

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Regional Learning Collaborative

***Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento,
San Bernardino, San Diego, and San Francisco Counties***



Session 19:
Community Infrastructures to Help End the HIV Epidemic

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022
10-11:30 a.m. PT**

Session Agenda

1) Presentations

- **East Bay Getting to Zero**
 - **Dr. Sami Lubega, Interim Director**
- **End the Epidemics**
 - **Ryan Clary, Consultant**
- **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health EHE Steering Committee**
 - **Julie Tolentino, Ending the HIV Epidemic Program Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health**
 - **Matt Brush, EHE Steering Committee Member**
 - **Ty Gaffney-Smith, EHE Steering Committee Member**

2) Panel Discussion/Q&A

- **Enter questions using**



- **Share comments/resources using**





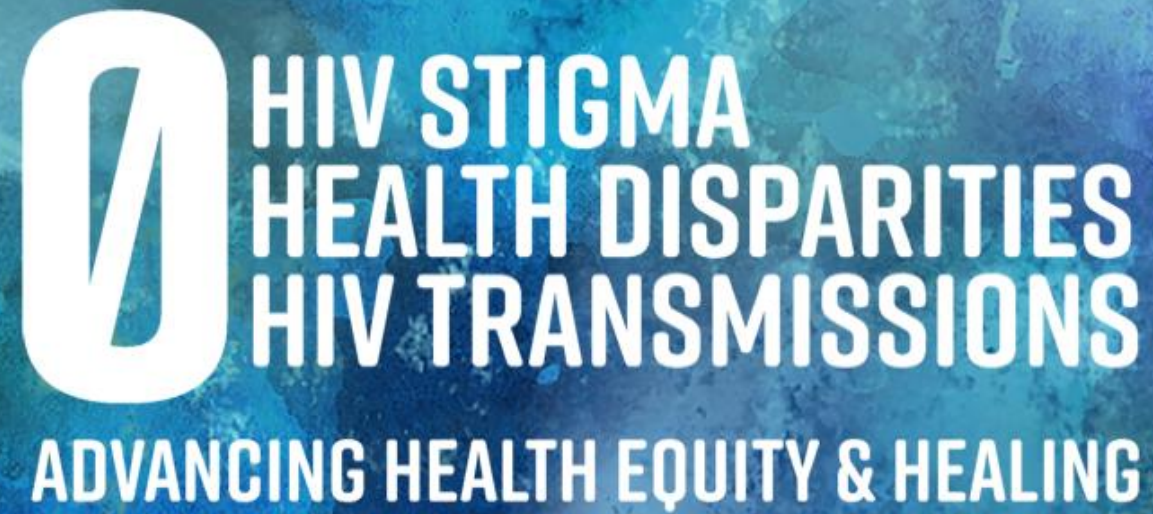
EAST BAY GETTING TO ZERO

The EBGTZ EHE Journey

Sami Lubega, MD
Interim Director, East Bay Getting to Zero
Oakland, CA

**Ending
the
HIV
Epidemic**





We bring diverse groups of people in the East Bay together to make HIV messages and services more accessible, equitable, and healing-centered.

Together, we work collaboratively on creative strategies to end the HIV epidemic and get to zero new HIV transmissions.



EBGTZ's History

2011

- Linkage & Retention Working Group

2017

- Fast Track Cities Community Forum
- HIV Prevention Working Group
- EBGTZ Volunteer Steering Committee





