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**COUNTY HEALTH**  
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STREET & FIELD  
**MEDICINE**  
2016 - 2022

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# Public Health Policy & Planning: Street & Field Medicine Team

- Founded in January 2016
- Target populations:
  - People experiencing chronic street homelessness throughout San Mateo County

Farmworkers and their adult family members living on the south coast/Pescadero area in San Mateo County



# What is Street Medicine?

- The practice of providing medical care to unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in locations like encampments, under bridges, parks, and motor vehicles.
- The term was coined in the 1992 when Dr. Jim Withers began making medical visits to people living on the streets in Pittsburgh, PA.
- The first International Street Medicine Symposium occurred in Pittsburgh in 2005, followed by the founding of the Street Medicine Institute in 2009.
- Today, there are more than 60 independent street medicine programs across the country.

# Why Street Medicine?

- Accessing care in traditional medical settings is challenging for PEH
- Real fear about theft or destruction of unattended personal property
- Trauma from prior negative treatment in traditional settings
- Prioritization of basic needs: food, water, clothing, shelter, safety





# Field Medicine



“The hands that feed us are often invisible hands, hands of people who work in the shadows of a multibillion-dollar industry enjoying its rewards.”



# What is Field Medicine?



Taking comprehensive medical care directly to farmworker populations where they live, eat and work.



# Why Field Medicine?

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- Most undocumented immigrants are ineligible for Medical
- Many undocumented immigrants do not qualify for county ACE program
- Cost-prohibitive employer-sponsored plans (high deductibles)
- Lack of transportation
- Poor cell phone connectivity on the South Coast
- Work long hours and reluctance to take time-off for medical appointments
- Unique traditional health beliefs & practices



# Equipment





# Services Provided

- Complete physical exams
- Laboratory studies
- Medication formulary
- Vaccinations
- Wound care
- Portable nebulizer treatment
- Ear lavage
- Alcohol and substance use treatment
- Psychiatry on Tuesdays
- Bagged lunches provided by Samaritan House
- Provision of cold weather supplies



# Street Medicine Schedule

## **MONDAYS**

9am – 2pm

NP, MSA, AOD CM cover Half Moon Bay to Pacifica, South San Francisco and targeted encampments in county as needed

## **TUESDAYS**

9am – 2pm

NP, MSA, AOD CM, Psychiatrist cover San Mateo to Redwood City

## **THURSDAYS**

9am – 2pm

NP, MSA, AOD CM cover San Bruno, South San Francisco, and targeted encampments in Menlo Park and Redwood City





# Field Medicine Schedule

## **MONDAYS**

8am – 6pm

PHN outreach to farmworkers providing comprehensive case management and nursing support

## **TUESDAYS**

8am – 6pm

PHN outreach to farmworkers providing comprehensive case management and nursing support

## **WEDNESDAYS**

11am – 8pm

NP/MD, PHN, MSA for scheduled or urgent medical evaluation and treatment

## **THURSDAYS**

8am – 6pm

PHN outreach to farmworkers providing comprehensive case management and nursing support



