

Staff Report

Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH) Advisory Board

Advisory to the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors

Dental/Oral Health

- The Dental Health Network will meet again on June 12th. Contact Nicole.Bonkrude@sonoma-county.org for more information. Discussing updated community oral health data and oral health needs assessment at 2025 meetings.
- Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) data and trends were shared at the recent meeting (April 12th) including 2023-2024 school year KOHA data snapshot. Data showed about 1 in 4 (24%) of Sonoma County Kindergarteners have untreated decay.
- AB 350 (Bonta) Respecting Fluoride for Kids bill expands the coverage of fluoride varnish in primary care and public health settings for Medi-Cal and commercial plans. The bill has passed Committee for Health (April 22nd) and is now being referred to the State Committee on Appropriations, date TBD.
 - **To Support this bill:** Sign up with CA Partnership for Oral Health (CPOH). Register as an advocate with the CA State Legislature at this [link](#). Then contact Mary McCune, CPOH
- CDPH has issued a statement on Community Water Fluoridation: [CDPH Issues Statement on Community Water Fluoridation](#): April 1, 2025 NR25-007
- New Sonoma County Dental Co-Branded Flyer and Cards with QR Codes to websites and Medi-Cal Dental phone number added to dental kits in public health vending machines. Available in business card or full-page sizes. Contact if interested in printed or electronic versions.



- Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA): The Oral Health program is supporting KOHA reporting for Sonoma County school districts. KOHA Kits are available from Medi-Cal Smile, California for outreach events and schools which includes 50 branded toothbrushes, Medi-Cal has dental covered flyers, and KOHA flyers per kit. Request a toolkit here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2W2RKBZ>

<p>Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HEAL Team staff participated in the County Advisory Group for Human Service's Food Distribution System Assessment. The assessment report is now available and HEAL staff is working with the Food System Alliance on next steps. ● Part of the CalFresh Healthy Living grant is subcontracted to the Safe Routes to School program to conduct walking audits of schools to identify safety improvements to walking and biking infrastructure. So far this school year, walk audits have been completed at Luther Burbank Elementary, RL Stevens Elementary, and Taylor Mountain Elementary. Three more walk audits are planned for the remainder of the school year. ● The HEAL Team continues to lead the Healthy School Meals Coalition. Contact Laurel.Chambers@sonoma-county.org for more information.
<p>Home Visiting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This spring, staff have participated in outreach events to engage with the community and share information about Home Visiting services. Two team members participated in the Windsor High Career Connection event, where they introduced high school students to the concepts of public health nursing and home visiting, provided information about these career pathways, and educated students on sexual health topics. Home Visiting also participated in the Petaluma Mother's Wellness Club Fair which brings awareness to prenatal and postnatal care and services to the families in Petaluma and Sonoma County. ● Staff from the three Home Visiting programs have engaged in several trainings in the last two months to increase case managers' awareness of services and resources in the community and to support coordination of service delivery across systems. Recent topics covered include Human Services Department Employment & Training Program including SonomaWORKS and JobLink, California Children's Services (CCS) program, and the Sonoma County Public Library. ● Ten Public Health Nurses from Home Visiting completed a three-day birth educator training, Lamaze Passion for Birth, to become certified birth educators. This in-depth training will support home visitors in delivering engaging, evidence-based birth education for our clients to prepare them for childbirth.
<p>Impact Sonoma (Tobacco & Nicotine Prevention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tobacco-Free Sonoma County (TFSC), a community coalition, has engaged in the beginning phases of policymaking towards the passage of Tobacco Retail License (TRL) ordinances in the cities of Rohnert Park and Cotati, the last two cities in Sonoma County that lack a protective local policy. In addition, the coalition chair and community members provided public comment asking the City of Healdsburg to update their TRL, originally passed in 2015, at Healdsburg City Council's goal setting meeting. Other organizations and coalitions in support also provided written comment. To lend your support, contact the TFSC (below). ● TFSC continues its policy efforts to prevent exposure to secondhand smoke and is focused in on cannabis dispensaries where recent CA legislation has further cleared the path for the operation of adjacently located smoking lounges/cafes (a

	<p>lounge recently opened within Mercy dispensary in the City of Cotati). The County of Sonoma is revising their cannabis ordinance, and this topic is one that can be raised by the public. Interested in learning more? The TFSC welcomes you to contact them at tobaccofreesonoma@gmail.com.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The City of Santa Rosa's tobacco retailers are now all licensed, and DHS staff officially began compliance visits in March (DHS is contracted to do this work). Preceding these visits and ongoing, enforcement will also be complaint driven. DHS staff continue to work closely with the City of SR Code Enforcement team to remediate problems. ● The community is encouraged to report tobacco-related issues. You can do that through us at Impact Sonoma. In addition, all cities have compliance portals on their websites where problems can be reported. Contact us to navigate making a complaint, to ask questions about tobacco products, or to discuss a concern about illegal sales, email Impact.Sonoma@sonoma-county.org or call 707.565.6680. You can send questions or report concerns via our web-based tool.
MCAH Planning & Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCAH has partnered with the Teen Health Advocacy Coalition (THAC) and finalized the update to the For Teen Eyes Only resource guide and corresponding website, these will be printed and distributed to community partners. Please reach out if you are interested in having some sent to your organization. ● The Perinatal Services Coordinator attended a two-day Mentorship Training at UCSF in San Francisco hosted by Sister Web to provide mentorship to doulas/birthworkers, midwives, nurses, lactation consultants. ● MCAH is partnering with WIC and our epidemiology team to understand more about breastfeeding in our community, and what sort of lactation supports would be most helpful to lactating individuals. Specifically, we are interested in creating a space for listening sessions with the community to inform what breastfeeding support should look like. Funding to support this effort will be critical. ● In April, MCAH continued to offer quarterly trainings aimed at helping doulas apply to be credentialed with Medi-Cal and Partnership Health Plan, as well as on the business component of being a doula.
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WIC gained approval to add a new full time Community Health Worker Specialist position. This will help with the increase in caseload over the past few years. Recruitment is now underway. ● WIC is collaborating with First 5, Sonoma County Indian Health Project WIC, and Alliance Medical Center WIC to plan and organize a World Breastfeeding event in August. More details coming soon!
Shared Risk & Protective Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Public Health Division has launched 3 "Health To Go" vending machines, stocked with FREE health and wellness supplies, available to all Sonoma County residents. Please help us spread the word about this valuable new resource!

Russian River Health Center- Guerneville

16387 First St. Guerneville, 95446

Santa Rosa Junior College- Student Center

1501 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa, 95401

Sonoma County Public Health Offices (temporary)

463 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa, 95403

North County location coming soon!!!

- If you have the chance to try out one of the machines, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. Please complete the survey available via the QR code on the machine or use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6RMYJHB>.

Community input is crucial to ensure we provide the best user experience and are offering the most relevant resources. For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out alyssa.hamilton@sonoma-county.org



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