

San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council
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Dear Ms. Abrahms-Woodland:

As Co-Chairs of the San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council, and on behalf of the Planning Council as a whole, we are writing to provide assurance of the following procedural elements related to the FY 2024 Ryan White Part A application being submitted to HRSA by the San Francisco Department of Public Health:


- The most recent comprehensive EMA-wide HIV needs assessment process for the San Francisco EMA was conducted in 2016, in conjunction with the development and production of our region's first Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan for the period 2017 - 2021. All members of the San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council participated in the process, and Council members are active on a wide range of additional local and regional planning bodies and groups. On an annual basis, the Planning Council commissions and conducts focused needs assessments related to specific subpopulations that are disproportionately impacted by the HIV epidemic in our region, such as homeless persons, transgender persons, and persons who use substances.
- A wide range of data sources - including data on HIV epidemiology, service utilization, unmet service needs, and disparities related to affected subpopulations - were used in the FY 2023 priority setting and allocation process, and resources were allocated in accordance with the local demographic incidence of HIV infection, including appropriate allocations for women, infants, children, and youth.
- Persons with HIV are actively involved in the Part A planning and allocation process, and their priorities are considered as part of the annual prioritization and allocation process.

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- Formula, supplemental, and MAI funds awarded to the San Francisco EMA for the FY 2023 period of performance are being expended according to priorities established by the Planning Council.
- All RWHAP HIV core medical and support services were prioritized during the PSRA process per sections 2602(b)(4)(C) and 2602(d)(1) of the PHS Act.
- Ongoing and annual membership trainings continue to occur in the Ryan White 2023 Fiscal Year. New member orientations were conducted in both October and November 2022. Ongoing trainings included such topics as Review of the HRSA Mandate in September 2022 and Housing in San Francisco in February 2023.
- The last Planning Council assessment of grant recipient activities was conducted in 2019, with results released in early 2020. A new assessment process is beginning this year, with results to be released in 2024.

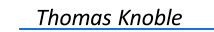
Thank you for your continuing support of the San Francisco region and its merged HIV Community Planning Council. We look forward to continuing our partnership to provide effective, comprehensive, and high-quality services to low-income and severely impacted persons living with HIV in our region.

Sincerely,


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