# Community Partners

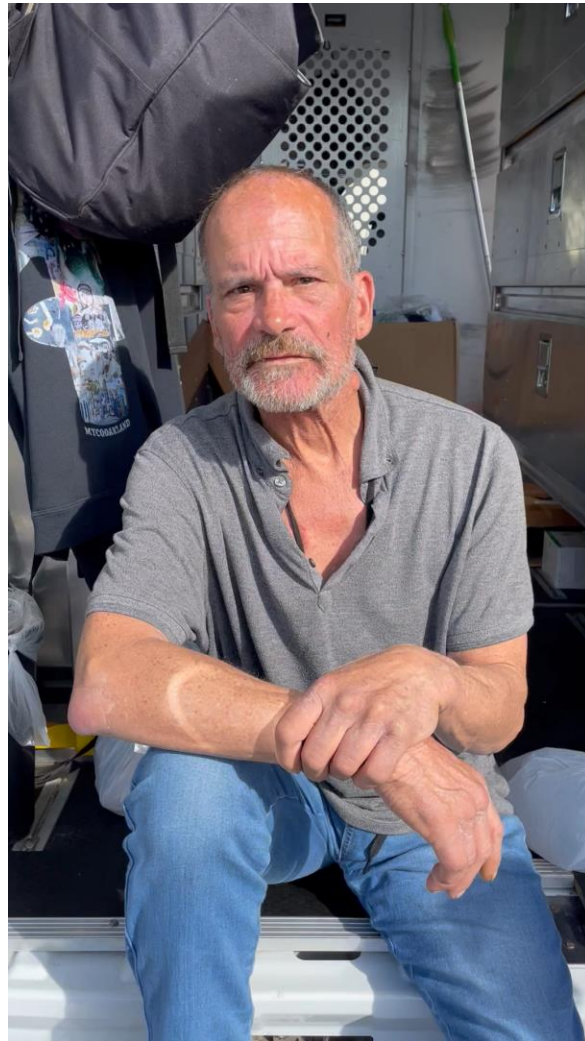
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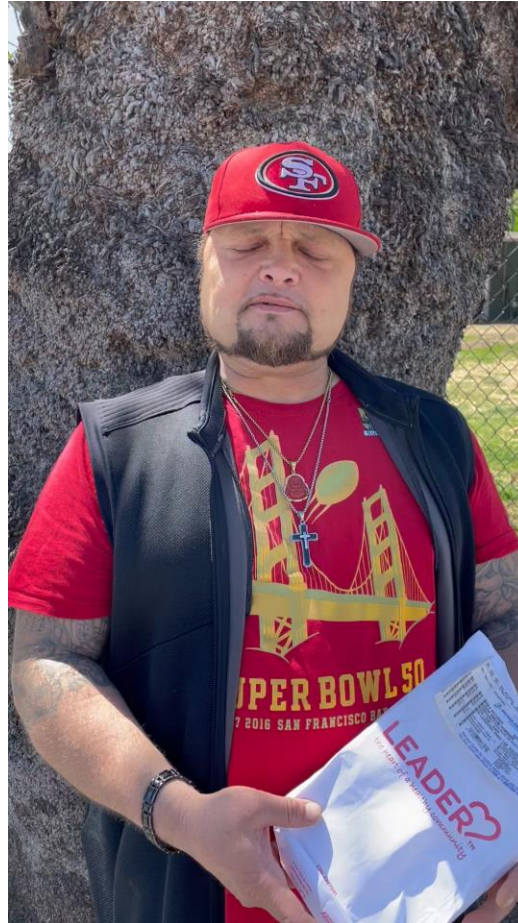






Gary

# Tibby







Guillermo

Cristina



**My name is Cristina Gonzales**



# Street & Field Medicine Strategies

- Repeated engagement
- Building Trust
- Front-loading care
- Community partners
- Different boundaries
- Intensive care coordination
- Caring about them until they can themselves



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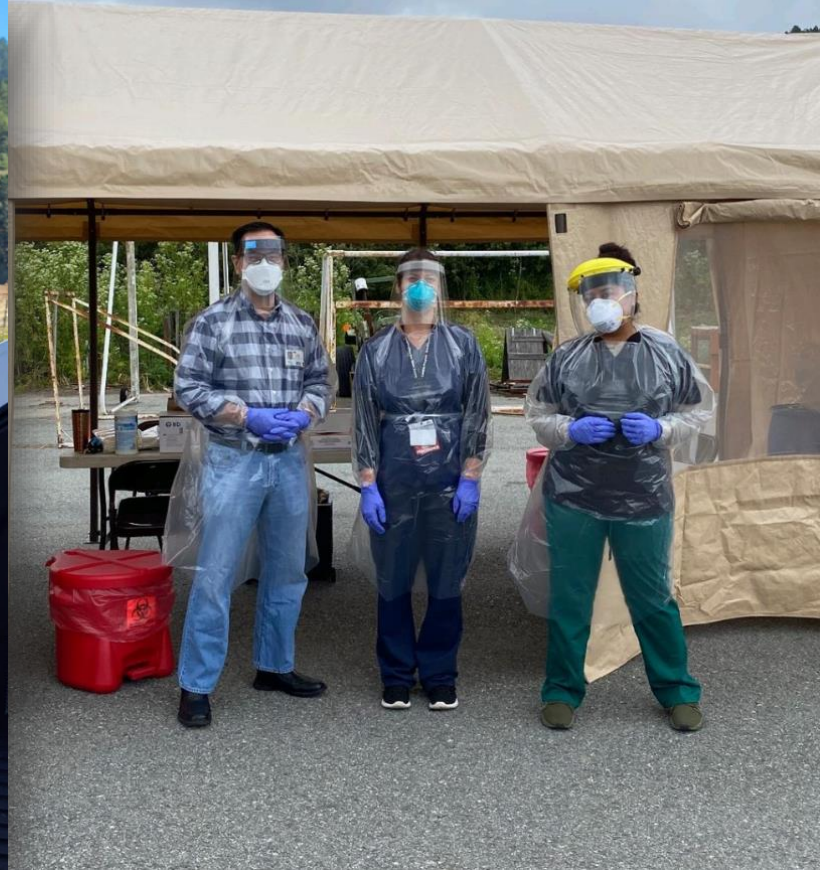
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# COVID-19

- Testing events
- Vaccination clinics onsite at encampments and at farms
- Farm visit COVID education sessions





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**Over 44 percent of San Mateo County adults have received at least one COVID vaccine dose**

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**A**s of March 25, nearly 284,000 people in San Mateo County, or 44.2 percent of residents ages 16 and older, received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and nearly half of them – about 135,000 – are fully vaccinated, San Mateo County Health said Thursday. That totals 412,160 doses administered by public and private providers.

