



Community Health Equity & Promotion (CHEP) Branch Updates

HIV Community Planning Council Meeting on March 23, 2026

Community Engagement and Strategic Planning

Facente Consulting Community Engagement

- Facente Consulting is partnering with CHEP to create our "Ending the Epidemics" plan for 2027–2029. Currently, they are conducting extensive community engagement to gain insights into the San Francisco service system for preventing and caring for HIV, Hep C, and STIs, as well as for conducting surveillance. This engagement will help us identify what is working well and highlight areas that need improvement.

Events and Meetings

Onboard S.F.

- The second frontline workers' summit is being planned for August 2026, in San Francisco and will welcome new workers in HIV, HCV, STI, sexual health, and drug user health care. Interested parties can use this link to be added to the mailing list: <https://forms.office.com/g/MHFtthSa2t>

L.A.T.I.D.O.S.

- *Latinos Americanos Trabajando por la Inclusión, Diversidad, Organización y Salud (L.A.T.I.D.O.S., translated as "Latin Americans Working for Inclusion, Diversity, Organization, and Health")* is conducted in Spanish and is scheduled for June 3, 2026. This year's theme emphasizes the importance of family inclusion in enhancing understanding of LGBTQ+ community issues and providing clear support pathways. The event includes six counties: San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, Alameda, Contra Costa, and, for the first time, Santa Clara.

HCV/HIV/STI and Overdose Prevention and Response Test Counselor Certification

- Week of February 23–27, 2026, CHEP certified participants from Umoja, AHP, Glide, SFAF Clinical Assistance Program, Lyon-Martin, SF Community Health Center, California Prevention and Education (Cal-Pep), and Primary Care at Home (PCAH). There was a total of 22 who passed the intensive and voiced appreciation to work shoulder to shoulder with one another to decrease HCV/HIV/STI and unintentional overdoses in the San Francisco communities and beyond.

HCV/HIV/STI Proficiency Training

- Trainings are offered the first Friday of the month and following the monthly Test Coordinators' training.
- Test Counselors from Umoja, Glide, AHP and recently graduated Clinical Interns from SFAF received technical proficiency training in Syphilis Health Check and HIV Stat Pak. With a total of 15 now qualified to do the work of Syphilis rapid testing.

ETE Leadership Meeting (March 24, 2026)

- Claudia Cabrera-Lara, Managing Director at Instituto Familiar de la Raza (IFR)
- A member of the Latino Health Access Point (LHAP) has been invited to discuss the range of issues regarding sexual health and overdose disparities in San Francisco's Latino community. Their presentation will include an IFR/Latino Wellness Center as well as support received from the Mission Neighborhood Health Center and will provide LHAP's background, structure, services provided and will highlight successes and challenges.