



THE STAKEHOLDER BRIEF

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is pleased to present *The Stakeholder Brief*, a quarterly update of important upcoming activities, actions and accomplishments from CDPH. To receive this update or to unsubscribe from the list, visit the CDPH [Subscribe page](#). For questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact us at CDPHpress@cdph.ca.gov. Thank you.

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Stakeholder Meetings

California Conference of Local Health Officers

October 11 - 13, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) will hold its [semiannual meeting](#) in Olympic Valley, California. Meeting information is available on the [CCLHO Semiannual Meetings Web page](#).

December 7, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Board of Directors will meet in Sacramento. Meeting information is available on the CDPH [CCLHO Web page](#).

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

October 3, the Safe and Active Communities Branch (SACB) will convene a meeting of the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program Advisory Group. For more information, go to [SACB Web page](#) or contact [Nancy Bagnato](#), (916) 552-9846.

October 4, the Site Assessment Section will hold two community workshops (one in English, one in Spanish) in the City of Riverside, near the Riverside Agricultural Park Site, on “indoor air quality and how to reduce exposure to toxic substances.” For more information, contact [Gabriele Windgasse](#).



October 11, the Environmental Health Investigations Branch's California Breathing (CB) program will convene stakeholders to collect feedback on the CB Strategic Evaluation Plan. For more information, contact [Amy Smith](#).

October 12, a multidisciplinary team from the Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) will conduct mercury toxicity education and screening of skin creams during a Binational Health Week event at the Mexican Consulate in Sacramento. Any creams that test positive will be collected from participants, who will then be linked to health services. For more information, contact [Amy Smith](#).

October 25, Safe and Active Communities Branch (SACB) will facilitate the Statewide Opioid Safety (SOS) Workgroup in Sacramento. For more information, contact [Steve Wirtz](#), (916) 552-9831.

October 26, the Site Assessment Section (SAS) will hold a public availability meeting in Jackson (Amador County) to discuss SAS public health assessment activities at the local Argonaut Mine superfund site, and to hear the community's health and exposure concerns. For more information, contact [Gabriele Windgasse](#).

October 28, the Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) will sponsor and participate in the 7th Annual Women's Leadership Conference put on by the Health Education Council in Sacramento. EHIB staff will provide education on mercury toxicity in skin creams and offer referrals to resources for mercury testing. For more information, contact [Amy Smith](#).

November, (dates TBD) the Environmental Health Investigations Branch's California Breathing (CB) program will convene stakeholders to design an Independent Evaluation Plan (IEP) to understand the value of comprehensive asthma services and payment structures within Medi-Cal managed care health plans. For more information, contact [Amy Smith](#).

November 18, the Site Assessment Section will present in South Gate (to teachers and parent groups) on indoor air quality, how to reduce exposures to toxic substances, and the safe use of cosmetics and personal care products. For more information, contact [Gabriele Windgasse](#).

In December, (date TBD) the Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) will meet in Southern California. For more information, contact [Merril Lavezzo](#), (916) 449-5532.

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Center for Environmental Health

October 25, the Radiologic Technology Certification Committee will hold its biannual public meeting in Sacramento. A meeting agenda will be posted online on the [RHB website](#).

Center for Family Health

October 3, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Division will host the annual WIC local agency director's meeting.

October 5, the California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Advisory Council will convene its quarterly meeting. More information is available on the [SIDS Program Website](#).

In November/December, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division managers will attend the quarterly WIC local agency regional meetings throughout California.

November 2, the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State Interagency Team Home Visiting Workgroup will hold its quarterly meeting in Sacramento. For more information, visit the [CHVP Website](#).

November 9 - 10, the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Regional Councils will convene two meetings: the Southern Council meets November 9 and the Northern Council meets November 10. For more information, visit the [SIDS Program Website](#).

Center for Health Care Quality

October 3, the Center for Health Care Quality will hold a [meeting](#) to receive comments on the implementation of Senate Bill 97, requiring 3.5 direct-care service hours per patient-day in skilled nursing facilities. Another meeting will be held in November. For more information, visit our [website](#).

November 9, the Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) advisory committee will hold its quarterly meeting in Oakland. The agenda will be posted 10 days before the meeting. For more information, visit [the HAI Advisory Committee Web page](#).

