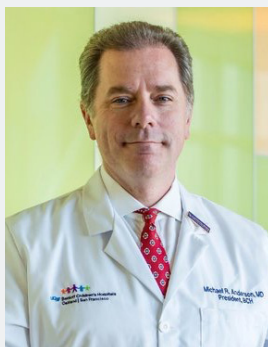


Letter from the President

I have been working with the Center for Community Health and Engagement (CCHE) and others at UCSF to spearhead the development of the UCSF Children's Health Equity Institute (CHEI). CHEI is a new, cross-bay entity that promotes the wellbeing of children by addressing the social and economic factors that impact health. It advances its mission through research, by catalyzing partnerships and serving as an incubator for innovative clinical and training programs.



In addition to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, CHEI also has representation from the UCSF School of Medicine, the UCSF Department of Pediatrics, and Zuckerberg SF General Hospital. CHEI is funded with grants and institutional support. Much of CCHE's current portfolio will be brought into CHEI.

The creation of CHEI will allow for cross-bay synergy, improved funding opportunities for health equity work, and increased efficiencies as we continue to assimilate Children's Oakland with the larger UCSF enterprise.

Future newsletters will be under the CHEI banner and will have a broader programmatic and geographic scope. I am very excited about the promise of CHEI. We have an opportunity to be national leaders in the arena of child health equity.



Mike Anderson
President, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals

Oakland Mayor Funds Children's to Evaluate College Savings Program

The Oakland Promise, an initiative started by Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, is a cradle-to-career initiative aimed at tripling the number of college graduates from Oakland within the next decade. One of the Oakland Promise programs, Brilliant Baby, provides college savings accounts and financial coaching to low-income parents when they have a baby. There is some evidence that establishing a college savings account early in a child's life improves a range of social indicators.

The evaluation of Brilliant Baby is being done exclusively at Children's under the leadership of CCHE Medical Director Dr. Dayna Long. Patients will be recruited from Children's Claremont Clinic. The initial study period will be for three years. Focus groups for the study started in September 2017. Additionally, Children's Neonatal Follow Up/Special Start Home Visiting Program will be an enrollment site for the Brilliant Baby program but these babies will not participate in the study.

Univision Consults with CCHE on New Mini-Series to Promote Childhood Brain Development

CCHE Medical Director Dayna Long was tapped as a consultant for Univision to develop a first of its kind mini-series entitled "La Fuerza de Creer" (The Power of Believing). Through the power of vignettes and dramatic storytelling, the Spanish-language mini-series



and accompanying mass-media campaign promote the importance of engaging young children with language-rich activities and growth-focused parenting techniques, in order to promote early literacy and emotional development. Viewers can now watch "La Fuerza de Creer" on TV or online through Univision. The lead character in the series is partly based on Dr. Long.

Letter from CCHE Leadership

As I draw closer to my retirement from Children's in the Spring, I am reflecting on all that has changed and all that has stayed the same. I have been fortunate to spend my career working in an organization that is dedicated to the health of children. And as all of us know, health is more than managing and curing disease. Keeping children healthy requires ensuring they have nutritious food, safe environments, quality education, and parents who can meet basic needs for themselves and their children.



Having had the privilege of creating partnerships between our hospital and the community, I have seen firsthand the impact our community based programs have on children's health and wellbeing. Some of these programs such as the Parent Infant Program and NFU/Special Start Home Visiting Program in Early Intervention Services, the Center for the Vulnerable Child, and the Center for Child Protection have existed in some form at Children's for over 35 years. They have been integral to the mission and fiber of the hospital. The Center for Community Health and Engagement builds upon all the amazing efforts that have existed for years within this hospital and will continue to create and support partnerships in our community.

I will leave Children's with incredible gratitude to have been part of the work that is accomplished here every day to ensure that children have the foundation to lead healthy and happy lives.

