

HIV Services (HHS) Director's Report HIV Community Planning Council Meeting February 24, 2025



CCSF and DPH Leadership Transitions

Mayor Lurie appointed Daniel Tsai as the new Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) on 2/11/25. Daniel Tsai's start date will be 3/1/25.

On 2/14/25, Mayor Lurie appointed Kunal Modi as newly created position of Chief of Health, Homelessness and Family service. In this role Modi will coordinate efforts across departments, including Public Health, Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Disability and Aging Services, and the Human Services Agency. He will also work with the Department of Early Childhood, Child Support Services, and the Human Rights Commission, while serving as the city's liaison to the San Francisco Unified School District and City College.

City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) Budget Updates

In early February the Health Commission received budget reduction proposals from San Francisco Department of Public Health as part of this year's budget planning.

Current Status:

- The proposed cut made by the Mayor Breed's office in May 2024 in order to balance FY25-26 budget that would have created a cut to the HHS CBO Contracting budget of \$417,232 beginning on 7/1/25 has been restored.
- Current 2025 SF DPH budget reduction proposals do not significantly impact funding to community providers. Other City Department budgets may have implications for CBOs.
- HHS is not aware of any current proposals to reduce GF support to HIV service organizations
- There are no current 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
 - Vacant HHS 2591 position is on hold due to the hiring freeze
 - HHS 2119 Health Care Analyst position was initially frozen, and is tentatively moving forward now due its being critical to grant compliance and far along in the hiring

HHS Funding Updates

HHS received notification that both HRSA HAB RWPA and EHE applications were approved for funding for FY25/26.

- HHS has not yet received updated notice of award since the last partial notice of award on 1/21/25.

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	6 9,004,73	4 9,020,84	(16,108)
Supplemental	5 5,192,07	5 5,192,07	-
MAI	8 749,22	8 745,08	4,140
TOTAL	8 14,946,03	8 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).

HRSA HAB RWPA and EHE Program Officers continue to remain in communication with HHS Grantees including SF DPH HHS.

HHS Site Visit Updates

HHS received notification on 2/18/25 that HRSA HAB has accepted and closed out our EHE Site Visit findings resolutions.

HHS is awaiting updates on proposed resolutions and internal deadlines for the RWPA Site Visit for the initial plan that was submitted in December 2024.

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

SF Interagency Collaboration on HIV and Aging Work Group (ICHAWG) consisting of HHS, Mayors Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) and Disability and Aging Services (DAS) Office of Community Partnerships met in February.

- HHS and MOHCD have scheduled training DAS staff on HHS and HOPWA system of care over the next month.

- **MOHCD is setting up a training for HIV community service providers for orientation to LGBT senior day care center.**
- **ICHAWG** is looking into funding and has begun planning on an **HIV and Aging Town Hall** to help foster community development in coordination with a national organization and will be reaching out to local providers in the upcoming months
- **ICHAWG reviewed and made comment on DAS eligibility criterion** to with a goal to create most open access possible.

HHS CQI and Service Improvement Work

HHS next quarterly CQI meeting is on 4/10/25

- HHS has begun planning for Quality Improvement focus areas for late 2025 and 2026. For late 2025, expanded focus on the syphilis screening metric has been selected. For beginning in 2026, we are exploring with internal subject matter experts potential quality of care metrics for people who use substances. Comments are welcome, and current options include metrics on screening and/or treatment for: opioid use, stimulant use, or alcohol use. We will probably narrow to one or two substance-related metrics to introduce in 2026 that will be measurable for sites that deliver outpatient/ambulatory health services.
- **Dr Andrea Grosz** in her role as **medical lead** for the **HHS HIV CQI** has been **conducting site visits to all DPH HIV primary care sites** to identify improvement opportunities and support needed.
- **Planning Council Members are invited to attend** an HHS quarterly HIV CQI meeting
 - To do so **contact Beth.Neary@sfdph.org**

HHS expects to receive a **final report on 2/28/25** from EHE funded **technical consultant CAI on improvement opportunities for SF DPH Jail Service (JHS) HIV Integrated Services (HIVIS)** in its work **to ensure relinkage to care for people transitioning out of jail to the community.**

HHS with EHE funded project management from **Facente Consulting** is working with funded **contract agency to leverage emergency short term hotel stays with HIV emergency grants to create pathways to longer term stable housing.**

HHS Trainings

- AHP will be developing a training on **HIV and Aging in the African American Community in February of 2025.**