

Regional EHE Response Meeting: Key Findings and Next Steps

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Meeting Agenda



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Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has launched Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America. The cross-agency initiative leverages critical scientific advances in HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and outbreak response by coordinating the highly successful programs, resources, and infrastructure of many HHS agencies and offices.

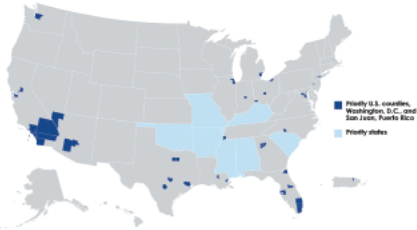
GOAL:

HHS will work with each community to establish local teams on the ground to tailor and implement strategies to:

reaching **75%** reduction in new HIV infections by 2025 and at least **90%** reduction by 2030.

	Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible after infection.
	Treat the infection rapidly and effectively to achieve sustained viral suppression.
	Prevent new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).
	Respond quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.

The Initiative is focusing resources on areas where HIV transmission occurs most frequently.



Geographical Selection:
Data on burden of HIV in the US shows areas where HIV transmission occurs more frequently. More than 50% of new HIV diagnoses* occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, 7 states have a substantial rural burden – with over 75 cases and 10% or more of their diagnoses in rural areas.

Ending the HIV Epidemic

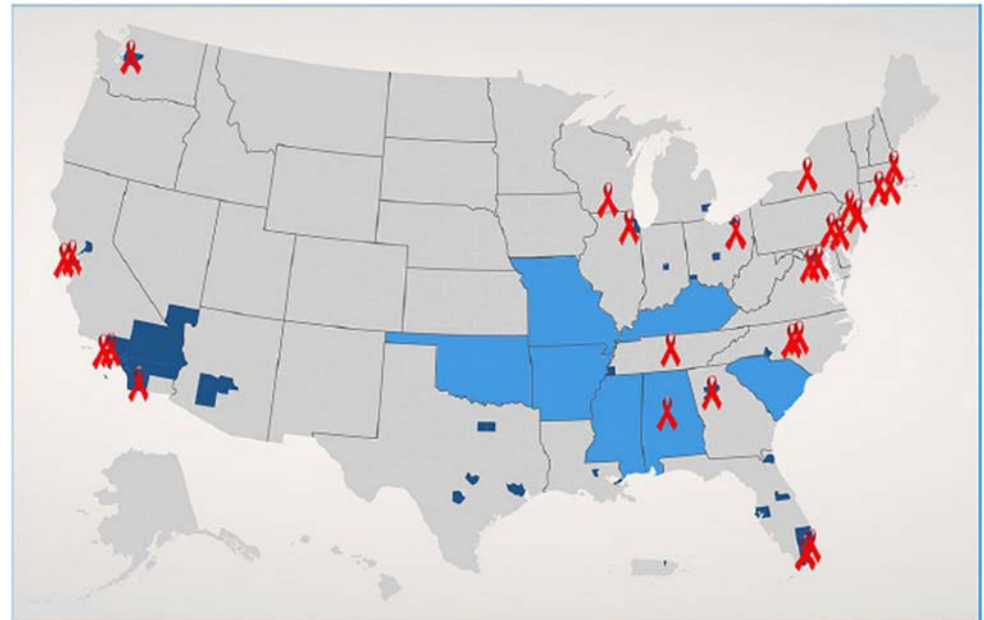
www.HIV.gov

*2016-2017 data

Thursday, September 5, 2019

NIH bolsters funding for HIV implementation research in high-burden U.S. areas

Community-based research sets stage for implementation of HHS initiative



This map shows the 48 counties, plus Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico, where >50% of HIV diagnoses occurred in 2016 and 2017, and an additional seven states with a substantial number of HIV diagnoses in rural areas. The red ribbons mark the locations of Centers for AIDS Research and AIDS Research Centers (NIAD).

Regional Coordination Project

Goal: Engage a regional effort for coordinated EHE response in California.



