

Public Health Department

Needle Exchange & Education Program (NEEP)

Board of Supervisors Hearing
August 1, 2006

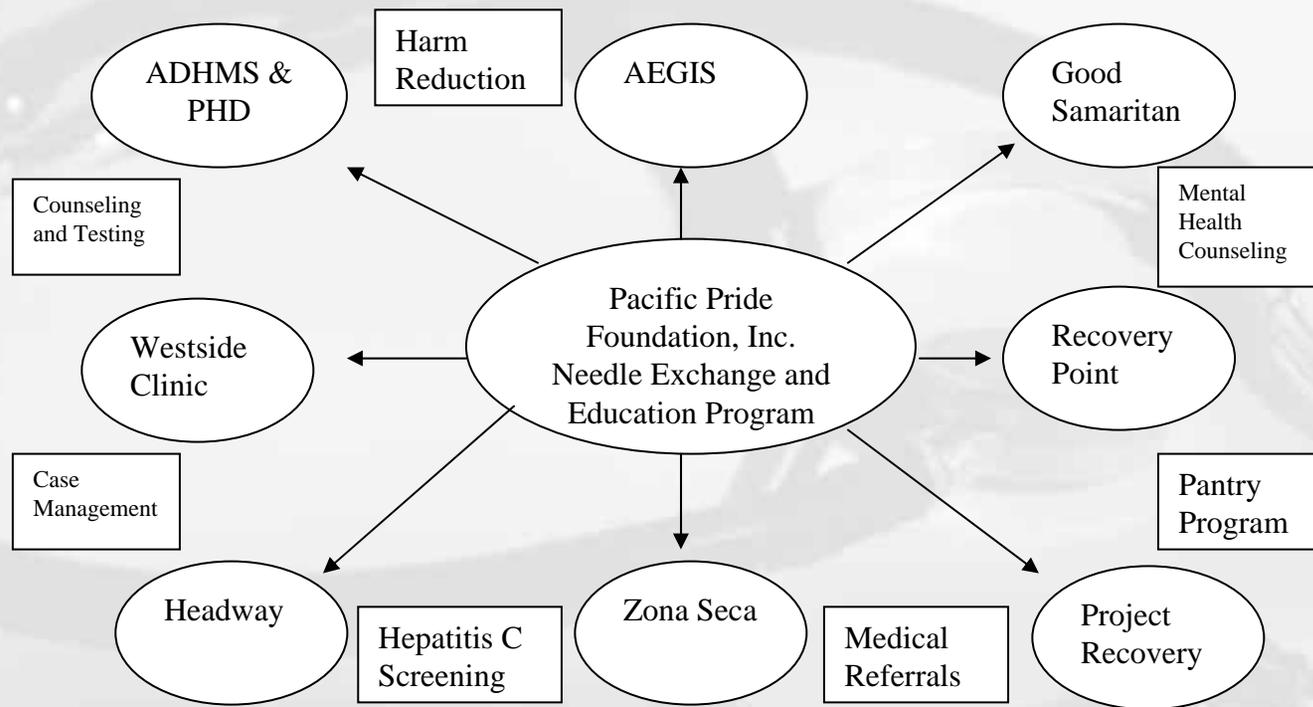
NEEP History

- June 2006
 - Board of Supervisors Resolution 00-193
- AB 547
 - State Department of Health Services
 - Annual Hearing

Community-Based Activities

- **Needle Exchange & Education Program (NEEP)**
 - 1 For 1 Needle Exchange
 - Education & Referrals
 - Accessing Difficult Population
 - Disposal of Contaminated Needles
- **Disease Prevention Demonstration Program (DPDP)**
 - Purchase Needles at Local Pharmacies
 - Education & Prevention Materials

NEEP Referrals



NEEP Data

- 168,000 Contaminated Needles Off The Streets Per Year
- Recent Survey:
 - Average of 183 Encounters Per Month
 - (74 / Month North County; 109 / Month South County[‡])
 - 67% Male
 - 33% Female

Data (Cont.)

- 67% Caucasian
 - 27% Hispanic
 - 6% American Native
 - 70% Have Been Tested for HIV (0% +)
 - 53% Have Been Tested for Hep C (33% +)
- Referrals
- 70% Were Referred
 - 20% Followed-up on Referral
 - 93% Have Told Others of NEEP
- 50% Heroin
- 27% Methamphetamine

Why NEEP?

- Strong Evidence
- Cost Effective
- Community-Based Access to Services
- 37 NEPs (17 jurisdictions) Throughout California

Why NEEP (cont.)

- Broad Scientific Support
 - The American Medical Association
 - The American Society of Addiction Medicine
 - The American Public Health Association
 - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - The American Bar Association
 - The United States Conference of Mayors
 - The National Academy of Science
 - The National Research Council
 - The National Commission on AIDS
 - The National Institute of Health Consensus Statement
 - The American Academy of Pediatrics

Community-Based Provider(s)

- Program Open to Any CBO Wishing to Participate
- Pacific Pride Foundation
 - Services to Disenfranchised
 - Offices in North/South Portions of County
 - State DHS Findings
 - Collaborations Throughout County

Next Steps

- Approve Staff Recommendation For NEEP
- Staff to Continue to Work with Law Enforcement & Interested CBOs
- Staff to Administratively Report Back to BoS on Work Group Findings in January or February 2007
- Annual Hearing in August 2007