



Community Health Equity & Promotion Branch Updates

HIV Community Planning Council Meeting on January 27, 2025

Administrative and Program Updates

- Dr. Grant Colfax has resigned from his position as the Director of Public Health at the San Francisco Department of Public Health after nearly six years of service.
 - The press release is available online [here](#).

Organized Events & Learning Opportunities

We are excited to announce we are opening registration for the **February HCV/HIV/STI Overdose Prevention Test Counselor Training**. We will be accepting registration applications until it reaches capacity and then inform you when registration is full. This training will take place from February 3rd through the 7th. Please use this [registration link](#) to start the registration process

We ask that all participants have significant amount of pre-training experience. This looks like counseling basics, familiarity with motivational interviewing, stages of change, and education around HCV/HIV/STIs. It is our experience that if you shadow multiple shifts regarding HCV/HIV/STI test counseling sessions, and have had the opportunity for role plays, it will be beneficial to passing the training. Please let us know if you do not have the opportunity at your current working environment and we will see what we can do to help.

This in-person training and will have sensitive language throughout the week. We ask you to come with an open mind and from a judgement free zone, to be willing to explore new ideas. We will be discussing topics relevant to the populations we care about, such as racism, sexism, transphobia, stigma around substance use, and other topics.

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