EBGTZ's History

2019

- Seed Funding & Fiscal Sponsorship
- Board of Supervisor Commendation

2020

- Funding to support Alameda County EHE 5-year Community-Driven Strategic Plan

2021

- Release & implementation of EBGTZ Strategic Plan

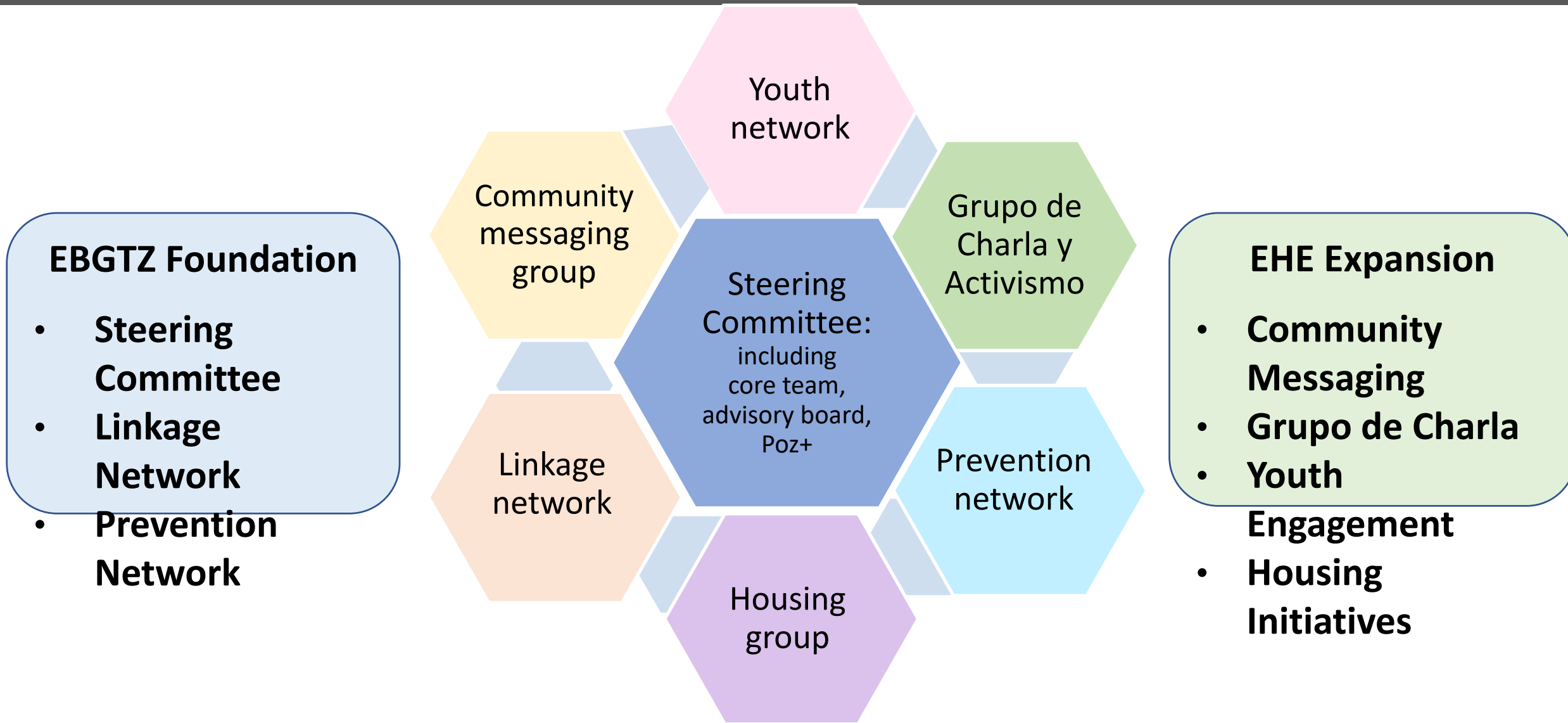


East Bay collaborators and supporters:

- Alameda Health Consortium
- Alameda Health System
- APEB (formerly AIDS Project of the East Bay)
- Asian Health Services/HCH510.ORG
- Bay Area North & Central Coast AETC
- CAL-PEP: California Prostitutes Education Project
- Contra Costa County Health Services
- EBAC: East Bay Advanced Care
- HIV ACCESS
- Lifelong Medical Care
- Oakland LGBTQ Community Center
- The Permanente Medical Group
- UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland
- WORLD: Women Organized to Respond to Life Threatening Diseases



EBGTZ's Structure





EBGTZ's Steering Committee

- **35** members
- **25** organizations – Public Health, Healthcare, CBO
- **61%** people of color
- **44%** LGBTQIA+
- **30%** living with HIV
- **13%** currently/previously on PrEP
- **39%** currently/previously received direct services
- **25-40%** lived experiences with: homelessness, lack of insurance, food insecurity, serious & persistent mental health conditions

