

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 2026

TO: Mary Hao, President, and Members of the Health Service Board

FROM: Rey Guillen, SFHSS Executive Director

RE: June 11, 2026, Director's Report

SFHSS RECEIVED LETTER OF INQUIRY REGARDING PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

On May 12, 2026, SFHSS received a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) from Supervisor Chan requesting that SFHSS provide the Board of Supervisors with a report detailing the prior authorization denial rate from all SFHSS health plan vendors. SFHSS staff compiled the report and submitted it on the May 27, 2026 deadline.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE- SFHSS GENERAL FUND BUDGET

On June 10, 2026, SFHSS presented the General Fund Budget to the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee. The Committee will review and send final recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to be approved in July. SFHSS will share final approvals at the August Health Service Board meeting.

BLACK-OUT PERIODS CONTINUE (see attachment)

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FOLLOW-UP FROM THE PRIOR HEALTH SERVICE BOARD REGULAR MEETING
No follow-ups this month.

SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM
DIVISION REPORTS: June 2026

PERSONNEL UPDATES (see attachment)

Recruitments:

Member Services division:

- 1813 Senior Benefits Analyst Position-Permanent Civil Service (PCS)-Finalist accepted position (Evangeline Treadway) 5/29/2026. Start work date will be Saturday, 6/20/2026 for payroll purposes, and her first day of work will be Monday, 6/22/2026
- Recruitment for the two 1210 Benefits Analyst positions Permanent Civil Service (PCS) are underway.

OPERATIONS: (see attachment)

- We completed the first month of the email pilot program with 213 members submitting emails for Member Services support. Initial findings showed that SFHSS is challenged to meet an expected 72-hour response time with available resources. Additional findings are that this medium works best for specific scenarios, such as document submission or requests, and for less complex process guidance.

FINANCE AND BUDGET:

- Conducting fiscal year-end close and interim annual audit activities.

CONTRACTS:

- Issued a PeopleSoft HCM Benefits Optimization and Implementation Services Request for Bid (RFB).

WELL-BEING:

- Conducted a Together in Well-Being weekly challenge to promote Mental Health Awareness month in May. 372 entries were submitted.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Blackout Notice through June 2026 - COBRA, FSA, DCSA & AB528
- Blackout Notice through June 2026 RFP Dental
- Personnel - SFHSS Org Chart
- Operations Dashboard

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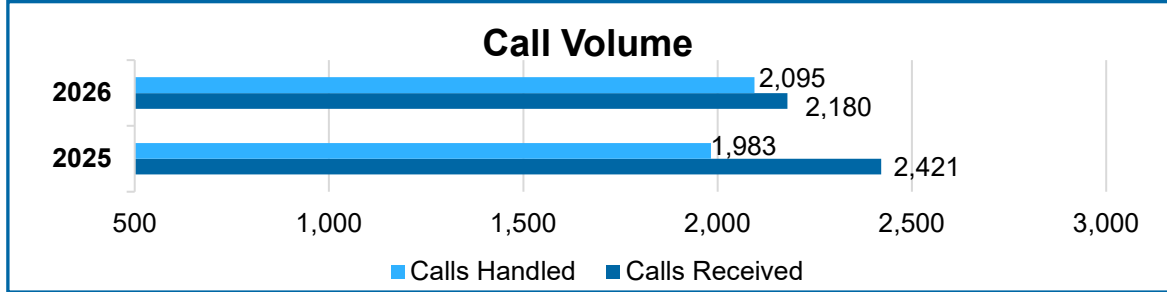
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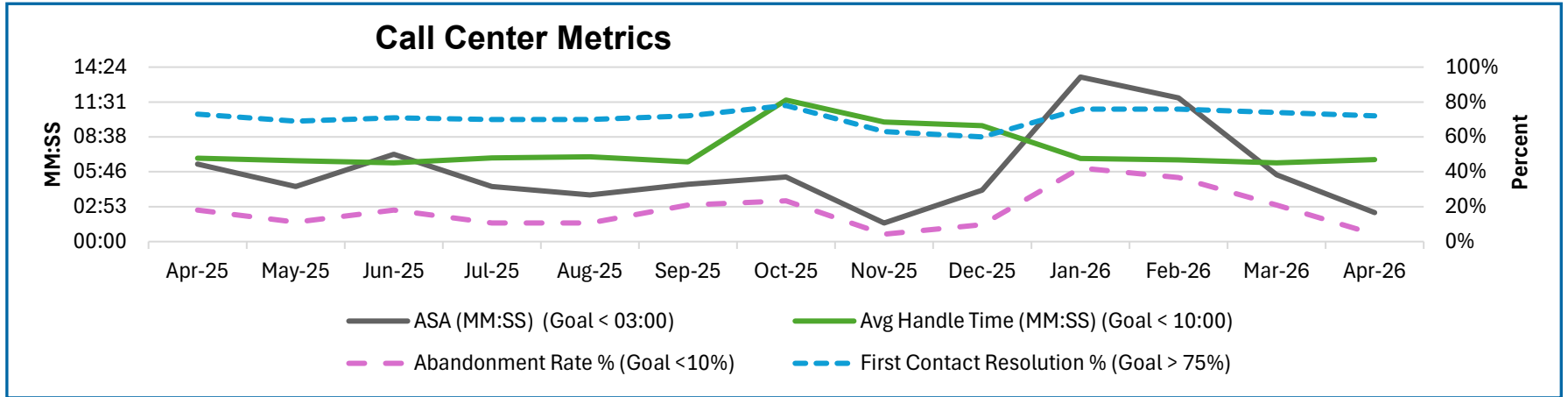
Member Experience Dashboard

