



# HASC Briefs

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## HASC's Los Angeles Leadership Group Opposes Proposal to Establish City Public Health Department

The Los Angeles City Clerk certified a petition titled *City of Los Angeles Public Health Protection Act* that requires the Los Angeles City Council to establish its own Public Health Department. The City can create the department by way of an ordinance or place the issue before voters possibly in June 2014. If approved, the City would need to terminate its agreement with Los Angeles County Public Health and start its own department within 120 days. The new City department would be prohibited from contracting with LA County Public Health for any service or surveillance work thereby creating duplicative services.

Passage of the proposed initiative would drastically alter the scope of public health services provided by the County for the city and the county, and would result in significant loss of revenue, jobs and workload for the County.

The fiscal impact could necessitate the closure of public health clinics, along with reductions in clinical care and prevention services provided for communicable diseases and health promotion.

According to Los Angeles County Public Health, the new City department would need upwards of \$50 million (annually) in General Fund dollars to offset operating costs – which does not include start-up costs. Revenue from permit fees estimated at \$107 million are not sufficient to fund this new department. The City Council is expected to receive a financial impact study from its Chief Administrative Officer later this month.

The Los Angeles Hospital Leadership Group voted this week to oppose this proposal.

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## Orange County Supervisors Approve \$2 Million MSI Budget Augmentation

The Orange County Board of Supervisors, on a 4-1 vote, approved a \$2 million budget augmentation for the MSI Hospital Pool this week. Hospitals will lose well over \$200 million in actual costs in this year's MSI program. Supervisors Nguyen, Bates, Nelson (Chairman of the

Board), and Spitzer voted to support the appropriation; Supervisor Moorlach dissented.

The vote was a straw vote taken during the County's Budget Hearing. The final vote on the budget is slated for June 25. This was the only Health Care Agency budget augmenta-

tion recommended for support by the County Executive Office. HASC advocated in support of the item and testified at the Board Hearing.

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## Fast Facts from Southern California Patient Safety First Collaborative Now Online

Health care professionals interested in learning more about, Sepsis, Surgical Safety, Perinatal Safety and HAI – C. Difficile can review highlights from the most recent Phase II kickoff Southern California Patient Safety First Collaborative meeting.

*Fast Facts* from the March 12 meeting is available online at <http://www.hasc.org/fact-sheet/fast-facts-16>. The one-page meeting summary of highlights is distributed after each SCPSFC meeting and is designed to offer senior leaders a communication tool that can be used to facilitate a short debriefing with meeting attendees.

The meeting included 132 attendees from 58 of our 76 PSF Collaborative hospitals. Featured topics from this meeting included:

- *A Patient Story*
- *The 2013-2014 Collaborative Charter*
- *Measurement, Reporting and Web*

### Portal Resources

- *Best Practices in Leadership – Strengthening Your Culture for Patient Safety*

Eight clinical breakout sessions focused on:

### Surgical Safety

- Retained Sponge/Towel - A Never Event!
- CHPSO as your Surgical Safety Partner

### Sepsis Management

- Sepsis Management - High Tech & Low Tech
- EMCrit Podcast Review of the 2012 Guidelines, and Asking the Right Questions

### HAI- C. Difficile

- Comparing the Guidelines
- *C. Difficile*, the Misunderstood Pathogen

### Perinatal Safety

- Avoiding the Undertow
- A Community-Based Approach to Preventing Planned Deliveries Before 39 weeks

SCPSFC meetings are presented by HASC and National Health Foundation. The next meeting of the Southern California Patient Safety First Collaborative will be on July 16.

Partners for *Patient Safety First...a California Partnership for Health* include:

- Anthem Blue Cross
- The three regional hospital associations of California: Southern California, San Diego & Imperial Counties, and Northern & Central California

- National Health Foundation

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## Register Today for Dual Eligibles Information Session, June 21

Do you feel prepared to answer questions on how dual eligibles will impact your hospital? If you feel an overview will help you in your role of communicating effectively on this topic, register now for HASC's complimentary one-hour webinar, *Introduction to Dual Eligibles for the Administrative Professional*, Friday, June 21, 10-11 a.m.

George Mack, HASC vice president, Payer/Provider and Member Relations, will provide insight on this topic, including valuable tips on:

- Defining dual eligibles and how they may affect your organization.
- The new coverage for this population

as described in the Affordable Care Act.