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Center for Infectious Diseases

October 4, the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch will convene a meeting in Oakland with partners from local health jurisdictions and correctional health. For more information, please contact [Jennifer Harmon](#).

October 17, the STD Control Branch will co-convene a general meeting of the [Adolescent Sexual Health Work Group](#) in Sacramento.

October 17 - 19, the Office of AIDS (OA) will convene the California Planning Group (CPG) in-person meeting in Anaheim. Information about the meeting and the public comment opportunity will be available through a link on [the OA website](#).

October 17 and November 15, the Office of Binational Board Health, as part of the [San Diego County Promotores Coalition](#), is convening the monthly SDCPC meetings in San Diego.

In November, (date TBD) the Office of Binational Board Health will hold its biannual [Advisory Group](#) meeting in San Diego.

November 1, the CDPH Vector-Borne Disease Section staff will participate in the quarterly meeting of the [Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California](#) in Sacramento.

November 3, Disease Investigations Section staff will attend the 2017 California Norovirus Laboratory Network Surveillance Meeting in Richmond.

In December, the Office of Refugee Health, in collaboration with the [California Department of Social Services' Refugee Programs Bureau](#), will hold five quarterly regional stakeholder meetings in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and Stanislaus counties.

Emergency Preparedness Office

October 18, CDPH will host a California Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) on Public Health Emergency Preparedness meeting in Sacramento. For more information, contact [Heather Corfee](#).

Laboratory Field Services

December 1, the quarterly meeting of the Clinical Laboratory Technology Advisory Committee will be held in Richmond and Los Angeles (via videoconference link). The agenda, teleconference-access information and previous meetings' minutes will be posted on [the Laboratory Field Services website](#).

Office of Health Equity

October 17, the Office of Health Equity will cohost the [Climate Action Team – Public Health Workgroup's](#) quarterly public meeting in Sacramento and via webcast. For information, please email CCHEP@cdph.ca.gov.

October 26, the Office of Health Equity, Sierra Health Foundation, and Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency will host a forum in Redding to meet with service providers and policymakers working to improve outcomes in early childhood development, education, housing, income security, and mental health, with a special focus on suicide prevention. To RSVP or for more information, contact OHE@cdph.ca.gov.

December 14, the Office of Health Equity (OHE) Advisory Committee's final quarterly meeting of 2017 will be held at the Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento. Information is published at least 10 days before the meeting on the [OHE website](#).

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Regulatory Actions

None to report

Grants and Contracts

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

October 1, the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOP) begins contracting with Rescue Social Change Group (Rescue) to provide media, advertising and public relations services, for the Champions for Change Program. NEOP will also contract with Rescue to conduct a segmentation study and up to two sets of focus groups to test campaign concepts and messages for social marketing campaigns for Champions for Change. For more information, contact [Carmen Heredia](#) or (916) 449-5402.

In October, (date TBD) the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Kids' Plates Program will release a Request for Applications to fund local childhood unintentional- injury prevention coalitions statewide to develop, implement and sustain effective evidence-based program interventions. For more information, visit the [Kids' Plates website](#) or contact [Nancy Bagnato](#) or (916) 552-9846.

In December, the renewal application is due for the Cooperative Agreement between CDPH and the [Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry](#) (ATSDR) titled "ATSDR's Program to Promote Local Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposures" (APPLETREE)". For more information, contact [Gabriele Windgasse](#).

Office of Health Equity

October 18 - 19, the Office of Health Equity will convene the inaugural collaboration meeting with the [California Reducing Disparities Project](#) grantees and contractors. The meeting will highlight successes of the first year and discuss opportunities for progress in year two.

In November, (date TBD) the Office of Health Equity plans to release the final solicitation for the [California Reducing Disparities Project](#) in pre-draft form for public review. The solicitation seeks a contractor for statewide education, outreach and awareness, which is intended to implement components of the California Reducing Disparities Project Strategic Plan. Updates are available by [subscribing to the OHE newsletter](#).

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Conferences, Presentations, Reports, Speeches and Training

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

September 7 - October 6, the Environmental Health Investigations Branch will facilitate the Asthma Management Academy (AsMA) – a professional development series focused on the needs of non-licensed asthma educators and in-home visitors – for members of the Community Health Center Network (CHCN) in San Leandro. For more information contact [Lorene Alba](#).