Member Experience Dashboard – April 2026

Phone Support



In-Person Support



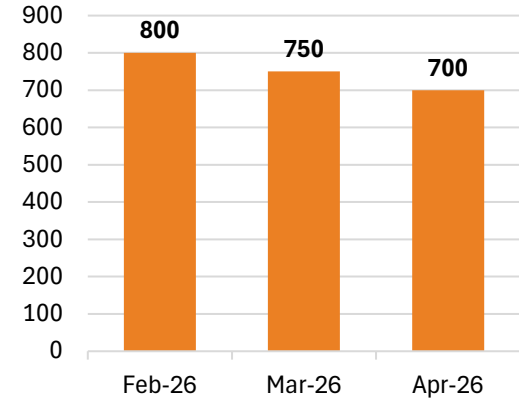
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Processing / Operations

Document Processing

Category	Received	Completed	Net Change	Remaining Balance
Case Review/Action Required	2,037	1,195	842	104
Compliance Document	435	445	-10	154
Application	434	542	-108	418
Court Order	87	53	34	6
CMS Reconciliation	26	1	25	90
Demographic Change	25	39	-14	6
Appeal	24	52	-28	23
HIPAA	22	27	-5	5
Adoption/Surrogacy Assistance Form	1	2	-1	0

Outbound Mail

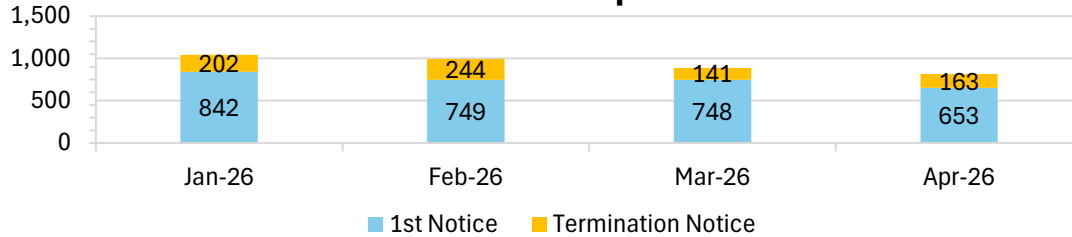


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Members YTD with
Returned Mail

