

California State Office of AIDS

Report to San Francisco EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council November 2014

Office of AIDS (OA) Division/Cross Branch Issues

Several OA staff attended and presented at the 2014 United States Conference on AIDS. In their presentations, OA staff were able to share some of the work OA and its partners are doing around HIV care and prevention to meet the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Presentations included the following:

- Ayanna Kiburi, HIV Care Branch Chief, and Amy Kile-Puente, HIV Prevention Branch Chief, participated on a panel workshop titled “Range of Integrated HIV Planning Activities”.
- Alessandra Ross, Intravenous Drug Use Specialist, led a Roundtable discussion titled “Rolling with Resistance: How to Speak for Syringe Access Programs so People will Listen”.
- Kevin Sitter, Intervention Specialist, participated on a panel workshop titled “High Impact Prevention (HIP) Risk Reduction Activities (RRA) Best Practices, Outcomes and Replicability”.
- Amy Kile-Puente participated on a panel workshop titled “High Impact California” with Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum.

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

OA is in the process of finalizing the 2015 RW Part B Funding Opportunity Application (FOA) for submission to HRSA by November 24, 2014.

RW Part B: AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- On October 24, 2014, ADAP Management Memo 2014-12 was distributed to all ADAP Enrollment Workers to provide an informational update for Viral Load (VL) and CD4 Test Date Requirements. The evolving clinical standards for HIV/AIDS care have changed and for some HIV-infected persons, these tests are no longer recommended to be done as frequently. Therefore, clients can now meet ADAP eligibility requirements for VL and CD4 lab tests if they are DATED WITHIN ONE YEAR of application/re-enrolment date instead of six months.
- CDPH submitted the ADAP Emergency Relief Funds Grant Application on October 21, 2014 to HRSA requesting \$11million.

California Planning Group (CPG)

The second in-person CPG meeting was held on October 1, 2014, in San Diego. At the meeting, CPG’s operational procedures were clarified, for example, the group’s decision

making process. OA provided an update on the *California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan* and shared some of OA's planned activities that will help attain the goals and objectives. Jena Adams, who works for the Fresno County Department of Public Health, and Francisco Cabas, who works for the Los Angeles LGBT Center, were re-elected to serve as Community Co-Chairs for the 2015 membership year. Presentation slides and meeting notes will be posted on the CPG webpage of the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OACPG.aspx. For questions regarding CPG, please contact Liz Hall at liz.hall@cdph.ca.gov.

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