- Establishing a strategy for handling communications that reach your inbox.

The session is open to assistants to presidents, executive assistants, administrative assistants, and administrative professionals within the hospital who are involved with dual eligibles or interested in learning more about this aspect of the Affordable Care Act.

Register today at <http://bit.ly/18rLtm0>.

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### Upcoming Events

*PDS University – PDS Graphs and What They Can Tell You*

In this 20-minute interactive webinar, we will go over the various graphs in PDS' system and talk about how to use and share each one. This is an informative class for those who are new to PDS or those who may need a quick brush up. Bring your questions! Thursday, June 20, 11:00 a.m.

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/799298506>

For more upcoming events, go to <http://www.hasc.org/calendar>.



Monday, October 21, 2013 | Oakmont Country Club

Interested in sponsoring this year's Charity Golf Classic? Go to [page 3](#) for more details.

## Sponsors: Tee Up for 2013 HASC Charity Golf Classic, Oct. 21

HASC's biggest charity event of the year, Charity Golf Classic, is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 21, at Oakmont Country Club. Each year this popular event brings together c-suite hospital members and associate members for a day of golfing and networking in support of National Health Foundation (NHF).

Over the last 30 years, NHF's work has led to groundbreaking results in health

care delivery, including the successful development of Patient Safety First (PSF), the largest statewide collaborative focusing on improving patient safety in the nation. The PSF initiative has saved more than 900 lives and an estimated \$19 million in costs.

Several sponsor levels are available this year, with all proceeds going to support programs developed by NHF.

For more information about sponsorship, please contact Leticia Salcido, (213) 538-0737, [lsalcido@hasc.org](mailto:lsalcido@hasc.org). Visit [www.hasc.org/2013HASCgolfClassic](http://www.hasc.org/2013HASCgolfClassic) for event information.

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## 2013 CHPAC Campaign Going Strong

HASC would like to thank the following member hospitals that have reached their 2013 CHPAC campaign goal:

- Ballard Rehabilitation Hospital
- Catalina Island Medical Center
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Desert Valley Hospital
- Olympia Medical Center
- Pacific Alliance Medical Center
- San Geronio Memorial Hospital

We strongly encourage you to par-



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icipate in the 2013 CHPAC Corporate Presidents' Club by referring a company you do business with that shares likeminded values in ensuring

a healthy business climate for hospitals. New and renewing corporate partners are credited to your hospital's annual goal.

The HASC region is currently at 58 percent of goal, having raised \$171,000. You can contribute online at [www.calhospital.org/political-action-committee](http://www.calhospital.org/political-action-committee).

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## PFCC Conference Draws Spectrum of Health Care Providers

More than 200 people attended the Patient and Family Centered Conference June 3 at the Renaissance Hotel Long Beach. Presented by National Health Foundation and PFCC Partners, the conference explored the challenges, solutions and successes related to PFCC within a diverse health care network. Attendees represented a spectrum of hospital staff including CNOs, RNs, social workers, physical therapists and hospital administrators.

Along with two dynamic keynote speakers, four breakout tracks covered pediatrics, PFCC design, taking PFCC beyond hospital walls, and how to transform rounding. A panel of patient and family advisers also discussed advisory councils and opportunities for building structures

that support integrating patients and families in health care in ways that improve quality, safety, experience and health care delivery.

E-patient Dave deBronkart, a cancer survivor and international TEDx speaker on health care, and Dr. Robert Wachter, professor and associate chairman of the department of medicine at UC San Francisco, each delivered stellar keynote addresses inspiring attendees to be pioneers in the patient- and family-centered care movement.

"Patients are the most underused resource in the health care team ... patients are, in fact, the ultimate stakeholder," e-patient Dave said.

An event highlight was the candid discussion from the panel of patient

advisers. Anthony White, a patient adviser from Torrance Memorial, delivered tips to providers on how to start engaging patients successfully and effectively.

And 17-year-old patient adviser Jack Stalker from Flagstaff, Ariz., inspired the crowd, emphasizing the value of the services patient advisers provide, including their role in policy development and other projects within the hospital.

The PFCC conference is an annual event headed by Libby Hoy, president and founder of PFCC Partners, organized in partnership with National Health Foundation. For more information, contact PFCC Partners at (562) 590-PFCC or [libby@pfccpartners.com](mailto:libby@pfccpartners.com).

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