Bring together stakeholders from eight California priority counties



Assess key needs, collaborative opportunities, and existing resources



Compile findings and recommendations to help facilitate regional EHE response

Regional Stakeholder Meeting

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Music Center

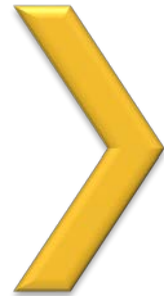
Objectives:

- Gather ideas, feedback, and consensus from counties on collaborative opportunities to support EHE efforts
- Identify resources, capacity building, and infrastructure needs to support these collaborations
- Identify research and policy questions to support counties in the implementation of best practices and strategies to reach the EHE goals

Meeting Highlights



Assessment Process



Analysis and Synthesis



- **Primary**

- Meeting discussion and evaluations
- Follow-up calls
- Pre/post-meeting surveys

- **Secondary**

- Draft CDC PS19-1906 EHE plans
- Current literature on HIV strategies and supportive resources

- **Thematic analysis of primary sources to identify:**

- Key needs for the regional response
- Initial priority topics for the regional response
- Recommended activities for the regional response
- Existing resources to support regional response activities
- **Synthesis of thematic analysis results with information from secondary sources**

Summary of key needs, recommended priority topics, recommended activities, and existing resources for the regional response

Key Needs



FUNDING



ADDRESSING
SOCIAL
DETERMINANTS
OF HEALTH



PROVIDER
EDUCATION
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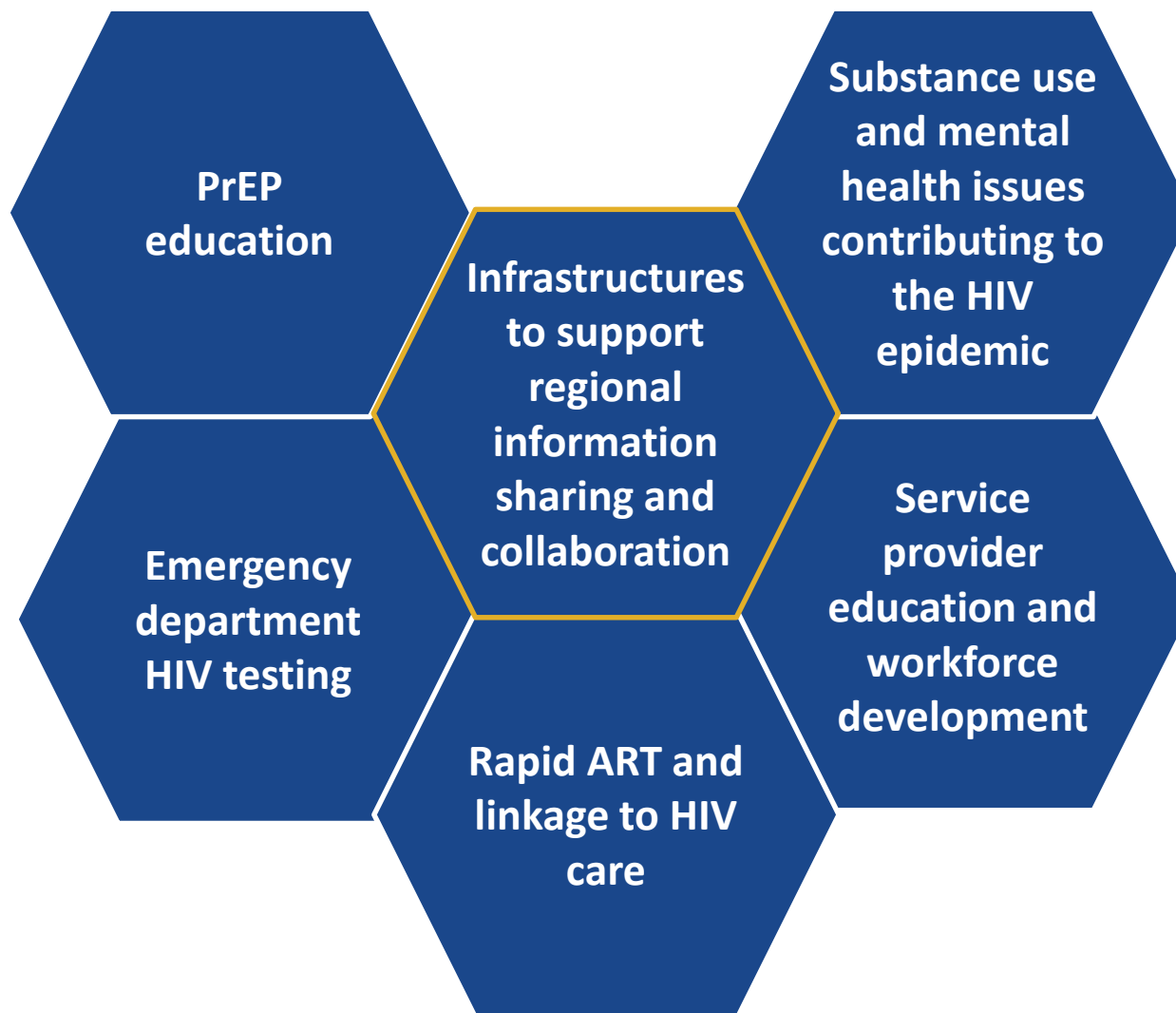
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



