

**HEALTH COMMISSION
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Health Commission 2021 Awards**

Nominated Team/Program	Names of Individual Team Members/Titles	Section/Work Unit	Nominated by:
KPO across DPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenna Bilinski, Health Operations Chief, CCC • Danielle Taylor, Outbreak Management Co-Lead • Winnie Tse, Outbreak Management Deputy Operations Chief • Jonathan Sears, Vaccines Branch Co-lead • Jocelyn Highsmith, Operations Lead, Information and Guidance • Howard Chen, Project Lead, Shelter and Encampments, Outbreak Management • Aldon Mendez, Deputy Chief, Testing, Outbreak Management Deputy Operations Chief • Christopher Ross, Advanced Planning • Monica Guo, Operations Deputy, Community Branch • Joseph Clement, RN, Project Lead, Residential Care Facilities, Outbreak Management, Special Populations Liaison, Vaccines Branch • Julia Dysart, CI/CT Operations Deputy • Vanessa Almaguer, TIPS Project Lead, Testing Branch • Amabel Chow, High Volume Vaccination Sites DPH Coordination Lead, Vaccines Branch 	SF Health Network/DPH/PHD	Lisa Golden, Director, Kaizen Promotion Office

SFDPH’s response to the COVID 19 Pandemic requires an all-hands-on deck commitment to be successful. Kaizen Promotion Office teams across SFDPH were deployed starting February 2020 to support this work and in the course of the last 19 months, have led efforts in all areas of COVID Command and the COVID Task Force including the: C3 leadership, vaccines, schools prevention and outbreak, community, outbreak management, testing, information & guidance, and case investigation and contact tracing (CI/CT). Their understanding of performance improvement, coaching and organizational development was essential to the success of the SF pandemic response. Members of the team showed resilience, creativity, flexibility, persistence, servant-leadership, and an unwavering focus on the mission to protect and promote the well-being of all San Franciscans. Their ability to quickly problem-solve and coordinate their work across a number of internal and external key stakeholders in a high stress and fast paced environment over a prolonged activation is truly admirable. Their steadfast commitment to their team and the community has contributed to overall lower mortality rates and some of the highest vaccinations rates of any major city in the country. Together with their colleagues, their work has saved lives and changed the course of the pandemic in San Francisco.