



County of San Diego  
**HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
Hybrid Meeting | Zoom | CAC Rm 302

Tuesday, April 2, 2024,  
3:00pm to 5:00pm  
MEETING MINUTES

Seat#	District	Primary	Attendance		Notes	Presenters	HHSA Support
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2	D1	Afflalo, Suzanne, Dr.				County of San Diego Legislative Advocacy Matthew Parr, Deputy Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs Jennifer Kadas, MSW, Strategy and Innovation Blair Hoppe, Legislative Analyst, HHSA Office of Strategy and Innovation	Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez, Director, PHS
12	N/A	Alexiou, Dimitrios					
8	D4	Arroyo, Geysil					
5	D3	Correa, Linda					Dr. Anuj Bhatia, Deputy Director, PHS
18	D3	Hailey, Katelyn					
11	N/A	Hegy, Paul	X				Adrienne Yancey, Assistant Director, PHS
4	D2	Jantz, Barry	X				
14	N/A	Franciscus, Joanne	X				
7	D4	Lepanto, James	X				
1	D1	Melgoza, Ana					
9	D5	Remington- Cisneros Therese					Dr. Maggie Santibanez, AMSA, TBCRH
16	N/A	Schultz, James, Dr.					
3	D2	Shaplin, Judith					
13	N/A	Fraser, Tim	X				Romina Morris, Departmental Budget Manager, PHS Michael, Wang Administrative Secretary, PHS
6	D3	Walters, Todd	X				
		Yates, Judith	X				
<b>Alternate</b>							
13	N/A	Abrams, Lauren					

11	N/A	Ohmstede, Jennipher				<p>Joy Bryers Administrative Secretary, PHS</p> <p><b>Additional COSD Staff Present:</b></p> <p>Jamie Beam, Director, MCSD.</p>
16	N/A	Seldin, Harriet, Dr.	X			
12	N/A	Sumek, Caryn				
14	N/A	Neidenberg, Carol				
3	D2	Besma, Coda				
19	D3	Alverson Rodriguez, Lisa				
		<b>Other Attendees:</b>				

Minutes	Lead	Follow- up Actions	Due
	<b>Tim Fraser</b>	Give the bullet points for the letter to the Board of Supervisors	5-7-2024
	<b>Dr. Hernandez</b>	To get a timeline narrative on the legislative program	5-7-2024

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
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<p><b>I. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p>	<p><b>A. Roll Call</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:16 PM.</li><li>b. <b>Roll Call:</b> Quorum was met.</li></ul> <p><b>B. Remarks from the Chairperson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Everyone introduced themselves online and in person.</li></ul> <p><b>C. Approval of April and January Meeting Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>April Agenda:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Motioned by <b>Paul Hegyi</b> and seconded by <b>Tim Fraser</b>.</li><li>➤ <b>Roll Call:</b> All other HSAB members in attendance voted Aye.</li></ul></li><li>b. <b>January Meeting Minutes:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Motioned by <b>Paul Hegyi</b> and seconded by <b>Dr. Harriet Seldin</b>.</li><li>➤ <b>Roll Call:</b> All other HSAB members in attendance voted Aye.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>D. HSAB Attendance Confirmation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>Just cause absence for today's meeting:</b> Dimitrios Alexiou and Dr. Suzanne Afflalo.</li></ul>
<p><b>II. Public Comment (not related to agenda items)</b></p>	<p>No public comment</p>
<p><b>III. Informational Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>A. County of San Diego Legislative Advocacy</b> <b>Matthew Parr, Deputy Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs</b> <b>Jennifer Kadas, MSW, HHSA Office of Strategy and Innovation</b> <b>Blair Hoppe, Legislative Analyst, HHSA Office of Strategy and Innovation</b></p>



# Legislative Program

## Sponsorship

- Bills Sponsored by the County.

## Priority Issues

- High level areas of interest.

## Policy Guidelines

- Provides direction to advocate on issues that may impact County programs.



# Policy A-74

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY		
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Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions, and Committees	A-74	5 of 18

committee meeting place of which they are a member and which is within the County. Members will be reimbursed at the mileage rate established in Section 472.2 of the Administrative Code.

