner

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Mandi Posner is Chief over the Field Operations South Division. Since 2016, she has had the privilege of serving her fellow Californians through her work in both internal and field operations at CHCQ. With over 20 years of professional experience in both the public and private sectors, Mandi's approach emphasizes collaboration, empathy, and relationship building.

When asked "what's your why?" Mandi responds without hesitation that her family, including her husband JP and tabby cat Gus, are what keeps her focused and driven. Her personal aspirations include advancing reform for the underserved and disadvantaged.

Mandi obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from California State University, Chico. Her goals include impacting change in health promotion, healthcare delivery, and health and race equity. She was born and raised in California and is proud to call the Golden State her forever home. Serving alongside the CHCQ team is one of the highlights of her career.



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Introductions – CDPH Speakers

Heather Chamizo

Branch Chief, Field Operations - North Division
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Heather Chamizo is Chief over the Field Operations North Division, leading the charge for nurses and support teams in the upper half of the state. Heather demonstrates a willingness to roll up her sleeves and get things done. Her style is action-oriented, but with an easy-going approach.

Heather also leads our professional consultant teams including our pharmacists, physicians, nutritionists, and medical record specialists.



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Introductions – CDPH Speakers

Dr. Erin Epsom

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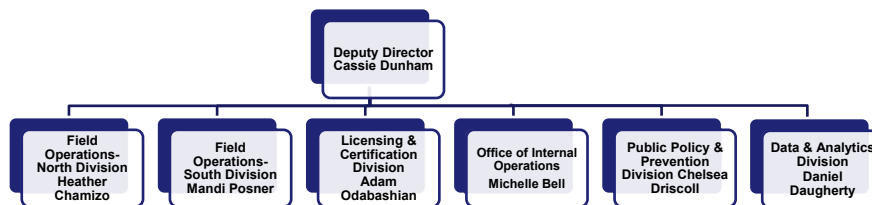
Dr. Epsom is Medical Director and Chief of the Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program at the California Department of Health. She is clinically trained, and board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases and completed medical epidemiology training as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In her role with the CDPH HAI Program, Dr. Epsom is responsible for ensuring the HAI Program fulfills its legislative mandates by interpreting HAI data reported by California hospitals, determining HAI and antimicrobial resistance (AR) prevention priorities, and publishing these data on an annual basis. Dr. Epsom oversees HAI Program operations and communications, data management and epidemiologic analysis, investigation and response to HAI/AR outbreaks and infection control breaches, and facility- and regionally-based HAI/AR prevention initiatives.



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EXECUTIVE TEAM



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Vision and Objectives

- Improving communication
- Improving timeliness
- Removing redundancies
- Challenging the status quo
- Increasing transparency
- Establishing shared goals for improving quality
- Building capacity for clarifying guidance and requirements
- Resolving backlog for a more efficient future



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End of the Public Health Emergency

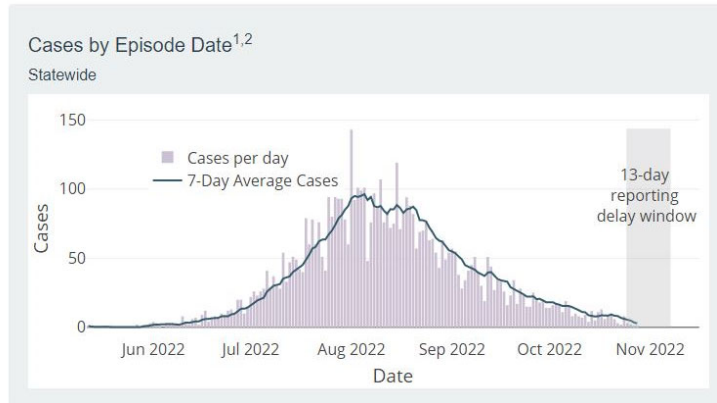
- Planning for the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
 - Anticipated End Date is February 28, 2023
- What can hospitals do to prepare?
 - Assess ongoing needs for use of space
 - If making changes permanent, begin work with HCAI and CAB as applicable
 - If use of temporary space is needed beyond PHE, please submit a program flex request
- CDPH is assessing published guidance and will determine what documents need to be rescinded



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MPX: Current Numbers



- Statewide Cases: 5,512 (Cumulative)
- Statewide Hospitalizations: 226 (Cumulative)



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MPX continued

- Once hospitals report a case, CDPH will assess the severity of the outbreak and determine whether an onsite is necessary
 - Make sure proper precautions have been taken
 - Ensure the facility is working with local public health
- If a staff person is symptomatic, they should not work



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Policy Updates

Planning for Future Outbreaks

- Ebola Preparation

Regulation Development

- Stakeholder meetings

Chaptered Legislation AFLs

- AB 2096: chemical dependency recovery hospitals
- SB 864: Drug screening in GACHs
- AB 1394: Suicide screening in GACHs
- SB 988: Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act or Ryan's Law



Centralized Program Flex Rollout

- Transitioned last group in late September
- Since January 2022, acute care hospitals submitted 441 program flexes through RSS
 - 85% submitted as non-emergencies
 - 51% have been approved
 - 60% approved within 30 days
 - 85% approved within 60 days
- How has it gone?
 - Overall, it has gone well
 - CPFU appreciates the collaboration and patience during the transition
 - We always welcome any feedback.



Centralized Program Flex Rollout (cont.)

- Takeaways/experiences
 - Facilities taking advantage of online training supports a positive experience
 - Selecting correct regulations and providing as much information as possible minimizes follow-up questions
 - Ensure contact information is current when registering and submitting requests
- Feedback
 - Received positive feedback regarding ease of use
 - Received positive feedback regarding communication and willingness to assist in the process
 - Received questions regarding timeframes
 - CPFU appreciates the collaboration and partnership of District Office and Consultants in reviewing requests



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Ebola: Expectations for All CA Healthcare Facilities (“Frontline”)

- **All Frontline facilities should be able to:**
 - Rapidly identify and triage an Ebola person under investigation (PUI) with relevant exposure history and signs or symptoms
 - Immediately isolate and take appropriate steps to protect staff caring for the patient
 - Immediately inform the facility infection control program and other relevant staff, AND the local health department
- **Coordinate with local and state health departments**
 - Transfer PUI to an Ebola Assessment Hospital (EAH) or Ebola Treatment Center (ETC) as soon as possible
 - CDC guidance: all frontline facilities should be prepared to care for a PUI for 12-24 hours while awaiting transfer



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Field Operations

Latest updates

- Backlog
 - Current Status
 - Reduction/Elimination Plan
 - Prioritization
- Complaint Surveys
- Re-certification and Re-Licensing Surveys
 - FFY 2023
 - Prioritization



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Field Operations

Latest updates

- Added pressure to reduce all backlog
- New relicensing surveys and other federal work occurring now (start of federal fiscal year)
- Hospital in next group / work
 - Will need to endure old cases and complaint investigations



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Emergency Preparedness

Latest updates

- Hold on community drills waiver
- Reminding facilities to move forward
 - Do drills help in more extreme scenarios?
 - Have a plan for Fires, Earthquakes and other Natural Disasters, Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), and Evacuations
 - Timely communication (RDMHS, MHOAC, MHCC, EPO, and District Offices)
 - Appropriate supply reserves
 - Back up plans (info from ASTA conference)



Questions and Answers



Break
10:00 – 10:05 a.m.



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