

**HEALTH COMMISSION  
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM  
HEALTH COMMISSION 2021 AWARDS**

<b>Nominated Team/Program</b>	<b>Names of Individual Team Members/Titles</b>	<b>Section/Work Unit</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
<b>Bridge HIV</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Al Liu, Physician</li> <li>• Alfonso Diaz, Research Associate</li> <li>• Cat-Dancing Alleyne, Recruiter</li> <li>• Delia Molloy, Deputy Director</li> <li>• Elba Overton, Nurse</li> <li>• Eli Nevel-Tyler, Recruiter</li> <li>• Emily Schaeffer, Regulatory</li> <li>• Fiona O’Connell-Gates, Research Associate</li> <li>• Gabriella Green, Laboratory Coordinator</li> <li>• Garza Asencios, Recruiter</li> <li>• Hyman Scott, Physician</li> <li>• Ivette Vasquez, Nurse</li> <li>• Janie Vinson, Graphics</li> <li>• Kenneth Coleman, Coordinator</li> <li>• Nicholas Ng, Program Assistant</li> <li>• Patricia Von Felten, Data Manager</li> <li>• Rafael Gonzalez, Community Programs</li> <li>• Susan Buchbinder, Physician</li> <li>• Theresa Wagner, Study Coordinator</li> <li>• William Juarez, Recruiter</li> </ul>	Population Health	Susan Buchbinder

In addition to continuing to conduct ground-breaking HIV prevention research as part of local and global efforts during the COVID pandemic on HIV vaccines, pre-exposure prophylaxis, vaginal rings, microbicides, and other strategies to prevent HIV infection, the Bridge HIV team took on recruiting, enrolling, and retaining 256 study volunteers into a COVID vaccine trial, the largest group enrolled in the Bay Area. Of these, 81% were People of Color. This hard work to ensure adequate representation of under-represented groups is a testament to the team’s commitment to diversity and to the well-being of our study volunteers. This truly took teamwork, from the development of a new website in English and Spanish (WeCanBeatCovid.org), using a local Latina artist, to recruiting, in the midst of the pandemic, large numbers of diverse study volunteers, to safely enrolling participants, and maintaining clean and accurate data systems for tracking results. The team enabled local community members contribute to the global COVID vaccine effort.