CORE TEAM



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Council
Co-Chair



LISA RYAN
CAL-PEP
Executive Director



SALLY B. SLOME, MD
ex-officio member
(formerly) Director of HIV
Services and Chief of ID at Kaiser
East Bay



Core Values & Equity Focus

Core Values:

- People-first
- Anti-racist
- Sex positive
- Trauma-informed
- Healing-engaged
- Community-driven
- Data & science-driven
- Adaptive and resilient

Key Communities:

Race/Ethnicity:

People of color

Age:

Youth & Older Adults

Sexual Orientation & Gender

Identity:

MSM, Cis & Trans Women

Life Experience

**Drug use, incarceration,
homelessness, mental health
conditions, lack of insurance,**



EBGTZ's Strategic Plan Process

PROCESS TIMELINE

- **2019 to early 2020:** linkage and PrEP network meetings developing strategic themes
 - **September 11, 2020:** visioning workshop #1
 - **October 23, 2020:** writing workshop #2 on strategic activities
 - **November 13, 2020:** writing workshop #3 on strategic activities
 - **November 17, 2020:** conversación virtual de planeación estratégica
 - **December 4, 2020:** draft for community feedback at World AIDS Day event
 - **December-January 2021:** equity and key communities task force review
 - **January 2021:** ongoing feedback and integration of equity and key communities input
 - **February 10, 2021:** "living" plan in English shared widely
 - **February 19, 2021:** El Plan en Español shared widely
 - **November 2021:** Planning, discussions, [survey](#) created and feedback collection started to plan 2022 updates and activities.
 - **December 3, 2021:** 2021 updates shared and feedback requested at East Bay World AIDS Day event ([download slides](#)).
 - **January-February 2022:** Community accomplishments, surveys and polls on 2022 strategic activities, feedback and updates were integrated into the strategic plan, 2022 strategic priority activities added, and updated Alameda and Contra Costa County HIV epidemiology and equity/disparities data incorporated.
 - **February 9-24, 2022:** The [draft of the 2022 strategic plan update](#) was shared with the East Bay HIV network and open for feedback, comments, questions and revisions. The final review was completed by the [EBGTZ steering committee](#).
 - **February 24, 2022:** The [final strategic plan document in English with 2022 updates](#) was posted to this webpage and will be used to implement Ending the HIV Epidemic and Getting to Zero activities.
 - **March 31, 2022:** [El Plan Estratégico para acabar con el VIH del Este de la Bahía, 2021-2025, v.2022](#) was posted to this page and will be shared widely with the East Bay HIV network.
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EAST BAY HIV STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (2021-2025)

OUR MISSION IS ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY AND HEALING THROUGH:



COMMUNITY
MESSAGING



IMPROVING
COLLABORATIONS



INNOVATIVE
MODELS



YOUTH
ENGAGEMENT



HOUSING
INITIATIVES

Download the Strategic Plan: ebgtz.org/strategy

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COMMUNITY MESSAGING

- Determine messages that are inclusive and multilingual.
- Collaborate with local PLWH, youth, and other key cultural influencers.



IMPROVING COLLABORATIONS

- Build EBGZ.org to be an easy place to find local services, contacts, events, and resources.
- Strengthen warm hand-offs and rapid linkages to services.



INNOVATIVE MODELS

- "Test-everywhere," including at home and other non-clinical community settings.
- Integrate HIV and PrEP linkages into other services.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- Convene a regional youth and youth-serving provider network.
- Integrate youth-led community messaging.



HOUSING INITIATIVES

- Coordinate HIV and housing services and cross-train staff.
- Explore housing policy changes to increase safe and accessible housing.

Our core values of equity and healing include work that is people-first, trauma-informed, healing-engaged, anti-racist, sex positive, community-driven, data and science-driven, adaptive and resilient.