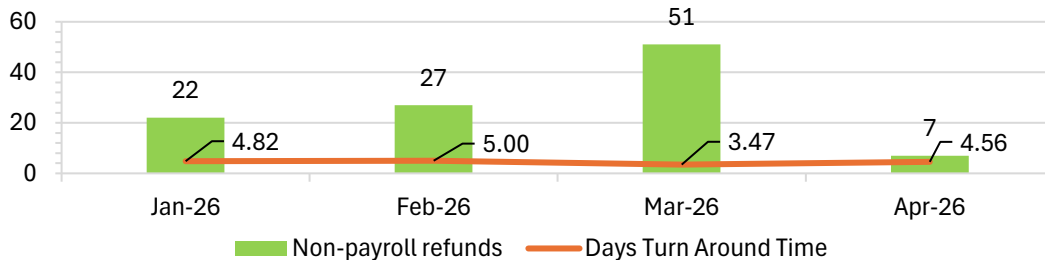
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Processing / Operations

Premium Delinquencies



Non-Payroll Refunds



Website Engagement

Average Session Duration in Seconds

57

Unique Users

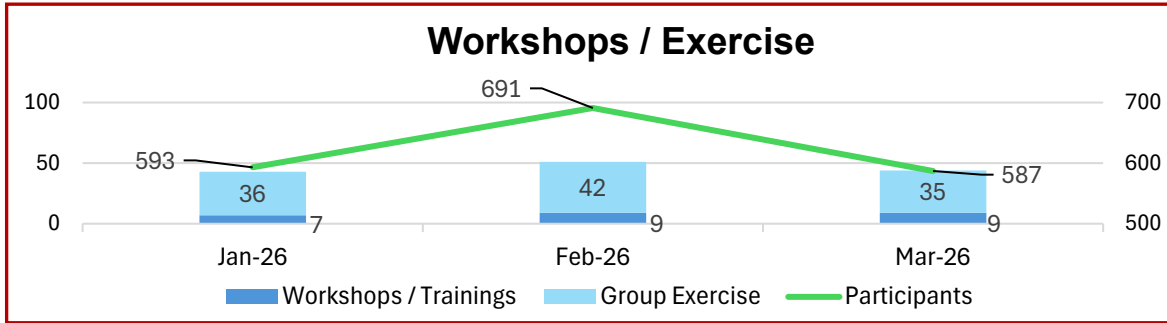
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Top SFHSS.ORG Visited Pages

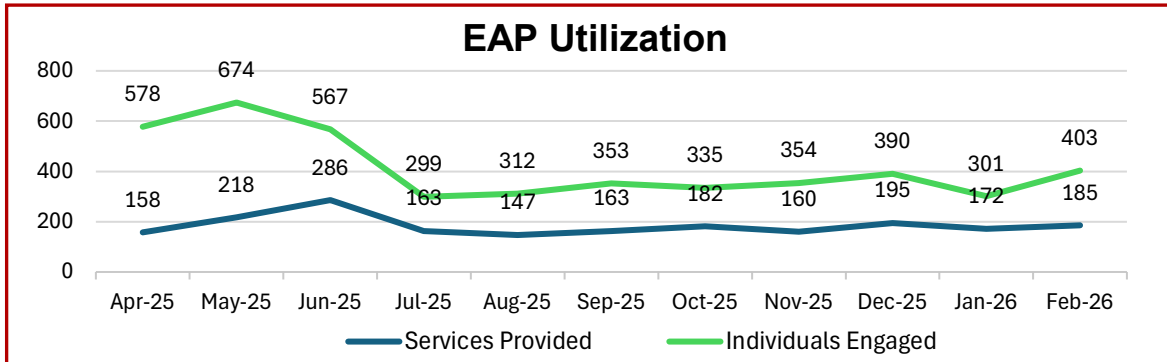
Landing Page	7,293
Retiree Rate Calculator	2,627
CCSF Employer Page	2,627
Contact Us	2,383
Events	1,218