12. Legislation - County committees are created to advise the Board of Supervisors - not the Legislature or Congress, with the exception of those committees which have been specifically mandated to advise other legislators under the government codes or laws establishing them. When a County committee wishes to make a recommendation on pending legislation to a legislative body other than the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the committee shall submit recommendations or positions on legislation to the Department Head. The Department Head shall submit the committee recommendations to the Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs, noting the departmental position, relative to the Committee recommendations. The Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs shall inform the Board of Supervisors of the committee's recommendation or the CAO may place the committee and its recommendation on a future Board of Supervisors agenda.

If the Board does not agree with the committee and will not forward the recommendations to the appropriate legislative body, the committee members may, as individuals, contact the legislative body recommending certain actions. Transmittal of recommendations on County Interlocal without prior Board approval violates the intent of Board Policy M-2 (Legislative Advocacy). The exception being those committees which have been specifically mandated to advise other legislators under the government codes or laws establishing them. These committees may forward their recommendations per the requirements of their mandate.



### Questions and Answers:

**Question: Tim Fraser** – Based on Policy A-74, there are steps that need to be done for a timeline for us to be able to submit bills we would recommend the County to support. How long will it take to get it to HHS, etc. in a timely fashion?

**Answer: Matthew Parr** – The turnaround time from the EDGA side is fairly quick.

**Answer: Blair Hoppe** – OSI, A memo get drafted to send over to Eric McDonald, he reviews it and let's us know of any corrections. Then a memo sent Caroline Smith.

**Question: James Lepanto** – We will see the legislative priority, so those will be sent us so we can comment on those. And we can also recommend things that we have seen or feel under the health services advisory board that would be recommended for support.

**Answer: Matthew Parr** – Yes, there are two opportunities to weigh in on the first is on the legislative program. We have a very robust community feedback process in addition to what HHS offers. And we do have a community forum

	<p>each year for the public to come and comment on our legislative program and provide feedback on anything we didn't in on the legislative program that is not there. All of that information is on our website. And on our Engage San Diego community feedback page as well.</p> <p>Then Secondly, in your compacity in the health world, you may all come across legislation that may peak your interest. Those are opportunities to weigh in on the A-74 process as well.</p> <p><b>Question: James Lepanto</b> -Is that possible to get a timeline narrative.</p> <p><b>Answer: Dr. Hernandez</b> – We can follow and get back you.</p>
<p><b>IV. Items for Approval</b></p>	<p><b>A. HHS Executive Office Fiscal Year 24-25 Public Health Services Fees Update Presentation</b> <b>Charissa Japlit, Assistant Group Finance Director, HHS Budget Office</b></p>

## NEED FOR CURRENT PROPOSAL



- Compliance with Board Policy B-29
- HHSA will present a comprehensive fee package to the Board of Supervisors (April 30, 2024):
  - Public Health Services
  - Behavioral Health Services
  - Medical Care Services
- Review of 93 fees:
  - 47 fees recommended for Board action for FY 24-25



# APPROVAL PROCESS



Fee Package Developed by Program



Fee Package Reviewed by HHS Finance Team



Fee Package Reviewed and Approved by County Auditor & Controller



Fee Package Presented to Advisory Boards and Community Partners



Fee Package Proposal is Recommended to the Board of Supervisors for Approval





## FEES & RATES PROPOSED FOR BOARD APPROVAL



Action	Number of Fees/Rates	Division Impact	
Increases	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Services - Lab (28)</li> <li>Behavioral Health Services (1)</li> <li>Medical Care Services (1)</li> </ul>	+
Decreases	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Services - Lab (7)</li> </ul>	
New	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Services - Lab (6)</li> </ul>	
Delete	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Services - Lab (4)</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>47</b>		

**Recommendation:** Tim Fraser – If we can include what the cost of the increase is.

**Answer:** Charissa Japlit – It amounts to One hundred thousand dollars, but we are in the final stages and wanted to wait to put out the correct cost for everything. But in the future that will be done.

**Vote:** Motion to approve by James Lepanto and seconded by Tim Fraser

**Roll Call:** All other HSAB members-in attendance voted Aye.

**B. Authorize Acceptance of Additional Labaspire Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity Initiative Fellowship Grant Funding**

**Jeremy Corrigan DrPH, HCLD/TS(ABB), Public Health Laboratory Director**

**Dr. Samantha Hallis, Ph.D., TS(ABB), SM(ASCP)CM, Assistant Laboratory Director**

## PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY



**Mission Statement:** Providing quality laboratory services to protect community health and prevent the spread of disease.