October 2, the Safe and Active Communities Branch (SACB), Violence Prevention Unit, will host a Community Mobilization Regional Networking Meeting in Los Angeles. For more information, contact [Nancy Bagnato](#), (916) 552-9846.

November, (date TBD) the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program will convene a webinar highlighting Caltrans' Active Transportation Program Non-Infrastructure Program Successes and Achievements for Caltrans-funded Active Transportation Program practitioners and interested parties. Registration information and updates are available on the [Active Transportation Resource Center website](#), or by contacting [Nancy Bagnato](#), (916) 552-9846.

October 5 and 16, the Environmental Health Investigations Branch's Exposure Assessment Section will conduct two webinars in conjunction with Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) – LA. The October 5 webinar will focus on the California Regional Exposure Study, which is scheduled to begin in Los Angeles County in early 2018. This is the second of a two-part series that began in September. Part 1 will be repeated October 16. For more information, contact [Nerissa Wu](#).

In October, Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) staff will implement a statewide text-messaging project for community health workers and promotoras who attend the Asthma Management Academy (AsMA). For more information, contact [Lorene Alba](#).

In October, (date TBD) the Environmental Health Investigations Branch's California Breathing program will publish an online video-resource on asthma medications. For more information, contact [Scott Kessler](#).

November 1 or 2, the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program will convene a webinar highlighting crossing-guard training resources available through Caltrans' Active Transportation Resource Center for Caltrans' Active Transportation Program Safe Routes to School practitioners. Registration information and updates are available on the [Active Transportation Resource Center website](#), or by contacting [Nancy Bagnato](#), (916) 552-9846.

November 7 - 8, the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch will host the annual Project Directors' Meeting (PDM) in Sacramento. The PDM is held annually for the Local Health Department Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed). For more information visit the [PDM website](#) or contact [Reema El-Murr](#), (916) 449-5424.

November 8 - 9, the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Initiative is co-funding the California Opioid Policy Summit: Getting to Zero Overdose Deaths Together in San Diego. For more information, visit [the conference registration website](#) or contact [Steve Wirtz](#), (916) 552-9831.

November 16, the California Smokers' Helpline will release a [25th Anniversary Report](#) to coincide with the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout Day of Action. For more information, contact [Beth Olagues](#), (916) [552-9829](#).

In December, (dates TBD) the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program will convene two webinars: One highlighting various active transportation enforcement program models aimed at enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The second is an update of the Active Transportation Resource Center website for Caltrans-funded Active Transportation Program practitioners and interested parties. For registration information and

updates please email ATSP@cdph.ca.gov, or contact [Nancy Bagnato](#), (916) 552-9846.

In December, (date TBD) Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) staff will facilitate an in-person, train-the-trainer workshop for Asthma Management Academy (AsMA) facilitators on “The Basics of Motivational Interviewing.” For more information contact [Lorene Alba](#).

Center for Environmental Health

October 11 - 12 and November 4, Food and Drug Branch will provide food safety training to regulated food processors in Irwindale (October 11 – 12 and Sacramento (November 4). Registration is on the [FDB Website](#).

October 28, Food and Drug Branch will host prescription drug disposal collection sites in conjunction with the [U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day](#). Disposal collection sites will be announced closer to this national event.

October, (date TBD) the Food and Drug Branch (FDB) Emergency Response Unit will co-present a training on foodborne outbreaks and environmental assessments to the Contra Costa County Environmental Health Department.

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Center for Family Health

October 6, the [36th Annual SIDS Conference](#) will be held in San Diego. This event is for parents, professionals and others involved and affected by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

October 17, the [California Home Visiting Program \(CHVP\)](#) will present a certificate to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to recognize five-years of providing services to low-income families. The CHVP Contra Costa County site has more than 100 graduates. It hosted CHVP’s 100,000th home visit last year.

October 19, the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will host the [Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program](#) (CPSP) orientation training in Ventura for newly enrolled CPSP providers.

November 15 - 16, the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will host the [Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program](#) statewide meeting in Folsom.

December 6 - 8, the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division’s [Black Infant Health](#) Program will conduct a training in Oakland for Family Health Advocates Group Facilitators staff. For more information, contact [Shirley Shelton](#), (916) 650-0344.

Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

October 3, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will host a birth data quality meeting in Pasadena. For more information, contact [Heather Kellogg](#), (916) 445-2579.

November 2, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will meet with county clerks, recorders and health departments at the quarterly Vision Group meeting in Sacramento. For more information, contact [Yolanda Cisco](#), (916) 552-8154.

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Center for Infectious Diseases

October, (date TBD) the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch will release the 2016 Annual Report and 2016 Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) STD Summaries. For more information, contact [Joan Chow](#), (510) 620-3718.

October 3, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch staff will provide an STD/HIV Clinical Update to the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, hosted by the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center. For more information, contact [Dominique Reminick](#).

October 7, Dr. Julie Stoltey, from the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch, will present the "Trends in Neisseria gonorrhoeae Antimicrobial Susceptibility in California, 1996-2016" at IDWeek 2017 in San Diego. For more information, contact [Juliet Stoltey](#).

October 12, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch staff will partner with the National Center for Youth Law and a local clinician to provide a Minor Consent and Confidentiality Workshop for staff from clinical settings serving Fresno County. For more information, please contact [Deborah Dauda](#).

October 13, Dr. Julie Stoltey, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch, will present on syphilis screening and congenital syphilis prevention in a webinar for family planning and women's health providers, hosted by Essential Access Health. For more information, contact [Juliet Stoltey](#).

October 17, Infectious Diseases Branch staff will present on epidemiology and control of rabies in California to the Rabies Subcommittee at the [U.S. Animal Health Association](#) annual meeting in San Diego.

October 22 - 25, Infectious Diseases Branch staff will participate in the [54th Interagency Botulism Research Coordinating Committee meeting](#) in Burlingame.

October 25, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch staff will provide an STD/HIV Clinical Update to the Public Health Services of San Joaquin County, hosted by the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center. For more information, contact [Dominique Reminick](#).

In November, (date TBD) the Infectious Diseases Laboratory Branch/ Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory with the Infectious Diseases Branch/Disease Investigations Section will co-host a Norovirus Surveillance Meeting at the State Public Health Laboratory in Richmond.

November 2, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch staff will partner with Fresno County Department of Public Health, Essential Access Health, Anthem Blue Cross, CalViva, and University of California, San Francisco at Fresno to host the 2nd Fresno Adolescent Sexual Health Conference in Fresno County. For more information, please contact [Deborah Dauda](#).

November 7, Infectious Diseases Branch staff will present updates on rabies, brucellosis, enterics outbreaks, and other selected zoonoses at the [California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors](#) Annual Institute in San Luis Obispo.

November 29, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch staff will provide an STD/HIV clinical update to the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, hosted by the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center. For more information, contact [Dominique Reminick](#).

Laboratory Field Services

October 20, Laboratory Field Services staff will present on “Clinical Laboratory Update and Hot Topics in Today’s Laboratories” at the annual meeting of the [California Association of Bioanalysts](#).

Office of Health Equity

Fall 2017 (date TBD), California’s climate change adaptation strategy, [Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk](#), will be released. The Office of Health Equity’s Climate Change and Health Equity Program updated the public health chapter of this report.

October (date TBD), the second draft of the Assembly Bill 32 Target Scoping Plan Update will be released for public comment by the [California Air Resources Board](#). The Office of Health Equity wrote an analysis of the public health impacts of climate change mitigation strategies in the Plan.

Recent Major Activities, Achievements and Publications

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

July, Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control’s Emergency Preparedness Team (EPT) released a [“Cure-In-Place Pipe Safety Alert”](#) (CIPP) about vapor migration into buildings. The alert provided prevention information for public works and other professionals who use the CIPP process for sewer line and culvert rehabilitation. For more information, contact [Tracy Barreau](#).

July, California Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) partners took home national awards during the National Council on Problem Gambling's Annual Conference. The *Betting on Our Future* youth problem gambling prevention program won the "people's choice" award for a multi-lingual (English and Spanish) prevention poster and took home the "best in show" award for the prevention showcase. Dr. Linda Graves, an OPG trainer, was awarded the "Lifetime Achievement" Award. OPG Chief Terri Sue Canale-Dalman was voted President of the National Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators.