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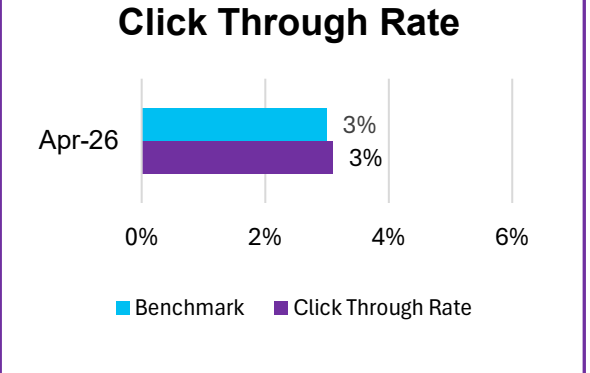
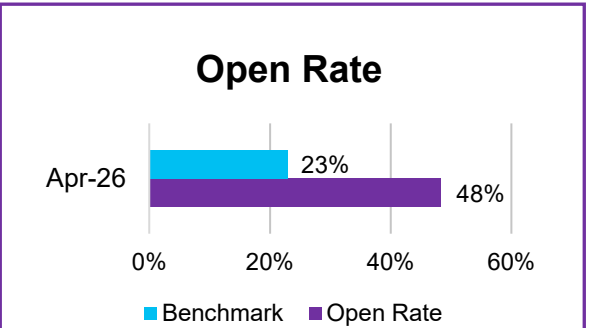
Well-Being Activities



Employee Assistance Program



Newsletter



Member Experience Dashboard – April 2026

NOTES:

- **Call Center Metrics:**
 - **Average Speed to Answer (ASA)** - average amount of time in minutes and seconds for a live interaction once the call has entered the queue
 - **Average Handle Time** – average duration in minutes and seconds for a call interaction including hold time and talk time.
 - **Abandonment Rate %** - percentage of callers who hang up before reaching a live agent
 - **First Contact Resolution %** - percentage of member cases resolved during the first interaction.
- **Document Processing Data:** The data reflects the number of correspondences received within each category during the reporting month. Categories have been consolidated under main headings for clarity, for example, the Applications category includes all new hire applications across CCSF, CCD, USD, and other groups, as well as retiree applications for both Medicare and non-Medicare retirees.
 - **Completed Tasks:** The completed task count reflects all tasks resolved during the reporting month, regardless of when they were originally received. It is not uncommon for tasks, particularly applications, to be completed in a month after they were received. Common reasons for this include:
 - The member submitted required supporting documents across two separate months
 - The member submitted a retiree application in advance of their retirement date, requiring SFHSS to wait until the retirement date before processing
 - SFHSS is pending data entry by SFERS or the member's department before action can be taken
 - **Net Change & Remaining Balance:** The Net Change is calculated as the number of tasks completed minus the number of tasks received during the reporting month. The Remaining Balance reflects the total number of incomplete tasks in each category, regardless of the month in which they were received.

Member Experience Dashboard – April 2026

NOTES:

- **Premium Delinquencies:** Delinquencies happen when premium payments are not received. This may occur if there isn't enough money in a paycheck or pension, or if an employee is on unpaid leave and hasn't arranged another way to pay for their benefits. Delinquency notices are sent each month. The first notice alerts the member that a payment was missed. If the balance is not paid, the member will receive a second notice that their benefits have been terminated.
- **Non-Payroll Refunds:** Refunds occur when there are premium differences. For example, a member changes from an EE+1 coverage tier to an EE Only. Refunds also occur when a member sends in a payment after the deadline to reinstate benefits as a result of delinquency. Non-payroll refunds are for those members not in payroll such as retirees or employees on leave. They require manual processing and consequently a higher work effort to process versus payroll refunds.
- **Captured in the outbound mail are:**
 - Member-requested and generated documents (e.g., coverage certificates, incomplete notices, 1095-C copies, applications)
 - Delinquency and Medicare eligibility/enrollment
 - Special mailings as needed (e.g., FSA terminations, domestic partner tax forms, corrections)
- **Returned Mail:** Members who have 5 pieces of returned mail are at risk for termination of benefits. It is the responsibility of the member to maintain current contact information with SFHSS. Included in the YTD count is the returned mail from the prior year open enrollment mailing which is logged after all the year-end activities.
- **Well-Being and EAP Metrics** have a two month lag on participation / utilization data.
- **Open Rate** measures percentage of successfully delivered emails which were opened by recipients.
- **Click Through Rate** measures percentage of recipients who click on a specific link.
- **Average Session Duration** measures the actual time a website is in the active foreground indicating user interest.