- The Public Health Laboratory (PHL) works in conjunction with public health clinics, local hospitals and healthcare providers, the Public Health Service's Epidemiology Unit, Tuberculosis Control and Refugee Health Branch, and the Department of Environmental Health and Quality.
- By analyzing clinical and environmental samples, the PHL participates in the core activities of **surveillance, assessment, and assurance**.

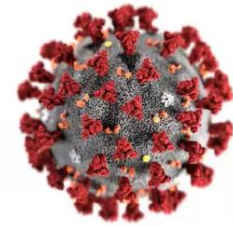


# LABORATORY SERVICES PROVIDED



## TYPES OF LABORATORY SERVICES

- **ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING**
  - Drinking water testing
  - Beach water testing – ddPCR and Culture
  
- **CLINICAL TESTING**
  - Enteric Disease (e.g., Salmonella, Shigella, STEC)
  - STDs (HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhea)
  - Vaccine Preventable Diseases (i.e., measles, mumps)
  - Tuberculosis testing and COVID Testing
  
- **BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS (BSL-3)**
  - Clinical and Environmental Samples
  - Detect Select Agents (i.e., anthrax, plague, ricin toxin)
  
- **OTHER**
  - BioWatch Program – Environmental Air Sampling
  
  - Rabies and Sequencing



## LABASPIRE PUBLIC HERO AND FELLOWSHIP GRANT



California has an **urgent** need to **increase** workforce **training programs** that address recruitment challenges in public health labs.



The California Department of Public Health, Center for Laboratory Sciences is implementing the Public HERO Initiative, also known as the **LabAspire Fellowship Program**.



The grant total is **\$542,745** through **June 30, 2026**.



## RECOMMENDATIONS



1. In accordance with Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications full-cost recovery of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$392,245 from the California Department of Public Health, Center for the Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity LabAspire Fellowship grant and \$150,500 from the PHM Training Award for the period of January 12, 2024, through June 30, 2026.
3. Authorize application for additional funding opportunities to support the public health laboratory staff continuing education and training of laboratory personnel.

### Questions and Answers:

**Question: Barry Jantz** – The 3 full-time junior trainees under the public health microbiologist training program, is that current?

**Answer: Dr. Samantha Hallis** – Yes.

**Question: Barry Jantz** – And what is the target to increase the funding of that program?

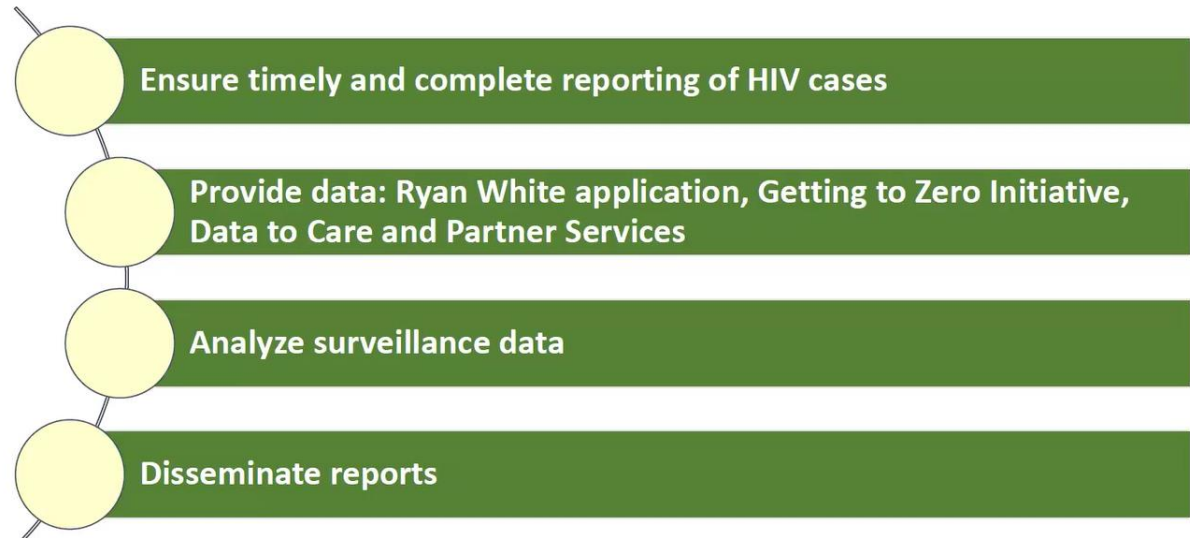
**Answer: Dr. Samantha Hallis** – The 150,500 is in support of training those 3 full time junior trainees.