EAST BAY HIV STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES FOR 2022



COMMUNITY MESSAGING:

EAST BAE LOVE AND
SEXY LOTERIA
CAMPAIGNS

MURALS

TRANSIT ADS



IMPROVING COLLABORATIONS:

HIV SERVICES IN ED,
STREET/SHELTER, HOUSING
AND SUBSTANCE USE
SETTINGS

SUBSTANCE USE
OVERDOSE PREVENTION
AND SAFETY PLANS



INNOVATIVE MODELS:

HOME HIV/STD TESTING

MOBILE CLINIC WITH
HIV PREVENTION & CARE



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:

LOW-BARRIER
ACCESS TO CARE

SEX POSITIVE EDUCATION
IN OAKLAND SCHOOLS



HOUSING INITIATIVES:

HOUSING IOI
USER'S GUIDE

SHARE HOUSING
INFO ACROSS
AGENCIES

HIV/STD TESTING, RAPID ART, SAME-DAY PREP, INJECTABLE ART AND PREP ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE ACTIVITIES ABOVE.

Linkage Network: Improving Collaborations



Vision: A collaborative community of HIV service organizations, advocates and community members who work together on common goals and amplify each other's work.

Key Activities & Accomplishments:

- **Core Activity: Linkage & Retention workshops**
- **Year 1 project: East Bay Service Directory**
- **Year 2 project: Linkages with ER, unhoused, SUD communities**
- **Long term goal: Grant-funded partnerships among CBOs**



Service Directory

EBGTZ.org/services

★ 50 East Bay Direct-Service Organizations ★
Google maps and directions ★ keyword searches ★
★ live links ★ photo option

BY PRIMARY SERVICE

Refine Results:

Tip: use the dropdown to add multiple services

SEARCH SERVICES

Tip: separate multiple keywords with commas. For example: uninsured, trans, Spanish

42 services found.

PRINT OR PDF


















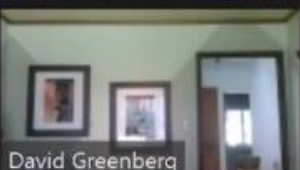









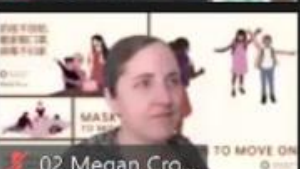


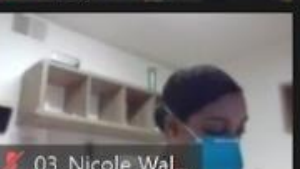



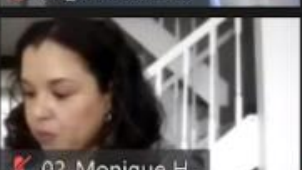
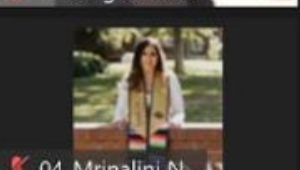
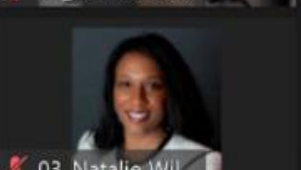





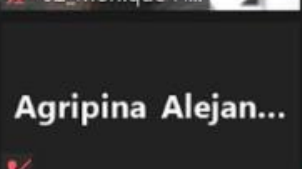
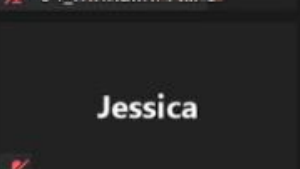
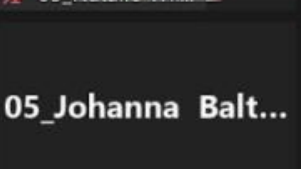
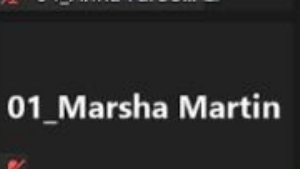

