

California State Office of AIDS

Report to San Francisco EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council February 2015

Office of AIDS Division/Cross Branch Issues

On January 9, 2015, Governor Brown provided his 2015-16 budget proposal to the legislature. Under this proposal, the two Office of AIDS (OA) programs that receive state General Fund for local assistance are the HIV/AIDS Surveillance program and the HIV Prevention program.

- There are no changes proposed in the \$6.65 million General Fund local assistance support for the HIV/AIDS Surveillance program.
- There are no changes proposed in the \$2.85 million General Fund local assistance support for the Prevention program.
- There is no General Fund support for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) local assistance in the Current (FY 2014-15) and Budget Year (FY 2015-16) and there are no new major ADAP policy changes included in the proposed budget.

The FY 2015-16 Governor's Budget also includes an increase of five permanent positions and \$536,000 in ADAP Rebate Fund (Fund 3080) expenditure authority at the OA to perform a secondary review of eligibility documentation for all ADAP clients as required by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This will ensure program integrity by avoiding potential fraud and abuse.

Ryan White (RW) Part B: HIV Care Program (HCP)

- On January 22, 2015, the HIV Care Branch conducted an informational teleconference for contractors to review the revised HCP and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Progress Report form, which is available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/HCPForms.aspx. Contractors who were unable to participate may contact their HCP Program Advisor with any questions about the Progress Report. The submission deadline for the Progress Report is February 27, 2015.
- The HIV Care Branch's monthly Best Practices teleconferences for RW Part B Service Providers will now be conducted quarterly. A Best Practices teleconference was held on February 4, 2015. The topic was the Early Intervention Services (EIS) service category, in which OA provided an overview of EIS and a RW contractor described their EIS program. RW Part B contractors who are interested in adding the EIS service category to their program should

contact Marjorie Katz at marjorie.katz@cdph.ca.gov. Questions regarding the Best Practices teleconferences may also be directed to Marjorie.

- On March 24, 2015, 10:00-11:00 a.m., the HIV Care Branch will begin conducting quarterly MAI teleconferences/webinars for RW Part B MAI contractors. The purpose is to provide a forum for learning and sharing of best practices and resources among staff who provide MAI services, and for OA to share MAI program/policy updates as appropriate. The first teleconference will be a discussion to identify: 1) relevant future topics, 2) staff who should participate, and 3) the most helpful MAI updates to provide. Please contact Liz Hall at liz.hall@cdph.ca.gov for questions regarding the MAI teleconferences/webinars.

California Planning Group (CPG)

The CPG will have a meeting on March 11, 2015, in Sacramento. The meeting is open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comment. Information about the meeting and the public comment opportunity will be available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OACPG.aspx.

Meeting notes and presentation slides from the in-person CPG meeting held on October 1, 2014, are available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/Oct2014CPGMeeting.aspx.

For questions regarding CPG, please contact Liz Hall at liz.hall@cdph.ca.gov.

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