



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY *BINATIONAL HEALTH COLLABORATION* & *COVID-19 BINATIONAL SECTOR*

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INTRODUCTION



PUBLIC HEALTH IN OUR BORDER REGION





HHSA PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES OFFICE OF BORDER HEALTH



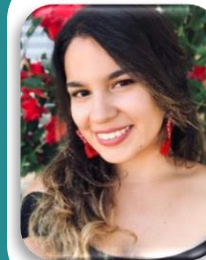
- Inaugurated in 1993
- Cross border communication, collaboration, and coordination at the local level (San Diego-Tijuana)
- **Key Activities:** Relationship Building, Support Infectious Disease Surveillance, Collaboration on Key Initiatives, Health Diplomacy



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HHSA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS & EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES

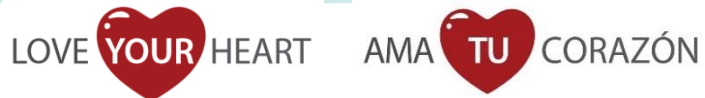


Barbara Jiménez, MPH
Community Operations Officer

HHSA Executive Binational Lead

Cross border collaboration examples include:

- **Launched:** Binational *Love Your Heart/Ama Tu Corazón*
- **Advisor:** CDPH Office of Binational Border Health Advisory Board
- **Facilitator:** Leaders Across Borders/Líderes Atraves de las Fronteras
- **Co-Chair:** Border Health Consortium of the Californias
- **Lead:** COVID-19 Binational Sector





CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION & FUNCTIONAL THREADING WITHIN HHSA



Convening
Binational
leadership

Collaboration on
Binational
Initiatives

Support Infectious
Disease
Surveillance
Activities

Public Health
Emergency
Preparedness



**Collaboration with the Mexican
Consulate**



**Cross-border Emergency
Preparedness**



**Love Your Heart /
Ama Tu Corazón**



BORDER HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF THE CALIFORNIAS



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

Purpose:

Knowledge Sharing

Capacity Building

Relationships

Work Groups: HIV, TB, Obesity,

Mental Health, Cancer

BORDER HEALTH
CONSORTIUM OF
THE CALIFORNIAS



CONSORCIO DE
SALUD FRONTERIZA
DE LAS CALIFORNIAS





SAN DIEGO BORDER HEALTH COLLABORATIVE



Objective: To address health priorities in the border region, network and share information with one another

Focus: North of the border

Meetings: Bi-monthly meetings in San Diego





COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EPIDEMIOLOGY



Health and Human
Services Agency,
Epidemiology and
Immunization
Services Branch



**Cross border collaboration examples
include:**

Binational epidemiological surveillance –
binational case reporting

- **Lead:** CDPH Office of Binational Border Health, Border Infectious Disease Surveillance program

Binational Epidemiology Meetings

- HIV collaboration

Other cross-border related projects:

- Vector-Borne & Zoonotic Disease Meetings
- CURE Tuberculosis “CURE TB”





COVID-19 SECTOR EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Expanded Sector Model



Business



CBO/FBO



Government



Education



Sectors and Sub-sectors



Business



Education

Early Care & Education

K-12

Colleges & Universities



Military & Veterans



Homeless/ Shelters



Healthcare

Dental Providers

Clinical Providers



Older Adults & Disability Service Providers



Long-Term Care and Residential Facilities



CBO/FBO

Community-Based Organizations

Faith-Based Organizations

Rural



Government

City Managers & Unincorporated Areas

Bi-National Leaders

Legislators

Tribal Nations

Youth





COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO – BINATIONAL COVID19 RESPONSE



11/19/20 – cross-border PPE donation

County organized into ten critical sectors

- **Binational Sector** is led by Barbara Jiménez and Justine Kozo is the co-lead

Activities include:

- Regular telebriefings with key binational partners
- Sharing data & informational resources
- Establishing key connections
- Testing & vaccine strategies to support binational population



8/4/21 – meeting with BC Secretary of Health



CROSS BORDER VACCINE EFFORTS



Mexican Consulate as a community-trusted testing & vaccine site



Cross-border Maquiladora Vaccine Project

Mobile Teams Deliver Vaccines to San Diego Farmworkers

Vaccinees for H-2A Agricultural Workers





NACCHO AWARD



2021 Innovative Practice Bronze Award

- Received **2021 Innovative Practice Bronze Awardee** by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for ***Cross-Border (San Diego-Tijuana) COVID-19 Collaboration.***



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARTNERS!



USA



Federal

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- US-Mexico Border Health Commission
- Mexican Consulate in San Diego

State

- California Department of Public Health, Office of Binational Border Health



Local



- County of San Diego (HHSA and PSG)
- Non-profit Agencies
- Hospitals
- Universities (UCSD, UC Berkley, SDSU)

UC San Diego

MEXICO

- México Dirección General de Epidemiología
- México-Estados Unidos Comisión de Salud Fronteriza
- US Consulate in Tijuana

- Baja California Secretaría de Salud



- Jurisdicción de Servicios de Salud – Tijuana
- Non-profit Agencies
- Hospitals
- Universities (UABC, COLEF)





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