

HIV Services (HHS) Director's Report HIV Community Planning Council Meeting July 27, 2026



Sand Francisco Department of Public Health and California State Department of Public Health Updates

SF DPH

Street Health Services has transferred to SF DPH as a section of Ambulatory Care

Management Staff Transitions:

- **Roland Pickens, Director of DPH San Francisco Health Network is retiring in August 2026**
 - **This position will be refilled through a national search**
- **Jenny Louie, DPH Chief Operating Officer is retiring in September 2026**
 - **This position will be rescoped into two positions, one over DPH operations and one over DPH budget**
- **Drew Murrell, DPH Budget Director resigned his position in June 2026**
 - **Kelly Kirk Patrick has been appointed as the acting director of Budget for SF DPH**
- **Dr. Tyler Meins has been promoted to the Director of DPH Jail Health Services**
- **Kathleen Johnson-Silk has been promoted to the Director of Street Health Services**

California DOH

Management Staff Transitions:

Dr. Marisa Ramos has been promoted from Office of AIDS Chief, Center for Infectious Diseases to the Syndemic Division Chief

HIV Health Services Updates

- **Funding Notices and Contract Renewals**
 - **With complete 2026/7 funding levels received for RWPA, B, C, EHE from HRSA-HAB and SF GF levels finalized including Cost of Doing Business (CODB), HHS is proceeding with award letters and contract renewals**
 - **With the reduction of RWPA and backfill with RWPB as well as on-going implementation of Presidential Executive Orders, some contracts will shift funding sources among RWPA RWPB and RWPC**
- **New HHS Contract Monitoring Cycle**
 - **SF DPH Business Office Contract and Compliance Monitoring Unit has begun a new cycle of monitoring of all HHS contracts over the next several months for the past fiscal year.**

- HHS staff will participate in all monitoring with RWPA, B, C and EHE funding.
- HHS will also participate in select SF general fund funded programs
- **Staff Transitions**
 - **Bill Blum, Director of HIV Health Services (HHS) is retiring in November of 2026**
 - **Beth Neary will be stepping in to the role of Acting Director of HHS**
 - **Pending Mayoral Approval Beth will become the SF DPH HHS Ex-Officio member of HCPC**
 - **Natalie Basha, Flor Roman, John Aynsley and as needed other HHS staff will continue to support HCPC work and attend Committee meetings.**

HHS CQI and Service Improvement Work

Last HHS quarterly CQI meeting was held on 7/9/26 and next will be held on 10/8/27

- **Dr. Olivia Hanson**, recently hired by CHEP to promote HIV and STI prevention including LAI for PreP joined the HIV CQI care group to work with HHS to improve services in DPH and contract agencies
- **Planning Council Members are invited to attend** an HHS quarterly HIV CQI meeting
 - To do so **contact Beth.Neary@sfdph.org**

National: Emerging OMB Federal Policy

The Trump administration through the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is pushing to have the house and senate approve the implementation of a new OMB” Regulation for Federal Assistance” Rule which would:

- **Transform uniform guidance into binding government-wide regulation**
 - The proposed rule would import restrictions from executive orders and other administration priorities into binding agency regulations.
- **Increase federal oversight and political control of grantmaking at all stages by:**
 - **Requiring grant programs to “align with administration policies and priorities” [200.202(a)(iii)]**
 - **Expanding “pre-issuance” review by senior political appointees, consistent with EO 14332, to ensure that awards [200.205(b)]:**
 - **advance the President’s policy priorities, and do not promote, encourage, subsidize, or facilitate:**
 - **racial preferences (including proxies for race)**
 - **denial of the “sex binary” in humans**
 - **illegal immigration**
 - **“any other initiatives that compromise public safety or promote anti-American values”**
- **Broaden federal agency authority to terminate awards based on political priorities**
- **Set new government-wide conditions on federal funding, consistent with many previous attempts [200.300]. Would restrict funds use relating to:**

- **DEI that violate federal anti-discrimination laws, including “activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used in selection criteria for employment or program participation”**
- **“gender ideology” as defined in EO 14168**
 - “so-called ‘transition’ of a child” / “chemical and surgical mutilation of children” as discussed in EO 14187
- **Expand compliance, oversight, and enforcement requirements, including by:**
 - **Require states to use Treasury’s Do Not Pay system** (including pass-through funds to local jurisdictions)
 - **Require all recipients to participate in E-Verify for recipients and subrecipients**
 - **Expand reporting, monitoring, and oversight obligations for pass-through entities and subrecipients**
- **Additional Potential impacts Identified by the San Francisco City Attorney (CAT) include:**
 - **Federal agencies would be able to cancel grants at any time**, which could cause problems for long-term projects (or even the local jurisdiction’s credit) and potentially dissuade community-based organizations from working with local government on federally funded programs.
 - **Vague bans on DEI, proxies for race, gender ideology, and disparate-impact analysis create legal uncertainty for what federal grantees can and can’t do with the funding, including any health disparities or equity-related research.**
 - **Fewer nonprofits may choose to accept federal grants**, meaning that local governmental departments may need to serve more community members in areas including housing, food, healthcare, and more.
 - **All recipients and subrecipients of federal financial assistance would have to participate in the Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify program to confirm the employment eligibility of employees and contractors.**
 - **Public entities that receive federal funding cannot directly or indirectly engage in viewpoint, content, or subject-matter discrimination in providing services for events or meetings—even if those events are not funded with federal dollars.**
 - **Competitive grants would be hit the hardest** because all the new changes, including the most serious, affect discretionary funding.
 - **SF DPH’s block grants and entitlement funding** would likely be spared the most alarming changes, but may be impacted by the increased subrecipient monitoring requirements.
- **National Response to the proposed rule has been vigorous:**
 - **The federal Government Office of Budget Management received over 500,000 responses during the comment period, the vast majority of which were against the proposed rule change.**
 - **There is bipartisan pushback in both houses of Congress**
 - **City and County of SF (CCSF) through a coordinated response the City Attorney provided extensive commentary during the comment period including many of the points identified immediately above.**

▪ **Next Steps:**

- **OMB is supposed to respond to all comments received and potentially revise the proposed rule in response.**
 - **OMB has decided not to extend the deadline for implementation beyond October 1, 2026, but may delay, rescind or revise proposed rule**
- **If the rule does go into effect, it will likely be challenged in the court system based on the concerns raised in the comment period**
- **Congress could vote to override the rule by passing legislation to restore merit-based peer review and other protocols that enable scientific discovery**
