

HHS Updates for ~~April~~ March 25, 28 2022
HIV Community Planning Council Meeting

COVID – 19

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has confirmed 8,566,404 cases of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus-2019) and 89,225 deaths in California.
- As of April 22, 2022, SFDPH is reporting 126,181 cases of COVID-19 in San Francisco, with 858 deaths.
 - ~~As of March 9, 2022, the 7-day rolling average of new COVID-19 cases per day in San Francisco is now 80, down from 299 last month, and from 1524 reported for January.~~
 - ~~As of March 13th, the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in San Francisco was 36, down from 161 the previous month, down from 261 reported in January.~~
 - ~~As of March 16th, the percentage of San Francisco residents that have completed the vaccination series is 83%, as it was the previous month, which was up slightly from 82% reported in January.~~
 - We have received confirmation from the Health Officer for the City & County of San Francisco, Dr. Susan Phillip, that HCPC meetings at DPH sites such as 25 Van Ness Avenue, can resume for now, but masks continue to be required as a DPH policy (even though they are no longer required in most general indoor spaces such as office buildings in San Francisco otherwise).

General HHS Administrative and Community HRSA Updates

- HRSA has reassigned all of the Project Officers in for their Western Branch, which means that our long-time HRSA RWPA Project Officer Lenwood (Lenny) Green has been assigned moved onto a new portfolio of grantees and the San Francisco EMA will have is now working with Lynda Bishop as our new RWPA Program Officer. Lynda has been a Project Officer with HRSA for a number of years some time and most recently worked with RWPC programs in the southern United States. HHS We want to thank Lenny for his many years of support and partnership and also and wish him well with his new role. HHS We look forward to developing a similarly strong and supportive relationship with Lynda.

General HHS Administrative and Community Updates

- Some notes on SFDPH HIV Health Services (HHS) funding for FY 2021-22:
 - Local SF General Funds for HHS were **increased by \$200,000 for Mental Health & Psychosocial Services for Long-term Survivors.** This is an increase of **40% of in addition to the \$500,000 in funding initially awarded** by the Board of Supervisors for these services in FY 2018-19.
 - When this funding for Long-Term Survivors was first made available in FY 2018-19 it was awarded by HHS to the five Community-Based Organizations (non-DPH programs) providing Mental Health and/or Psychosocial Services and added to existing contracts for these purposes. Funding amounts were determined by reviewing total clients served at each program and awarding the funding proportionally based on that data to allow all five programs to scale up services.
 - Increased funding for these services in FY 2021-22 were added to these same programs, increasing the funding for these services by 40%.
 - Additionally, SF General Funds in the amount of \$350,000 was made available to HHS for providing CODB (Cost of Doing Business) increases for our grant funded programs (non-DPH). This resulted in an increase of approximately 3.2% for these programs. Adjustments were made with

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existing allocations so that the increased CODB funding would be provided in the same funding source (Ryan White Part A, B or C).

~~And as reported earlier, in FY 2021-22 the Ryan White Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding increased from \$1,000,000 in FY 20-21 to \$1,667,000 in FY 21-22.~~

- **Ryan White funding:** ~~HRSA/HAB has not yet issued awards. HS still awaits completion of the federal budget, before the Ryan White Part A and EHE grant awards will be received. HHS has~~We have received a partial RWPA award, and a partial EHE award, ~~but the final annual award cannot be extrapolated at this time.~~
- **HCP Co-Chair & HHS staff member appointed to** ~~As reported verbally earlier to HCPC leadership by HHS, Kevin Hutchcroft is currently on leave until early May, 2022.~~
- ~~HHS staff continue to be assigned other emergency duties on a part time and/or temporary basis, most recently two staff members working part time on~~ the Tenderloin Emergency Response, namely The Linkage Center.
- **HHS Staffs still awaiting an approved list of candidates**
 - ~~for the Health Program Coordinator (2593) to refill position vacated due to retirement still pending eligibility list from HR~~
 - ~~and Ending the HIV Epidemic Coordinator positions (2593), a new position and plan is to interview in the next two months). The first is currently vacant from staff retirement the other will be a new position to HHS.~~
- HIV Health Services is preparing a survey for our Quality Management training program. While we receive a pre- and post-training assessment of information/ skills gained from each training as well as get feedback on that specific training, this survey will be to evaluate the QM training program broadly, for specific trainings and to get suggestions on past and new training ideas for the new year.

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