

**HIV Services (HHS) Director's Report
HIV Community Planning Council Meeting
April 28, 2025**



CCSF and DPH Leadership Transitions

Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Daniel Tsai started date w 3/1/25.

City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) Budget Updates

Current Status:

- Mayor Lurie recently asked for additional SF GF budget reductions of SF DPH.
 - Current 2025 SF DPH **budget reduction proposals do not significantly impact funding to community providers.**
 - **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 and 2119 positions are on hold** due to the hiring freeze

Federal Budget Updates

Earlier this month there was leaked draft budget document providing a preliminary version of the Administration's budget proposal consisting of a high-level overview of major funding priorities.

Often referred to as the "skinny budget" the document is **not final and it released early in the budget process to outline the administration's fiscal goals before the full budget is submitted to Congress in May of this year.**

Overall, this draft budget would reduce federal discretionary spending for HHS by 1/3, eliminating \$41 billion in funding from the FY24 baseline for a total discretionary budget of \$80 billion.

The **Skinny Budget** would formally eliminate:

- **CDC's Division of HIV Prevention.**
- **All Ending the HIV Epidemic Funding**
- **Minority AIDS Initiative Funding in both SAMHSA and the Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative Fund**
- **Funding for Part F of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, including funding for the AETCs, Ryan White Dental Program, and SPNS Program**
- **The CDC Global Health Center**

- **A large number of SAMHSA Substance Abuse Treatment Programs of National and Regional Significance, including:**
 - Overdose Prevention (naloxone)
 - Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment
 - Treatment, Recovery and Workforce Support
- **The Budget outlines funding for the new HIV/AIDS Branch of the Administration for a Healthy Americas as follows:**
 - **Total funding of \$2.340 billion dollars, including:**
 - **RWHAP Parts A-D at \$2.332 billion (level with FY24/25), but without inclusion of Part F or EHE funding)**
 - **\$7.582 million for the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, which is now listed as being a part of this AHA HIV/AIDS Branch**
 - **No funding for HIV prevention is included or mentioned.**
- **The Budget lumps together spending for Viral Hepatitis, STI, and TB prevention as part of one large block grant.**
 - **The combined total funding in FY 24/25 for CDC’s Divisions of Viral Hepatitis, STI Prevention, and TB Elimination and the Opioid Related Infectious Diseases line was \$377.3 million**
 - A new block grant may be where some of the HIV prevention funding may have been moved.

HHS Funding Updates

HHS is still pending a second partial notice of award for both RWPA and EHE 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	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).

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

ARIES transition to HIV Care Connect

HIV Care Connect (HCC) went live on 04/07/25.

HHS CQI and Service Improvement Work

HHS quarterly CQI meeting was held on 4/10/25 and the next one will be on 7/10/25

- 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 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 **conducted site visits to all DPH HIV primary care sites** to identify improvement opportunities and support needed.
 - Dr. Grosz plans to present some of these findings and ideas at the 7/10/25 CQI meeting.
- **Planning Council Members are invited to attend** an HHS quarterly HIV CQI meeting
 - To do so **contact Beth.Neary@sfdph.org**

HHS Trainings

- AHP hosted a webinar: “**Ageing Ebony: Black Boy Joy, Living, and Thriving with HIV** on **April 25, 2025**.”