



Community Health Equity & Promotion Branch Updates

HIV Community Planning Council Meeting on June 26, 2023

Administrative & Program Updates

- SFDPH participated in the Trans March on June 23rd and the Pride Parade on June 25th.
 - This year, in honor of Pride Month, SFDPH will be honoring staff who have shown great dedication to serving the LGBTQIA+ community through The Garza Wonder Awards—named after the late SFDPH employee, Maria Jose Garza, for her decades-long contributions to HIV prevention.
- SFDPH encourages those who want protection from mpox to receive both doses of the vaccine. For more information about the vaccine and where to get one, visit <https://sf.gov/information/mpox-vaccine>.

Organized Events & Learning Opportunities

- [STI/HIV/HCV Skills Certification Training](#) is scheduled for June 26th – June 30th.
 - Due to a high demand from the community, the group added an additional training in June.
 - Trainees will gain knowledge in the following areas:
 - Health information to support clients in making informed choices regarding their STI/HIV/HCV concerns.
 - Basic counselling skills to assist clients.
 - Technical skills to prepare and collect blood through fingerstick.
 - Interpret results for specific Hep-C and HIV rapid tests.
 - To learn more, visit learnsfdph.org
 - Priority for this training is given to SFDPH-funded CBO partners. The training is intended for people with prior experience in the field of sexual health and drug user health. Please reach out to TrainingAcademy@sfa.org with questions and requests for additional information.

Staffing Updates

- Nyisha Underwood has transitioned into the role of the CHEP Deputy Director for Community Sexual and Drug User Health and Racial Equity.
- CHEP is in the HR hiring process for four STI/HIV/HCV prevention and DUH positions.