

**HIV Services (HHS) Director's Report
HIV Community Planning Council Meeting
March 25, 2024**



HHS Administrative Updates

- **Funding**
 - **President Biden signed the federal budget into law on 3/23/24.**
 - **Analysis of HIV Presidential proposed budget by Kaiser Family Foundation on 3/12/24** (<https://www.kff.org/hivaids/issue-brief/domestic-hiv-funding-in-the-white-house-fy-2025-budget-request/>).
 - **RWP: An increase of \$10M** (0.4%) from \$2,571 M to \$2,581 M.
 - **EHE: An increase of \$20** (3.5%) from \$573 to \$594 M.
 - **HOPWA: An increase of \$6M** (1.2%) from \$499 M to \$505 M.
 - **HHS has received partial notifications or updates of funding for RWPA, RWPC and EHE for FY24/25:**
 - With Federal Budget HHS hopes to receive full funding notifications from HRSA/HAB in the upcoming month or so.
- **Annual Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services Report (RSR) of all federally funded HIV Health Services was submitted on 3/25/24.** This is the report of ARIES data to the federal funder reflecting demographics of those served, as well as quality, type, and quantity of services provided in the 2023 calendar year.
- **The State is nearing Go-Live for the ARIES replacement database – HIV Care Connect (HCC) on May 6, 2024.** Current ARIES Users need to get trained in next approximately four weeks to have access at Go-Live.
- **Updating HHS Standards of Care (SOC) for SF Ryan White Funding**
 - **Standards of Care jointly developed and reviewed by the recipient (HHS) and the local planning body (HCPC)** are a legislative requirement of Ryan White Programs for each EMA funded service category to ensure good standards and service are clearly defined.
 - **HHS and consultant Robert Whirry are consulting with subject matter experts, reviewing and making draft edits to existing SOC and developing SOC** for those that don't yet have them including:

- Benefits Counseling, Centers of Excellence Best Practices, Dental Services, Early Intervention Services - Therapeutic Monitoring, Emergency Financial Assistance, Employment Services, Food Services, Hospice Care, Legal Services, Medical Case Management, Mental Health, Money Management, Non-Medical Case Management, Primary Care, Psychosocial Support, Residential Home Health Care, and Residential Mental Health Services.
- **HCPC Steering will be the home committee** for review of these draft policies for approval by entire meeting.
 - **HCPC members are welcome to participate in reviewing and developing SOC.**
- **Update on RPWA Carryforward Spending on Vouchers**
 - Procurement standards increased now requiring federal UEI and SAM registration for all purchases using federal grant funds. None of the currently available DPH Voucher supplier were able to register within the time window, and some are choosing not to go through additional registration steps for this one-off purpose.
 - HIV Health Service will adjust to fund voucher purchases using local SF General Funds for this coming year, though procurement is still delayed up to six months due to budget approval timing.

DPH Budget Reduction

- **Ambulatory Care Executive Leadership** recently informed section leads that we will **need to identify an additional 5% contingency reduction.**
 - Methodology, process and priorities will be developed in near future.
- **CCSF Budget Process Timeline:**

06/01/2024	Mayor submits budget to Board of Supervisors (BoS)
June 2024	BoS Budget Committee Hearings
July 2024	Budget Considered at Full Board for Passage

SFDPH CHEP and HHS Plan for Integrated Plan and Blueprint Development and Implementation

- **Facente Consulting completing work on Integrated Plan/Blueprint:**
 - March/April: **DPH final review and opportunity for update presentation to HCPC.**

HHS Trainings

- **Held in late February and March:**
 - **Self-Care is HealthCare** on-line February 23, 2024.
 - **Self-Care is Healthcare** in-person on February 29, 2024, on-line, by **Alliance Health Project (AHP).**

- **Trauma & Its Impact on Well-being** March 11, 2024, on-line, by **Mel Pansignajen**, LCSW.
- **Crisis Intervention & Safety Planning** March 12, 2024, on-line, by **Mel Pansignajen**, LCSW.
- **Welcoming and Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Communities** March 28, 2024, on-line, by **AHP**.

- **To be held in late March and April:**
 - **Welcoming and Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Communities** online March 18, 2024, on-line, by **AHP**.
 - **Latinx Immigrant Client Care** on April 15, 2024, on-line, by **Jeanette Lopez-Urbina**, LCSW.

HHS/HCH Positions

- **John Aynsley** has been promoted into **Health Program Coordinator III Coordinator** (CCSF job Class 2593) with a **focus on contracts, provider relations and system of care** effective.
- **Health Program Coordinator II Coordinator** (CCSF job Class 2591), **Coordinator of HIV Care Connect-** batch hiring process scheduled to begin in April.
- **Kevin Chen** began as HHS' second **Data Migration Specialist** a short-term contract employee through Health Right 360 in March 2023.