Sue Greenwald
Manager of Community Partnership Programs, CCHE

CCHE Co-Sponsors "All Are Welcome" Immigration Symposium

Many immigrant families in the East Bay have been gravely affected by actions under the Trump Administration including the repeal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, more aggressive deportation policies, and incendiary rhetoric. CCHE partnered with UCSF pediatrician Dr. Jyothi Marbin and



Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13) spoke at the "All Are Welcome" forum. Photo by Alain McLaughlin.

others to host an event focused on the impact these policies are having on families and what to do about it. The "All are Welcome" Symposium, held on October 7th in Oakland, was a day of education, advocacy, and action to support immigrant families. Nearly 200 individuals attended, including elected officials, health care providers, experts on immigration law, students, labor, faith-based and civil rights leaders, and individuals who have been affected by recent policy. The event was an overwhelming success with 97% of attendees surveyed reporting that they walked away with strategies to support immigrant families in the clinical setting. One attendee commented "[the conference] was clearly a community effort, and that energy was contagious among the participants. I also have concrete skills and information that I can bring back to my colleagues and personal practice."

BCHO Implements Food Farmacies

The relationship between food insecurity and children's health and learning has been well-documented. In response, CCHE initiated the Food Farmacy Program at Children's in collaboration with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Phat Beet Farms, the Children's Social Services Department, and the Claremont Clinic. At each Food Farmacy, which are offered twice a month, families in need are offered whole grains, eggs, protein, and fresh fruits and vegetables. In addition, families can speak to CalFresh enrollers and soon will be able to watch live cooking demonstrations from Clinical Nutrition. Each Food Farmacy serves approximately 50 families. Volunteers are always welcomed.

*2nd Thursday of the Month
Courtyard Behind the Main Hospital
747 52nd Street, Oakland, CA
11:30AM - 1:30PM*

*4th Thursday of the Month
Primary Care Clinic
5275 Claremont Ave, Oakland, CA
11:30AM - 1:30PM*



A press conference was held to announce the completion of the Food as Medicine Study and the implementation of Food Farmacies at BCHO. The study was conducted by Dr. June Tester in partnership with CCHE. Shown L - R are Dr. Bert Lubin, Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, Sherrie Lowe, and Dr. June Tester.

\$2.9 Million Federal Grant Awarded for HIV Services to Women & Children

The Family Care Network (FCN), based at CCHE, won a competitive grant to continue providing an array of services in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for low-income women, infants, children, and youth living with HIV/AIDS. Services include comprehensive health care, linkage to care, outreach, and peer support. The grant is funded by Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White Program.

The FCN, which began in 1994, is a partnership between Children's Hospital Oakland, East Bay Community Law Center, WORLD, La Clínica de la Raza, Alameda Health System, and the East Bay Aids Center, part of Summit Alta Bates. CCHE serves as the administrative and fiscal hub for FCN.

FCN has been instrumental in achieving a ZERO mother-to-child transmission rate in Alameda and Contra Costa counties among women in care since 2007.



28 CHAMPS students graduated from the program in May 2017.

CHAMPS Holds 15th Graduation Ceremony

On May 25th, the Community Health & Adolescent Mentoring Program for Success (CHAMPS) graduated 28 students from its three-year internship program. It is the 15th class to graduate. CHAMPS exposes under-represented minority high school students to health professions through health-related education, clinical rotations throughout the hospital, and professional networking opportunities. CHAMPS also offers resources such as academic support, college preparation, one-on-one case management, and professional mentorship. The accomplishments of CHAMPS include a 98% matriculation rate from high school to higher education. Through CHAMPS, these students are able to obtain the necessary skills for these demanding pursuits, taking them closer towards one day serving their communities as future health professionals.

