

SAN FRANCISCO EMA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The San Francisco EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council (HHSPC) exists to create a fully coordinated, high-quality, client-centered, and culturally competent system of care for people living with HIV/AIDS. In order to accomplish these goals, the HHSPC identifies the needs of populations living with HIV/AIDS in the SF EMA, establishes priority for services, and allocates funds from Part A (including Part A of the Minority AIDS Initiative) and Part B of the Ryan White Program. In order to accomplish these goals in times of fiscal challenges, diminishing resources, increased caseloads, and rising infection rates, the SF EMA HHSPC operates from the following Guiding Principles:

- The HHSPC will adhere to HRSA legislative mandates (e.g. Ryan White funds as the funding source of last resort and prioritization of Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care as Tier One).
- The HHSPC will prioritize the service needs of the “Severe Need” and “Special Populations” communities.
- The HHSPC will identify and address the needs of emerging populations on an on-going basis, and will emphasize bringing people living with HIV/AIDS not currently in care into care, including persons who know and do not currently know their HIV status.
- The HHSPC will consider quantitative and qualitative data in order to determine Ryan White service priority and fund allocation.
- The HHSPC will consider the service prioritization and fund allocation of city and state departments, HIV Prevention, and resource utilization from other funding streams when determining Ryan White service prioritization and fund allocation.
- The HHSPC will support an effective, comprehensive continuum of HIV care that places a high emphasis on stabilizing clients’ lives, meeting basic needs, and accessing the full range of services required to fully engage and retain clients.
- The HHSPC will support the prevention of HIV transmission.
- The HHSPC will promote a system of care that utilizes medical and non-medical services.
- The HHSPC will promote a system of care that empowers people living with HIV/AIDS at all levels.
- The HHSPC will conduct Council business efficiently and effectively and will fulfill all mandated roles and responsibilities.
- The HHSPC will implement Ryan White service prioritization and fund allocation using the following Core Values:
 - Access
 - Cultural Competency
 - Efficiency
 - Excellence
 - Oversight and Accountability