INTER-COUNTY
INFORMATION
SHARING



Recommended Priority Topics



Infrastructures to Support Regional Information Sharing and Collaboration

Activity 1	Implement steering committee and working group infrastructure to determine regional EHE goals, implement activities to address those goals, and monitor progress on the regional EHE response.
Activity 2	Implement learning collaborative infrastructure to share best practices and resources across priority counties.
Activity 3	Support implementation of statewide HIV surveillance data dashboard.
Activity 4	Implement inter-county/regional data sharing agreements.

PrEP Education

Activity 1	Implement regional/statewide PrEP social marketing campaign focused on sharing PrEP information and increasing PrEP acceptability among priority populations.
Activity 2	Scale up provider-patient PrEP education in clinics across priority counties through provider training on PrEP messaging strategies.

Rapid ART and Linkage to HIV Care

Activity

Implement or scale up Rapid ART protocols in the eight priority counties to target immediate treatment initiation and linkage to care among newly diagnosed individuals.

Emergency Department HIV Testing

Activity

Implement or scale up universal HIV testing in emergency department settings across the eight priority counties.

Substance Use and Mental Health Issues Contributing to the HIV Epidemic

Activity 1	Implement a contingency management or cognitive-behavioral intervention to address methamphetamine use across the region.
Activity 2	Implement or scale up integrated care models that simultaneously address ART adherence and comorbid psychosocial factors across the region.

Service Provider Education and Workforce Development

Activity 1	Implement basic EHE education and training for all staff at organizations providing HIV services across the eight priority counties.
Activity 2	Implement or scale up primary care provider education on key topics related to HIV prevention and care across the region.

Existing Infrastructures and Resources

Collaborative infrastructures:

- California HIV Planning Group
- End the Epidemics Statewide Working Group
- California Regional Group (CARG)
- Ending the Epidemic Scientific Working Group

Key resources:

- Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center (PAETC)
- California HIV/STD Prevention Training Center (CDC CBA Provider)
- Prevention through Active Community Engagement (PACE) program
- Cicatelli Associates, Inc (CAI)/Technical Assistance Provider Innovation Network (TAP-IN) (HRSA 20-079)
- NASTAD - Systems Coordination Provider (HRSA 20-079)

Current EHE Funding

- CDC 1-year planning grant (9/30/19-9/29/20)
- CDC 5-year grants (Diagnose/Protect) – submitted in March
- HRSA 5-year grants (Treat/Respond)
- HRSA for national technical assistance and systems coordination providers
- HRSA Primary Care HIV Prevention Supplemental Funding TA (Community Health Centers)
- NIH 1-year planning grants (9/1/19-8/31/20)

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

FY2020 NIH EHE Supplements (1-2 years)

- EHE Team-initiated Implementation Research
- Reaching Cisgender Heterosexual Women with PrEP
- Evaluating and Developing Data-Driven Messages and Communication Strategies for EHE

FY2020 CHRP Funding for EHE

- Implementation science research project for Ending the HIV Epidemic efforts in California

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Questions?



Discussion

1. What recommended priority topics or activities stood out to you most? What other activities should be included?
2. What activities would you like to see implemented as part of the regional response in the next 12 months?
3. What other existing infrastructures, resources, and champions could help lead these regional response activities?

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