**Answer: Dr. Jeremy Corrigan** – They run through the training for 6 months and then they take their board of certification exam. And then our hope is for the 3 full time junior trainees once they complete their training is to get hired to fill our vacancies. In our new public laboratory it sits 12 trainees, we are hoping to partner with CDPH in the future with our new lab to bring in other trainees from other jurisdictions that can't actually do training on site. Because most laboratories, they don't do micrology, we can actually train others in our laboratory, and they can go on to help other laboratories in the state. That's our vision.

**Vote: Motion to approve by Tim Fraser and seconded by Dr. Harriet Seldin**  
**Roll Call: All other HSAB members-in attendance voted Aye.**

**C. Authorize Acceptance of Revenue Agreement for HIV Surveillance**  
**Jeffrey Johnson, MPH, Chief, Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch**

## Key HIV Surveillance Program Activities



# HIV Data



## Key Features of San Diego County's HIV Epidemic

2023



**15,080**

# of people living with diagnosed HIV



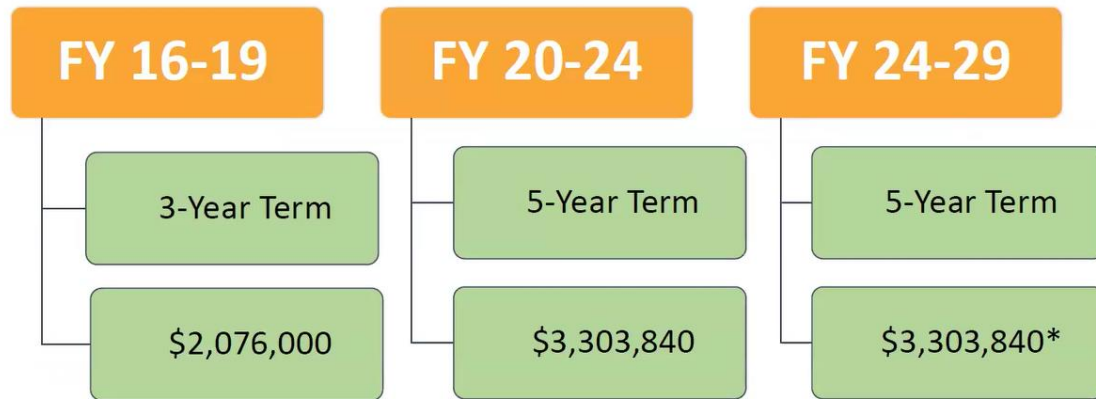
**425**

# of new HIV diagnoses

Race/Ethnicity	County of San Diego Population	County Recent HIV Diagnosis
Black	Less than 5%	12%
Hispanic	34%	48%

- This funding represents an opportunity to promote equity in San Diego County by addressing the disproportionate impact of HIV on our Black and Hispanic communities.

## STATE GRANT FUNDING BY TERM





## Recommendations



**Waive Board Policy B-29**, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of revenue agreement applications and full-cost recovery of grants.

**Authorize the acceptance of approximately \$3.3 million** in *HIV Surveillance Program* funding for Health Departments grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2029, for HIV services related to prevention.

**Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunity** announcements to address the prevention, testing, care and treatment needs of those impacted by HIV.

**Vote: Motion to approve by Paul Hegyi and seconded by Todd Walters**

**Roll Call: All other HSAB members-in attendance voted Aye.**

**D. Authorization to Accept Funding to Address Sexually Transmitted Infections and Apply for Future Funding Opportunities**

**Patrick Loose, Chief, HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch**

## Congenital Syphilis



- Congenital syphilis rates have increased by 1,500% in California between 2012 and 2021.
- Congenital syphilis can lead to premature birth, birth defects, low birth weight, fetal demise, still birth and infant death shortly after birth.
- Congenital syphilis is entirely preventable through timely treatment of the pregnant individual.



