ORAL PRESENTATION PANEL 1: COVID-19 AND HIV

1. Presenter(s):
   – Angela Castillo, MA, Research Analyst II, Los Angeles County of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs

Presentation Title: Leveraging Telehealth to Promote Access to HIV Primary Care among Persons Living with HIV in LAC during COVID-19

Summary: Telehealth services were implemented at Ryan White-funded HIV clinics in March 2020 to facilitate continuous access to medical care among persons living with HIV in Los Angeles County during COVID-19. We describe the characteristics of patients accessing medical outpatient services via telehealth at these clinics to identify gaps in service access.

2. Presenter(s):
   – Alejandro Chavez, HIV Prevention Supervisor, Project Empowerment Grant (State Office of AIDS), AltaMed Health Services
   – Charlie De Lira-Zepeda, HIV Prevention Supervisor, Vulnerable Populations Grant (LA County Department of Health), AltaMed Health Services

Presentation Title: Joteria Mentality: A Social Media Strategy to Clap Back at COVID 19

Summary: Joteria Mentality is a social media project created in part with the communities we serve in Los Angeles and Orange County, as an immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to maintain community engagement, retention, and recruitment for all of our HIV Prevention services. By creating easily accessible videos that cover topics relevant to our community, we have demonstrated that HIV Prevention education and outreach can be integrated into other topics to increase access to in-person preventative services, such as HIV testing and PrEP healthcare. Joteria Mentality’s unique approaches have allowed our HIV Prevention Services to continue serving community members at risk for HIV during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Presenter(s):
   – Joan Christodoulou, PhD, Assistant Professor, Palo Alto University
   – Disha Nangia, UCSF Institute for Global Health Sciences
   – Elizabeth Shaw, Palo Alto University

Presentation Title: Testing an Educational Visual Aid to Increase Knowledge and Adherence to Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among At-risk Youth during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
Summary: This study examines the effectiveness of a simple, visual and interactive demonstration on knowledge and adherence to PrEP among youth at-risk for HIV (n = 150). This demonstration was adapted to be used online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Youth also reported on their perceptions, health behaviors, well-being, and mistrust during the pandemic.

ORAL PRESENTATION PANEL 2: HIV PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

1. Presenter(s):
   – Angel Algarin, PhD, MPH, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, San Diego

   Presentation Title: Examining geographical differences in the HIV care cascade among men who have sex with men in Mexico

   Summary: In 2018, of the estimated 230,000 people living with HIV in Mexico, only 79% knew their status, 72% were on ART, and 55% were virally suppressed. In an effort to reach the UNAIDS 90/90/90 goal, our aim was to describe regional differences in the HIV care cascade among men who have sex with men in Mexico.

2. Presenter(s):
   – Raiza Beltran, MPH, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, UCLA DSGOM, Division of Infectious Diseases
   – Ashley Schuyler, MPH, PhD candidate, College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Oregon State University

   Presentation Title: “That’s kind of like the big struggle right now is can we get PrEP?” Facilitators and barriers to PrEP uptake among active duty gay and bisexual males

   Summary: The U.S. Military has seen a rise in HIV infection, particularly among Black gay and bisexual (GBM) male military service members. Due to the legacy of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell (DADT), there is limited information regarding HIV prevention among military personnel. With 12,000 military service members potentially eligible for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), this mixed methods study will examine the facilitators and barriers in PrEP access and uptake among active duty GBM military service members.

3. Presenter(s):
   – Chenglin Hong, MSW, MPH, PhD candidate, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.

   Presentation Title: Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing and Associated Factors among Men Who Have Sex with Men in China

   Summary: Only a third of geosocial network app-using Chinese MSM reported testing for any STI in the last 6 months. MSM without a prior HIV diagnosis, especially young adults, were less likely to report recent testing than MSM with HIV and experienced significant missed opportunities for concurrent HIV and STI testing. Strategies for increasing STI testing among Chinese MSM are urgently needed, including integrating HIV and STI testing as recommended by the World Health Organization and interventions specifically designed for
young MSM. Additional health promotion efforts that leverage geosocial networking platforms are needed to reach young MSM with STI testing information.

**ORAL PRESENTATION SET 2 - 11:30AM**

**ORAL PRESENTATION PANEL 3: PROGRAMS AND INTERVENTIONS FOR HIV PREVENTION**

1. **Presenter(s):**
   – Joanna Lizbeth Barreras, PhD, MSW, Assistant Professor at CSULB and Associate Director of Research and Evaluation at Bienestar Human Services, Inc, California State University, Long Beach--School of Social Work and Bienestar Human Services, Inc.

