Public Policy and Communications

Marin Communications Forum –

- **Toxic Stress: Prevention and Intervention** – About 275 people attended this forum which included speakers from UCSF, Marin County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Marin City Health and Wellness, as well as a teen panel from the Marin City Academy of Health and Wellness High School. We are continuing to post related research links and articles on the event page at: [https://www.facebook.com/events/290438948261568/](https://www.facebook.com/events/290438948261568/)

**Save the dates for 2019:**

- **August 29 (tentative): Education Equity** - Michelle is working with the Marin County Office of Education to plan this forum, to be confirmed shortly.
- **October**: **E-Cigarettes and the Vaping Epidemic** – Michelle is working with Marin County Health and Human Services and the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) on this forum.
- **November 4**: **Literacy, Libraries and Raising a Reader** *(this event was originally scheduled for June 3rd but had to be cancelled due to a rather unfortunate flood at the hotel!)*
- **December 9**: **Maternal Health and Wellness** – Michelle is working with Marin HHS on this agenda.
- **January 2020**: **Making Ends Meet in Marin** – with presentations by the California Budget and Policy Center & the Advancement Project.

**Media** – Michelle is working with the Marin Breastfeeding Coalition to prepare a “Marin Voice” piece for World Breastfeeding Week in August.

**Oral Health** – Amy and Michelle continue working with Marin County HHS and other community partners on the new oral health initiative. Amy is serving on the Oral Health Advisory Committee; Michelle is on the Communications Work Group and will be creating and compiling outreach materials for pregnant women and young children.

**Public Charge** – Amy and Michelle continue working with the “Public Charge Coordinating Committee” on outreach and education. For more information, please visit: [https://www.marinhhs.org/public-charge](https://www.marinhhs.org/public-charge)

**Social Media** – Michelle shares news, articles, reports and adorable pictures on Facebook every day. LIKE & SHARE at:

- **First 5 Marin** – posts related to young children and families; especially about preschool, childcare and kindergarten readiness; nutrition and healthcare; child care; social-emotional development. [https://www.facebook.com/First5Marin/](https://www.facebook.com/First5Marin/)
- **MarinKids** – posts focus on public policy and advocacy related to children, youth, teens and their families-- especially regarding education, heathcare, mental health, poverty, living wages etc. [https://www.facebook.com/MarinKids/](https://www.facebook.com/MarinKids/)
- **Marin Communications Forum** – this page shares “events” for each of our monthly forums; each event includes posts about the topic (e.g. child care, toxic stress, autism, oral health).
Marin Breastfeeding Coalition – posts share news and reports about the superior nutritional value of mother’s milk, breastfeeding recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and related information.
https://www.facebook.com/MarinBreastfeeding/

Making Ends Meet in Marin – this page shares news and information about the high cost of living in Marin, the affordable housing challenge, need for living wages etc.

Race Counts Marin – this page share news and data related to equity/inequities in Marin.
https://www.facebook.com/RaceCountsMarin/

Marin HEAL – this is the “Healthy Eating, Active Living” page, which recently has focused on issues related to hunger and food insecurity in Marin.
https://www.facebook.com/marinheal/

Voces de Marin – this page focuses on Latino issues and topics related to immigration.
https://www.facebook.com/VocesMarin/

Marin Latino Health Policy Partnership – all about Latino health.
https://www.facebook.com/LatinoHealthMarin/

Healthy Kids from Day 1 – this pages provides news, data and information about nutrition and fitness for children, youth and teens.
https://www.facebook.com/Healthy-Kids-from-Day-1-516343111742480/

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Working with a sub-group from the HMG Leadership Group, completed the job descriptions for the Program Coordinator and Call Center Care Coordinator positions. The Coordinator’s position has been posted and distributed and we have already received nearly 30 applications. The deadline is July 26th, or until filled and we hope the person can start by mid or late August, but most likely by September 1st.

Met with Jei Africa, Director of Marin County Behavioral Health, to update him on Hemp Me Grow and discuss the potential for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) prevention and early intervention funding in the next round of funding allocations. There is a fairly robust community input process and we will, of course, take our place among others looking for funding. But hopeful, with the State having called out early childhood as a funding priority for MHSA, that ECMH and HMG will remain in the mix.

The Census work continues and becomes more important and more difficult with every new proposed rules for public charge, housing, immigration status change, entry to the United States, etc. The chilling effect is also being observed beyond the immigrant community, into communities of color (always hard to count in the past) as well. Increased distrust of the federal government is making it challenging to convince people to participate. However, there are many talented people working very hard to make this Census as accurate as possible. There is a great deal at stake for California.

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