

## HHS Updates for 11//29/2021 HIV Community Planning Council Meeting

### COVID – 19

As of November 17, 2021, SFDPH is reporting 53,870 cases of COVID-19 in San Francisco, with 670 deaths.

SF DPH is providing free COVID booster shot vaccinations for all adults 18 years old and older who have already been fully vaccinated with Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson at various locations throughout San Francisco. For more information: <https://sf.gov/information/booster-doses>

SF DPH has also expanded the age range of those eligible for free COVID vaccination to include children 5-11 years old and is providing vaccination clinics at various sites throughout San Francisco.

### HHS Quality Management Trainings

QM Training: Burnout Prevention Emotional Exhaustion with HIV: Burnout, Wellness and Stress Management & Burnout Prevention, and follow-up Specialized Focus, September 17th and 24<sup>th</sup>

HHS is planning a February 2022 Harm Reduction training.

### General HHS Administrative and Community Updates

- Recent actions from HRSA/HAB will ease administrative burden for RWPA grantees:
  - Elimination of annual Estimate of Unobligated Balance report submission for RWPA, which would have been due on 12/31/21. This had been a requirement to be able to apply for Carry Over of unexpended RWPA funds.
  - Simplification of annual Core Services Waiver Request for jurisdictions that have received approval in previous year (e.g., San Francisco EMA).

These changes, along with the Elimination of the 6-month recertification of RWP eligibility requirement previously announced in September 2021 HCPC meeting will reduce effort by Grantees, providers and clients. HHS is reviewing HRSA's Policy Clarification Notice regarding the recertification and will review guidelines issued by the Office of AIDS regarding policy changes announced for recertification for ADAP and HIV Care Program (RWPB).

- With End the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding, HHS will begin a home based RN Blood Draw Program in December 2021.