CHO Continues Legacy of Cultural Humility Training

In 1998, while at Children's Hospital Oakland, Dr. Melanie Tervalon and Dr. Jann Murray-García published a landmark article on the importance of "cultural humility" in medical education. Cultural Humility is a framework made up of life-long learning and critical self-reflection, redefining the physician-patient power dynamic and institutional accountability. This past September, Leanna Lewis, LCSW of CCHE traveled to Massachusetts to facilitate a two-day training for Baystate Health on cultural humility principles and practices. Training such as this for external community partners, medical residents, and internal departments at CHO are the core focus of the CCHE Cultural Humility Program. Although the program is small, the lessons learned are mighty in impact and it seems only fitting that the continuation of cultural humility training occur right where it began at Children's Hospital Oakland.

Future Builders Cohort Graduates

The third cohort of the Future Builders Program, managed by BCHO's Doug Nelson in coordination with CCHE, graduated last month, bringing the total number of graduates of the program to 29. Through the Future Builders Program, local high school students interested in engineering, architecture, and related fields are exposed to the construction process of the new hospital facilities. The program includes the opportunity to work with hospital contractors and various partners such as BART, AC Transit, and Oakland Public Works.



Future Builders students showcase their projects.

CCHE Policy Corner By Doreen Moreno

Congressional GOP members' efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (aka "Obamacare") have been front and center in the political and media spotlights. After a failed attempt in March, House Republicans introduced and passed the "American Health Care Act" but were met with strong reservations from a handful of GOP Senators. Subsequently Senate Republicans proposed the "Better Care Reconciliation Act" in June which fell short of the 50 votes needed to pass. In September, the Graham-Cassidy bill was the GOP's most recent attempt to repeal the ACA. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) declined to bring the proposal to the Senate floor again due to the insufficient 50-vote threshold. All Democrats plus three Republicans were in opposition.

For families and children, some of the harmful elements of these proposed GOP bills have included the waiver of consumer protections for pre-existing conditions and a cap on Medicaid funding that would have a devastating impact on 30 million children nationwide. Many of these children have chronic illnesses such as cystic fibrosis, cancer, autism, asthma, amongst others.

In reaction to these failed ACA repeal attempts, President Trump signed two executive orders in October. One increases choice, but siphons out younger and healthier Americans from the exchanges. The other eliminates the subsidies insurance companies receive to assist low-income Americans. These actions are expected to drive up premiums on the ACA market and encourage insurance companies to pull out of the exchanges altogether.

As we enter the 2018 election year, the GOP controlled Congress and Republican candidates will be under tremendous pressure from their voter base to completely eliminate the ACA and make additional drastic cuts to Medicaid and the other provisions that benefit children and families.

Therefore, keep the phone numbers, email addresses, and twitter accounts of your congressional representatives on speed dial to strongly voice your opinion as other proposals unfold. Contact your friends and relatives to do the same.



Doreen Moreno
Director, Government and
Community Relations, CCHE

Stupski Foundation Invests \$500,000 in CCHE Software Application to Address Social Determinants in Healthcare

The Stupski Foundation has awarded \$500,000 to CCHE to support efforts to promote the development and dissemination of FINDconnect®. FINDconnect is a web-based, EMR-linked application that allows clinicians and other providers to screen for social determinants during a patient visit and easily make referrals to various services in the community. The funding will also support refinements to the user interface and an evaluation of the program's impact.

FINDconnect is available to anyone at Children's and can be configured for other Alameda County-based health, social, or educational providers. Contact Artanesha Jackson for more information 510-428-3885 x7894.

Sunlight Giving Awards Grant to CCHE to Address Food Insecurity

Sunlight Giving has awarded CCHE \$225,000 over the next 3 years to address food insecurity and other basic needs among patients at Children's. The funding will support efforts to sustain and expand food pharmacy locations around the Children's campus as well as other efforts to address basic needs of families.

A person is considered "food insecure" if they do not have reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. About 1 in 5 individuals in Alameda County are "food insecure" according to the Alameda County Food Bank. The rate at Children's is thought to be quite higher. In a study completed at Children's and published in Pediatrics in 2014, 57% of ER patients screened positive for food insecurity.

Sunlight Giving was established in 2014. It is dedicated to supporting the basic needs of low-income families with young children ages 0-5.