   **Presentation Title:** Justicia Une a Nuestras Mujeres Trans y Oficiales de Policías Hacia la Salud (JUNTOS:—“together”)
   [Justice Unites our Trans Women and Police Officers Toward Health]: A Trust-Building Intervention to Help Address Critical HIV Outcomes

   **Summary:** The primary goal of JUNTOS is to develop a trust-building intervention with law enforcement that addresses the unique violence experienced by LTGW and increase the support of law enforcement and connect LTGW to support services and/or care needed (e.g., mental health support services to cope with the traumatic event while encouraging HIV prevention and retention in HIV care). Preliminary results from the formative qualitative interviews will be discussed in this oral presentation.

2. **Presenter(s):**
   – Jaih Craddock, PhD, MSW, MA, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Social Work

   **Presentation Title:** Differences Sexual Health Communication: The Use of Latent Class Analysis to Inform HIV Intervention Tailoring for Young Black Women

   **Summary:** This study examined network-level sexual health communication patterns among subgroups of 200 young Black women aged 18 to 24 and assessed associations between each subgroup and HIV prevention behaviors (i.e., condom use, HIV testing and interest in PrEP). Seven distinct class profiles of young Black women were identified, signifying the large variation in sexual health communication patterns and HIV prevention behaviors among young Black women. These result highlight the need for tailored HIV preventive interventions for young Black women.

3. **Presenter(s):**
   – Austin Nation, PhD, RN, PHN, Assistant Professor, California State University, Fullerton, School of Nursing
   – Aleiza Ambalada, Undergraduate Student Research Assistant, California State University, Fullerton, School of Nursing
Jonathan Pelayo, Undergraduate Student Research Assistant, California State University, Fullerton, School of Nursing

Mathew Trevino, BSN, RN, Research Assistant, California State University, Fullerton (Alumni), School of Nursing

Presentation Title: The State of LGBT Health Care Access In Orange County: Health Care and Mental Health Experiences and Among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Populations in Orange County

Summary: According to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), there is limited data on the health needs and health care utilization patterns of the LGBT individuals. These individuals are known to experience adverse situations when accessing health care and/or mental health services. The focus of this study was to explore the current experiences and needs of the LGBT population, including health care and mental health utilization locations, adequate LGBT-friendly health and mental health care providers, perceived barriers to seeking health care services, and identify gaps in available medical and/or mental health services for LGBT populations in Orange County.

ORAL PRESENTATION PANEL 4: ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC SUPPLEMENT PROJECTS (UCLA CHIPTS)

1. Presenter(s):
   – Elena Rosenberg-Carlson, MPH, Ending the HIV Epidemic Coordinator, UCLA CHIPTS

   Presentation Title: Regional response to HIV eradication efforts in California counties

   Summary: Despite significant advances in HIV treatment and biomedical prevention, eight counties in California remain heavily impacted by the HIV epidemic: Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, and San Francisco. Several of these counties share HIV transmission networks, and all share common challenges as they struggle to address the HIV epidemic. This presentation will describe formative efforts to explore regional coordination as an implementation strategy to increase the impact of HIV care and prevention interventions across these eight counties.

2. Presenter(s):
   – Omar Nieto, BA, Project Director, UCLA Department of Family Medicine
   – Dilara Üsküp, Ph.D., NIH T32 Post-Doctoral Fellow, UCLA CHIPTS

   Presentation Title: Technology-Based PrEP Delivery and Retention Services for Priority Populations in Los Angeles County

   Summary: The goal of the UCLA Digital PrEP Project is to assess the acceptability and feasibility of using technology-based PrEP delivery to facilitate PrEP uptake, adherence, and retention among priority populations in Los Angeles County (e.g., Black and Latino/a MSM, cisgender women, transgender women, and persons who inject drugs). As part of a community consultation, participants were introduced to various digital technology products available to
support PrEP delivery and maintenance. We present findings from breakout sessions conducted with key stakeholders from each respective priority population group. The second half of the presentation introduces our follow-up implementation science project. This new project aims to assess the implementation of PlushCare (a mobile telemedicine application) to optimize PrEP delivery among Black and Latina cisgender women receiving services at non-clinical, community-based organizations in LA.

3. Presenter(s):
   – Oluwadamilola Jolayemi, MSc, Program Coordinator, UCLA CHIPTS

**Presentation Title:** Preparing for long-acting injectable treatment for HIV in Los Angeles

**Summary:** Long acting injectable antiretroviral treatment for HIV is a promising mechanism with a potential to improve viral suppression for people with HIV. In preparation for regulatory approvals in the US, this study examined the acceptability, as well as the end user (consumer) level, clinical, policy, systems, financial and operational level barriers and facilitators to implementing this new treatment option in Los Angeles. Our presentation will highlight the findings from the study, and the important considerations for successful implementation.