
SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIPS (SF HIP)

With resources such as vibrant and diverse community-based organizations, an excellent Public Health Department, and world-class research universities and medical facilities, the San Francisco Bay Area is well positioned to make strides in improving community health. However, inadequate coordination and integration of disparate efforts are impeding progress in addressing some of the most compelling public health issues in San Francisco.

Bringing grassroots together with the top researchers is incredible. There's a lot of power there.

Honorable Eric Mar, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 1

In response, CTSI's Community Engagement & Health Policy program is coordinating an effort to rally a range of public, nonprofit, and private stakeholders under the banner of the [San Francisco Health Improvement Partnerships \(SF HIP\)](#). The underlying premise for establishing SF HIP is that by working together in a coordinated, focused, and well-informed manner, groups can achieve synergies and foster innovation to achieve more substantial gains in community health and health equity.

"This effort truly is a collaboration, with UCSF and a wide range of community partners each bringing valuable insight, expertise, and experience to the table in a way that hasn't been done before," says [Kevin Grumbach, MD](#), director of CTSI's Community Engagement & Health Policy program. "With the ultimate goal of improving health, we are working to identify and prioritize sustainable community interventions that are informed by translational science and community experience."

CTSI's Community Engagement and Health Policy program serves as the administrative core of SF HIP, and will support the effort through both a planning and implementation phase.

SF HIP PARTNERS

SF HIP relies on the important contributions of diverse partner and stakeholders, including the following members of the SF HIP Coordinating Committee:

- African American Health Disparity Project (AAHDP)
- African American Community Health Equity Council (AACHEC)
- Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Health Equity Coalition
- Chicano Latino Indigenous Health Equity Coalition
- Hospital Council of Northern and Central California Community Benefits Partnership
- Kaiser Permanente Northern California Division of Research
- San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing
- San Francisco Department of Public Health
- San Francisco Unified School District
- UCSF University Community Partnerships Office

The Coordinating Council is the stakeholder group that guides the formation and work of SF HIP. Additional partners are members of the Partnership Working Groups, the multi-sector collaborative groups that are organized to work together to improve health in selected health issue areas.

PRIORITY HEALTH ISSUE AREAS

In 2010, CTSI's Community Engagement & Health Policy program conducted a review of local health priorities, focusing on the recommendations of health reports, assessments, and published research that had been conducted in the previous 5 years. CTSI then worked with the SF HIP Coordinating Council to prioritize health issues, and ten specific issues emerged as top priorities for SF HIP. Of those, the Council identified four issue areas in which there is research activity and interest at UCSF that could be connected to existing treatment, health promotion, and/or prevention activities in San Francisco:

- Physical activity and nutrition
- Alcohol abuse
- Childhood dental caries
- Hepatitis B