

San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council
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Chrissy Abrahms-Woodland, MBA
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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 2023 Ryan White Part A non-competing application being submitted to HRSA by the San Francisco Department of Public Health:

a) Planning:

i. 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.

ii. The Planning Council continually leads and participates in ongoing, comprehensive HIV planning on behalf of the San Francisco EMA, and participates in the development of the California Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) when the process is conducted by the State of California.

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b) Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA):

- i. 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, to ensure that: a) the needs of all populations with HIV were addressed (including those with unmet need for HIV-related services, disparities in access and services among affected populations and historically underserved communities, and those unaware of their HIV status), and b) resources were allocated in accordance with the local demographic incidence of HIV infection, including appropriate allocations for women, infants, children, and youth.
- ii. Persons with HIV were actively involved in the Part A planning and allocation process, and their priorities are considered as part of the annual prioritization and allocation process.
- iii. Formula, supplemental, and MAI funds awarded to the San Francisco EMA for the FY 2022 period of performance continue to be expended according to priorities established by the Planning Council.
- iv. 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

c) Training:

- i. Ongoing and annual Planning Council member trainings over the past 18 months occurred on the following dates:
 - Latinx Health Training - April 2021
 - Drug User Health Training - May 2021
 - Annual Quality Improvement Indicators Training - June 2021 & June 2022
 - Trans 101 & Gender Health in San Francisco Training - July 2021
 - Annual Legislative Mandate Training - August 2021 & August 2022
 - Annual Ryan White Service Categories Training - September 2021 & September 2022
 - Annual New Member Orientation - February 2022
 - Substance User Services Training - April 2022

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d) Assessment of Administrative Mechanism:

i. The last Planning Council assessment of grant recipient activities was conducted in 2019, with results released in early 2020. A new assessment process began prior to the end of 2021, with results expected to be released before the end of 2022.

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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