



## Community Health Equity & Promotion Branch Updates

### HIV Community Planning Council Meeting on May 22, 2023

#### Administrative & Program Updates

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- [Health Advisory: Penicillin G Benzathine \(Bicillin L-A\)](#) was issued by SFDPH to provide SF clinicians situational update on Bicillin L-A shortage as reported to the CDC.
  - For updates, visit <https://www.sfcityclinic.org/providers/updates-alerts>
- SFDPH encourages those who want protection from mpox to receive both doses of the vaccine ahead of the summer season. For more information about the vaccine and where to get one, visit <https://sf.gov/information/mpox-vaccine>. Read the press release [here](#).
- CHEP staff are continuing work with HAPs (Health Access Points) to support testing, protocol development and data collection.
- The HIV/HCV Policies and Operations Manual for CBOs is under revision and protocols for STI Testing is being added. The revised manual is expected to be completed for distribution by June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.
- CHEP staff Thomas Knoble (Ending The Epidemics Manager) and Nova Cabugao (Capacity Building Liaison) plan to attend NASTAD's 2023 National Cluster and Outbreak Detection and Response Implementation Learning Collaborative (CDR ILC) Summit. Thomas plans to share updates from the CDR ILC in the next HCPC meeting.

#### Organized Events & Learning Opportunities

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- [STI/HIV/HCV Skills Certification Training](#) is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>- May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Due to a high demand from the community, the group added an additional training in June. Both trainings are fully booked at this time.
  - 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](https://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@sfaf.org](mailto:TrainingAcademy@sfaf.org) with questions and requests for additional information.
- CHEP hosted an in-person networking event for HAPs on May 17<sup>th</sup> for an opportunity for engagement and socialization to funded contractors and sub-contractors.

#### Staffing Updates

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- CHEP has filled three positions in the Community Sexual & Drug User Health division.