

**HIV Services (HHS) Director's Report  
HIV Community Planning Council Meeting  
June 24, 2024**



**HHS Administrative Updates**

- Funding**

**HHS received a Notification of Award for RWPA on 05/23/24 In the amount of \$14,985,007 for FY24/25.**

- This is a **\$228,370 decrease** from the FY23/24 which was **\$15,186,377**.

RWPA	FY24-25	FY23-24	Variance
Formula	9,020,844	9,169,877	(149,033)
Supplemental	5,192,075	5,265,620	(73,545)
RWPA MAI	745,088	750,880	(5,792)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,958,007</b>	<b>15,186,377</b>	<b>(228,370)</b>

- HRSA/HAB Site Visit**

**RWPA site visit is scheduled for and confirmed for 8/6/24 – 8/9/24.**

HRSA-HAB is scheduled to meet with HCPC leadership and HCPC Support Staff during the site visit.

- HHS submitted application for RWPC for FY 25/26 on 06/17/24 for the maximum allowable amount of \$278,080.**

**FY 23/24 award was \$293,137.**

- CA State Office of AIDS HIV Care Connect (HCC)**

**The ARIES successor system HCC go-live scheduled for 05/06/24 has been postponed.**

SOA has not officially given a new date, but they have indicated that the new target go-live date will be in approximately 1-2 months.

HHS and contract agencies will continue to use ARIES in the interim.

HHS does not expect any negative effects for agencies or clients.

- **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 new SOC for review and approval by HCPC Steering and then full HCPC.**

**Goal is to complete review of all SOC by 06/24/24 HCPC Meeting.**

For the **June 2024 HCPC meeting the following SOC will be reviewed for approval:** Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services, Mental Health Services, Food Services, Outreach, Hospice Services, and Emergency Financial Assistance.

## DPH Budget

- **Ambulatory Care Executive Leadership** recently informed that sections including **HHS will not be asked to provide a 5% contingency reduction for general fund direct client services.**
- **Mayor London Breed** announced she is planning to **backfill cuts to San Francisco portion of RWPA federal grant for FY24/25**

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

- **Facente Consulting** is currently developing a tracking and reporting tool for SF DPH.

## HIV and Aging -City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) Cross Agency Collaboration

- **HHS, Mayors Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) and Disability and Aging Services (DAS) Office of Community Partnerships** held a third meeting on 6/18/24 to continue to **explore opportunities for collaboration across programs to better serve HIV+ Elders and HIV+ People with Disabilities.** Areas identified for collaboration include:
  - Cross Training line staff training among CCSF Departments
  - DAS will be providing an orientation training for HHS service providers on 7/16/24.
  - Supporting increased DAS connection to HIV stakeholder community
  - Soliciting structured feedback from Subject Matter experts (SME) and Research of HIV and Aging Initiatives outside of SF

## HHS CQI

**HHS CQI Group** holds quarterly meetings to support contract agencies to continue to improve viral load suppression level for all patients within the RWP and SF GF population.

**HHS CQI also focuses eliminating viral load suppression rate disparities for sub-populations that fall below the average for all patients.**

**HHS CQI group has focused on eliminating disparities in viral load suppression in Black/African American population** over the past several years and has successfully statistically eliminated this disparity for clients in care for the programs participating in this initiative.

The Black/African American population remains a **“watch metric”** to ensure that a disparity in viral load suppression does not re-emerge.

**HHS CQI group has begun to focus on eliminating the disparity in viral load suppression for people experiencing housing instability and homelessness with a goal of first reducing and then eliminating this disparity.**

**HHS has expanded to include consumer representation at the upcoming meeting scheduled for July 11, 2024.**

## **HHS Trainings and Ryan White Programs Conference**

- **Held in late May/Early June:**
  - “Home is Where Harm Reduction Is” -online May 30, 2024, 1pm- 4:00pm UCSF AHP trainers.
- **To be Held in late June/July/Early August:**
  - Welcoming and Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Communities- online June 25, 2024, 1pm-4pm UCSF AHP trainers
  - Training given by Department of Disability and Aging Services- July 16, 2024 online 9am-11am.
  - “Intro to Motivational Interviewing”, in person July 30, 2024, 1pm-4:30pm UCSF AHP, 1930 Market St. conf rm 204.
  - “Intermediate Motivational Interviewing”, in person August 27, 2024, 1pm-4:30pm UCSF AHP, 1930 Market St. conf rm. 204.
- The **National Ryan White Conference will be held 8/20/24 - 8/23/24.**

**HCPC members are welcome to virtually attend** sessions or the entire conference. For more information about the conference: <https://ryanwhiteconference.hrsa.gov/>

Link for the virtual registration: <https://ryanwhiteconference.hrsa.gov/register/>

**Note that HCPC registrants will need to enter our SF EMA RWPA grant number H89HA00006**

## **HHS/HCH Positions**

- **Health Program Coordinator II Coordinator (CCSF job Class 2591), Coordinator of HIV Care Connect** is now in application review process.
- **Health Care Analyst (CCSF job Class 2119)** and is now in application review process.