Just over 80 percent of those ages 65 and older, and nearly 85 percent of those 75 and older, have received at least one dose since vaccinations became available in December, health officials said.













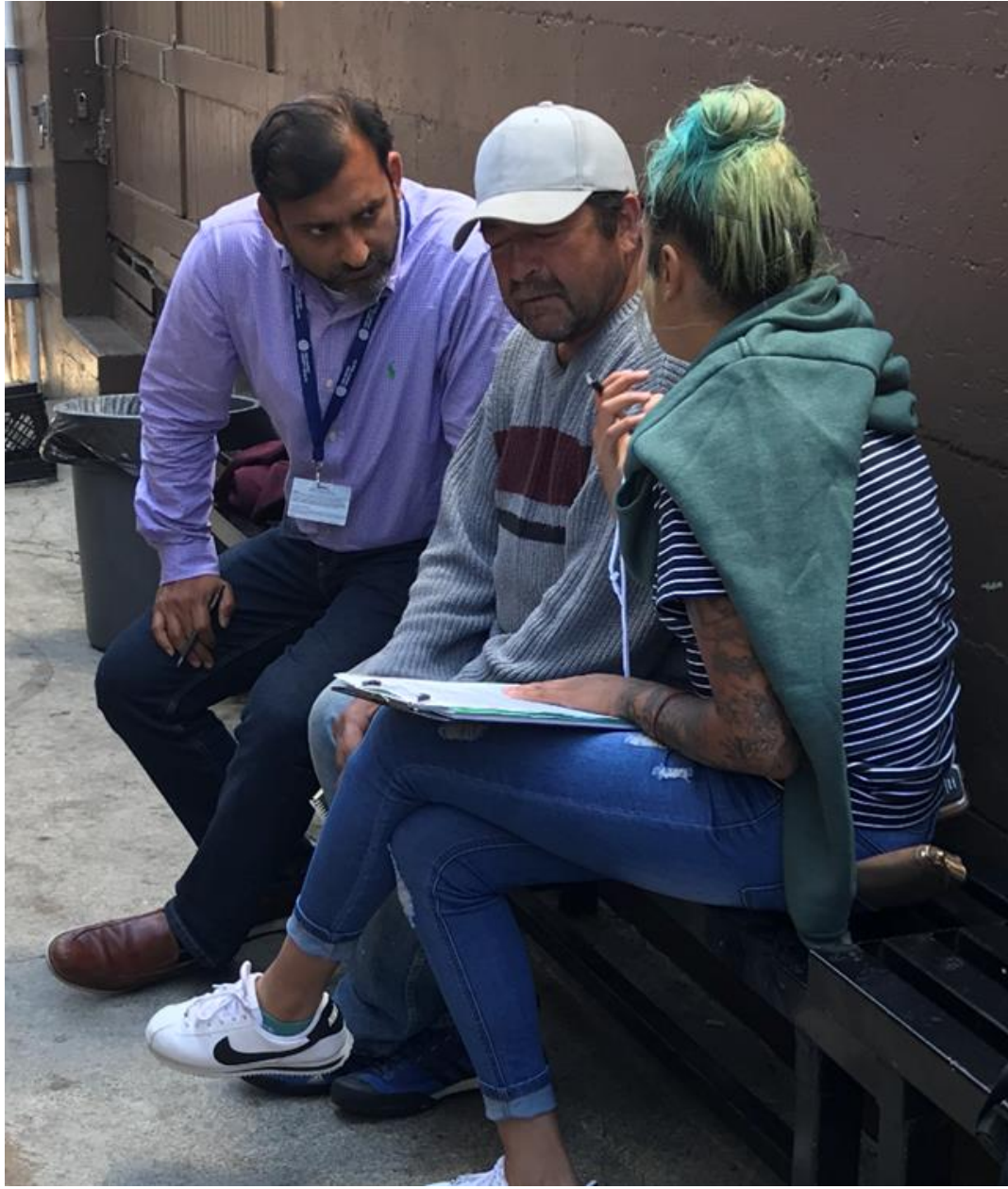






















# QUESTIONS?

