

# HIV REPORTING UPDATE – JUNE 2007



## California Department of Health Services Reorganization

In accordance with Senate Bill 162 (Ortiz), the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) will be renamed as the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). A new department will be created, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), within the existing California Health and Human Services Agency effective July 1, 2007. The Office of AIDS (OA) will be part of the newly established CDPH. Only OA's Web site and staff e-mail addresses will change. OA staff phone numbers and physical and mailing addresses will remain the same. The CDPH Web site will be accessible to the public on July 1, 2007, and the site will be [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov). The new OA Web site will be included in our next newsletter. The existing Web site at [www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS) will be available until January 2, 2008. All OA HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section surveillance staff will receive new e-mail addresses; however, former e-mail addresses will remain active for a limited period. Local health department staff with questions about our reorganization should contact their assigned OA surveillance coordinator for assistance.

## OA Division Chief Appointment

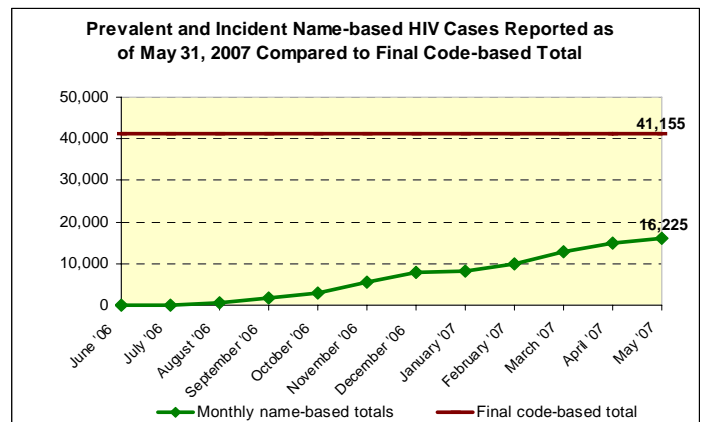
On Thursday, June 21, 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of our new division chief, Michelle Roland, M.D. Dr. Roland has been an associate clinical professor of medicine at the Department of Internal Medicine for the University of California, San Francisco's Positive Health Program (HIV/AIDS Division) at San Francisco General Hospital. She currently serves as vice chair for the American Academy of HIV Medicine Board of Directors. Her position will take effect on July 1, 2007.

## Update on Emergency HIV Reporting Regulations

Emergency regulations governing name-based HIV reporting initially adopted January 8, 2007, are in effect through September 7, 2007. CDPH/OA is currently in the process of preparing written responses to all comments submitted during the 45-day public comment period which closed on May 16, 2007. CDPH will hold a 15-day public comment period on these changes being made to the emergency regulations. The current text of the emergency regulations is available for viewing from CDPH's Office of Regulations (OR) Web site at [www.applications.dhs.ca.gov/regulations](http://www.applications.dhs.ca.gov/regulations) (Go to "Select DHS Regulations"). The revised regulation text will be available at the CDPH OR Web site once the 15-day public comment period begins.

## HIV Case Counts<sup>1</sup> as of May 2007

As of May 31, 2007, a total of 16,225 HIV cases have been reported by name to OA. Among cumulative HIV cases reported, 15,835 or approximately 98 percent correspond to living cases. To view the monthly HIV statistics for the current year, visit OA's Web site at [www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Statistics/HIVcase2007.htm](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Statistics/HIVcase2007.htm).



<sup>1</sup> On a monthly basis, OA disseminates summary statistics that describe the extent of California's HIV/AIDS epidemic. These routine surveillance reports are available on OA's Web site at [www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Statistics](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Statistics). Beginning in April 2006, the monthly HIV statistics published by OA reflect the number of HIV cases reported by name. For HIV statistics based on cases reported by non-name code, refer to surveillance reports published prior to April 2006, available on OA's Web site.