## Funding Overview



### Grant Amount:

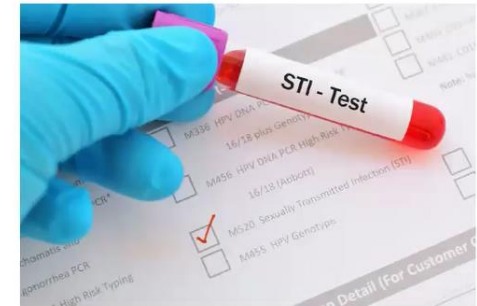
- \$2,164,638

### Funder:

- California Department of Public Health

### Term:

- July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026.





## Recommendations

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$2,164,638 from the California Department of Public Health STI Control Branch for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, for State Local Assistance Funding, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, for STI testing and prevention resources.

### Questions and Answers:

**Question: James Lepanto**– Why is there a shortage?

**Answer: Patrick Loose** – Because there is only one manufacturer and the demand is greater than the supply.

**Question: Judith Yates** – You mentioned that you're trying to make a changes un terms of testing in the emergency departments. Are they being open to that?

**Answer: Patrick Loose** – What we are doing is competitive funding for it because we believe that will be more feasible for hospitals to implement this, and it is matter of process.

**Question: Dr. Harriet Seldin** – Why is the Syphilis rate going so high as compared to other STD's?

**Answer: Patrick Loose** – Infectious disease always find their way into marginalized populations. Women who might be unstably housed and in the sex worker professions are at higher risk.

**Comment: Tim Fraser** – AB 2960 Primary care physicians and offices to offer testing for all females 15 and older for syphilis testing because it has become so high. This is something we should all support at its early stages.

**Vote: Motion to approve by Tim Fraser and seconded by Judith Yates**

**Roll Call: All other HSAB members-in attendance voted Aye.**

<b>V. Chair's Report</b>	<b>A. Continuing Discussion and Inout Regarding HSAB Bylaws Revisions</b> <b>B. Survey Evaluation before HSAB Advance</b> <b>C. HSAB Advance 2024 (Doodle Poll)</b> <b>D. Room Reservations for HSAB Meetings in 2024-Anuj Bhatia</b> For June and September Room 302 is not available for the HSAB to meet, and so meetings will take place in Room 402A. However, for the other months in 2024, Room 302 is available. <b>E. Youth Engagement Update</b> a. <b>James Lepanto</b> provided update on recommending an Administrative Appointment to avoid limitations of Brown Act. Next steps are to meet with District 1 office. b. <b>Judith Yates</b> stated importance of sharing this information with other Advisory Boards. <b>F. Community Inspiration Awards</b>
<b>VI. Informational Items</b>	<b>A. Subcommittee and Work Group Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Policies &amp; Program</b></li><li>• <b>Budget</b></li><li>• <b>Legislative Committee</b></li></ul>
<b>VII. Health Officer Report</b>	A. No Updates
<b>VIII. Roundtable</b>	<b>Tim Fraser</b> Getting concerned as our supervisors are getting more involved in health, they are beginning to start to lose focus in what the HSAB Board is meant to do.  We have a seen a new letter from the Board of Supervisors and a new taskforce that is going to be established to look at how we can increase medical rates. We are seeing Prop 1 coming in and asking the board to investigate how prop 1 will work. We are seeing SB 43 and the implication that needs to occur. They are now holding stakeholder meetings and taskforce to address each one of these issues.  However, that is what the intent of this board is meant to do. And many of us are being invited to those separate stakeholder meetings but when it all can be jointly done here at our board meeting.  Should we as a board write a letter to our Boards of Supervisors reminding them what the cause of this board is for?

	<p>And asking that what those agenda are that will be coming so that we can make them a standing informational item for keeping track on what's happening. And because of the importance of those we also need to be more on top of the county's budget that is coming up this year. Typically, we get information late in the game for us to be able to respond with a letter. I would like to get a briefing in advance so that we can study the budget and see if we have comments and can weigh in before it's automatically gone to a rubber stamp.</p> <p>Asked Tim to put together some bullet points of what should go in the letter.</p>
<b>IX. Public Comment</b>	
<b>X. Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned 4:56 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:  
May 7, 2024  
County Administrative Center  
Room 302**