

**HIV Services (HHS) Director's Report
HIV Community Planning Council Meeting
January 27, 2025**



DPH Leadership Transitions

Dr Grant Colfax announced that he is resigning as Director of San Francisco Department effective February 7, 2025.

- Deputy Director Dr. Naveena Bobba will serve as Acting Director.

City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) Budget Updates

Without intervention **CCSF Budget is projected to grow to \$0.8B or more by 2027.**

- While SF DPH has increasing revenue, costs are rising faster.

Mayor Daniel Lurie has directed all **City Departments to develop reduction proposals** as part of this year's budget planning.

The Budget Situation is very fluid and DPH response continues to be refined at a rapid pace.

Current Status:

- While there are **no new proposals**, last year late in the 2-year budget process **a cut was made by the mayor's office in May 2024** to balance FY25-26 budget **that creates an anticipated cut to the HHS CBO Contracting budget of \$417,232 beginning on 7/1/25.** This would be on-going if not restored.
- **Current 2025 SF DPH budget reduction proposals do not significantly impact funding to community providers**
- There are **no proposals to reduce GF support to HIV service organizations**
- There are **no plans to do a RIF (reduction in force) or to furlough CCSF staff**
 - **All vacant DPH general fund (GF) positions are under evaluation for elimination to meet budgetary reduction goals**
- There is a **Citywide hiring freeze on all positions not providing direct patient care**
 - **Both vacant HHS positions (2591 and 2119) are on hold due to the hiring freeze.**
- **DPH leadership is scheduled to present proposed budget reduction to the health commission on 2/3/25 and to the Mayor's Office on 2/10/25.**

HHS Funding Updates

HHS received a partial award notice for RWPA for FY25/26 on January 21, 2025.

- If Supplemental Funding is flat funded, there will be a \$11,969 reduction in FY25-26 based on the partial amount released.

RWPA	FY25-26	FY24-25	Variance
Formula	9,004,736	9,020,844	(16,108)
Supplemental	5,192,075	5,192,075	-
MAI	749,228	745,088	4,140
TOTAL	14,946,038	14,958,007	(11,969)

HHS received a partial award notice for HRSA-HAB Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) on January 7, 2025, in the amount of \$1,076,917.00 (42% of the previous year's total amount).

SF DPH Staff Interaction Immigration Officials

Statement by Dr Colfax, SF Director of Public Health About Revised Policy released on 1/24/25:

At DPH, everyone deserves the right to get the care they need. San Francisco is healthier when all people access health care services and public health programs.

We are proud to serve all San Franciscans, regardless of immigration status, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or the complexity of their needs.

As a new federal administration begins, our mission remains to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans. We will provide services at all DPH facilities regardless of immigration and documentation status at all DPH facilities.

In response to federal executive orders on immigration, DPH worked with the City Attorney's Office to revise our policy on interactions with immigration enforcement agents. This policy ensures that all staff are provided services in alignment with our mission and San Francisco's Sanctuary City Ordinance. It also provides procedures for staff to use if they come into contact with immigration enforcement authorities on DPH sites including clinics and hospitals.

DPH Policy and Procedure: [Immigration Status and Interactions with Immigration Enforcement Agents Policy](#).

SOA Ryan White Part B Change of Eligibility Requirements

Sean Abucay, Care Section Chief Office of AIDS of the California Department of Public Health released a Management Memo to update the Statewide financial eligibility requirements for RWPB clients from 500% MAGI FPL threshold to 600% MAGI FPL is effective as of January 1, 2025.

- HHS will be informing all SF RWPB funded programs over the next month.

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

SF Interagency Collaboration on HIV and Aging Work Group consisting of HHS, Mayors Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) and Disability and Aging Services (DAS) Office of Community Partnerships met on 1/24/25.

- HHS will be training DAS staff on HHS system of care over the next three months.
- MOHCD will be training DAS staff on HIV Housing system of care over the next three months.
- Group is reviewing DAS eligibility criterion to with a goal to create most open access possible.

HHS CQI and Service Improvement Work

HHS held it's quarterly CQI Meeting on January 9, 2025

- Meeting included focus producing **Injectable ART Epic Reports**
- **Dr Andrea Grosz** has stepped into the role of **medical lead** for the **HHS HIV CQI**.
- **Planning Council Members are invited to attend** an HHS quarterly HIV CQI meeting
 - To do so **contact Beth.Neary@sfdph.org**

HHS is working with SF DPH Jail Service (JHS) HIV Integrated Services (HIVIS) with EHE funded technical assistance provided by CAI on a project **to ensure relinkage to care for people transitioning out of jail to the community.**

- Current **activities include staff strategic planning retreat as well as development of a Power BI dashboard** with the goal to optimize client retention in care.
- **CAI is scheduled to produce a draft report in February 2025.**

HHS with assistance from Facente Consulting with EHE funding is finalizing a report to identify ways to **leverage emergency short term hotel based funded through HIV emergency grants to create pathways to longer term stable housing.**

HHS Trainings

- Due to HHS staff shortages and holidays **no trainings were held in December or January.**
- HHS is planning to offer a training on **HIV and Aging in the African American Community in February of 2025.**

HHS/HCH Positions

- **Health Program Coordinator II (CCSF job class 2591)** position on hold due to CCSF hiring freeze.
- **Health Care Analyst (CCSF job Class 2119)** position on hold due to CCSF hiring freeze.