July, the Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) started the Asthma Management Academy (AsMA), a professional development series focused on the needs of non-licensed asthma educators and in-home visitors. Five Academies have been completed so far in areas with the highest burden of asthma: Los Angeles, Kern County, Imperial Valley, San Bernardino and San Diego. For more information, contact [Lorene Alba](#).

September, the Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) developed [two videos](#) to promote the Asthma Management Academy (AsMA), a professional development series focused on the needs of non-licensed asthma educators and in-home visitors. For more information, contact [Lorene Alba](#).

Center for Environmental Health

September 5 - 8, Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory (DWRL), Laboratory Response Network for Chemical Threats (LRN-C) participated at the 28th Annual Continuing Challenge HazMat Emergency Response Workshop in Sacramento. The DWRL, LRN-C hosted a booth and made a presentation on field-to-lab communication for all employees in hazardous materials emergency response-related fields.

September 9 - 10, (DWRL), LRN-C participated in Urban Shield, a Bay Area emergency preparedness exercise assessing the region's response capacities. The DWRL, LRN-C provided training on lab capabilities, specimen requirements, and communication protocols.

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Center for Family Health

Summer, CDPH Center for Family Health released a new Zika education toolkit focused on family planning. Zika education toolkits are ideal for provider offices and programs that serve women and families. The toolkits include handouts, posters, talking points and social media posts with information about travel, pregnancy and sexual transmission of the Zika virus. The posters – in English and Spanish – are available in two sizes. To place an order for free printed materials, visit CDPH's [Zika Outreach and Education Materials Webpage](#).

September, the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division's Strategic Communications Team launched its storytelling efforts for the [Adolescent Family Life Program](#). For more information, contact [Julie Rooney](#), (916) 341-6711.

September 5, the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division hosted a Community Birth Plan Summit, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and March of Dimes, at the California Endowment in Los Angeles. The summit

was the first in a series aimed at developing a community birth plan to reduce African-American preterm births. For more information, contact [Leslie Kowalewski](#).

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June, the Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory (VRDL) was named as one of four National Centers for Zika PRNT testing by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The VRDL now has responsibility for performance of this Zika-antibody confirmatory assay for samples submitted by public health laboratories in 14 states.

July, CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch staff published:

- Barry PM, Lowenthal P, True L, Henry L, Schack G, Wendorf K, Flood J, Shah N. [Benefit of the shorter MDR TB treatment regimen in California and modified eligibility criteria](#). Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2017 Jul 17.
- Shah NS, Flood-Bryzman A, Jeffries C, Scott J. [Towards a generation free of tuberculosis: TB disease and infection in individuals of college age in the United States](#). J Am Coll Health. 2017 Aug 11:0. This study concluded that active screening and treatment programs for foreign-born young adults could identify TB cases earlier and provide an opportunity for prevention efforts.
- Kay A, Barry PM, Annambhotla P, Greene C, Cilnis M, Chin-Hong P, Arger N, McNitt L, Neidlinger N, Shah N, Basavaraju SV, Kuehnert M, Shaw T. [Solid organ transplant-transmitted tuberculosis linked to a community outbreak - California, 2015](#). MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2017 Aug 4;66(30):801-805.
- McDaniel CJ, Chitnis AS, Barry PM, Shah N. [Tuberculosis trends in California correctional facilities, 1993-2013](#). Int J Tuberc Lung Dis. 2017 Aug 1;21(8):922-929.

August, Tuberculosis Control Branch staff published [A systematic synthesis of direct costs to treat and manage tuberculosis disease applied to California, 2015](#).

August was Valley Fever Awareness month in California. In July, CDPH issued a news release and [epidemiologic summary](#). In August, CDPH published a brief article in the [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) and launched a month-long social media campaign.

September 21, Communicable Disease Emergency Response Program staff co-taught (with Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency) a one-day course, “Responding to Bioterrorism: Law Enforcement, FBI, and Public Health’s Roles” in Redding.

September, the Tuberculosis Control Branch posted (on the CDPH website) the Annual Report on Tuberculosis 2016.

September 15, Office of Health Equity staff participated in a Gathering of Native American Grantees of the California Reducing Disparities Project in Oakland.

September 22, the Office of Health Equity Deputy Director Jahmal Miller presented on “Health and Racial Equity in California’s Communities” at Sierra Health Foundation’s Health Leadership Alumni Network meeting.

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