PHOTO	AGENCY & LOCATION	HIGHLIGHTED SERVICES	CONTACT	MORE INFO
	ALAMEDA HEALTH SYSTEM EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT Highland Hospital ED San Leandro Hospital ED Alameda Hospital ED	HIV and STD testing and same-day treatment, PrEP and PrEP, linkage to care	GetTested@alamedahealthsystem.org Direct line to ED HIV team: 510-437-8368	→
	ASIAN HEALTH SERVICES: HU MEDICAL CENTER 818 Webster St. Oakland, CA 94607 <i>Between 9th and 8th St. in Oakland Chinatown (3 additional locations: click for more info)</i> 1.06 miles away	Same-day access to HIV PrEP and care, HIV rapid testing, HIV PrEP, HIV PrEP, HIV treatment, medical case management	Call or text 510-572-4403 to reach a team member For non-urgent email inquires: HIV testing: testing@ahschc.org PrEP and PrEP: prep@ahschc.org HIV linkage: adap@ahschc.org	→
	GLENN BURKE WELLNESS CLINIC AT OAKLAND LGBTQ CENTER 3207 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland, CA 94610 <i>*Please use Rand Ave. entrance*</i> 2.84 miles away	HIV prevention, PrEP/PrEP, STI/HIV testing and treatment, case management and Linkage to care, housing subsidies, food assistance	Please call 510-882-2288	→
	HEPPAC (HIV EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROJECT OF ALAMEDA COUNTY)		Main contact for linkage & access to care: Denise Lopez, Harm Reduction Services	

How do we want to be when we come out of this pandemic?

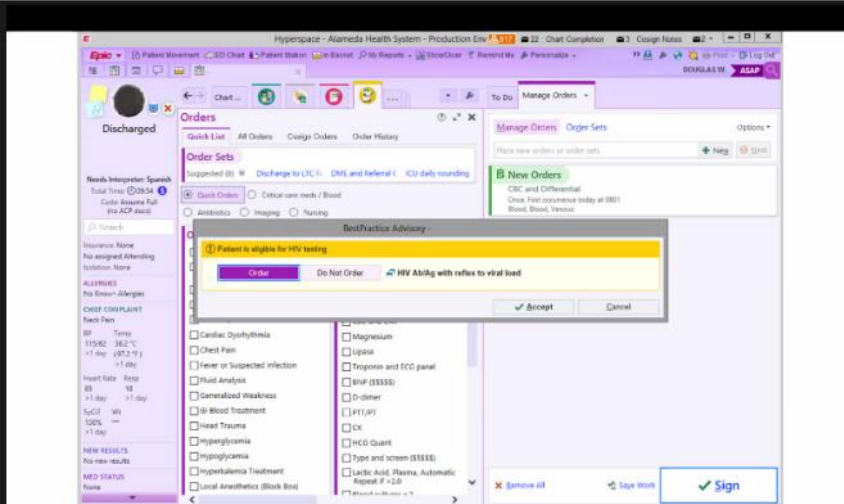




Improving Collaborations

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 03_Jamie Ngu...	 3_Leroy Blea (...)	 02 Pamela Cas...	 01_Ramon Jackso...	 01_Nahid Ebra...	 04_Ezra Bisom...	 04_Bajha Jord...	 Lorenzo Hinoj...
 Judy Eliachar	 David Greenberg	 02_Mentwab ...	 02_Kirsten Ster...	 02_Javier Sauc...	 01_Yamini (she...	 02_Cynthia Gu...	 03 Deborah W...
 Zackery Pittma...	 03 Joe Hawkin...	 03_Gina Gallit...	 02 Megan Cro...	 03_Leah Good...	 03_Shelley Sti...	 03_Nicole Wal...	 04_Lila Madrigal
 02_Barbara Gr...	 01-Manuela L...	 02_Monique H...	 04_Mrinalini N...	 03_Natalie Wil...	 04_Anna Faroo...	 4-JaDawn Wri...	 03_Allison Cole...
 Jesse Brooks	 Agripina Alejan...	 Jessica	 05_Johanna Balt...	 01_Marsha Martin	 05_Johanna B...	 05_Johanna B...	

Workshop on strengthening ED and substance use linkages



Bridge Program Services

- **Same-day** linkage to addiction care through our SUN Team
- **Scheduled and walk-in appointments Monday through Friday**
- Medical visits with an addiction medicine expert to provide **low-barrier access to medications for addiction treatment (MAT)**
- **HCV Treatment and PrEP**
- **Contingency Management** pilot program
- **Behavioral Health** services including our intensive outpatient treatment program with counselors, recovery groups, therapy, LCSW services, case management support, and more



62 people joined us online on August 5, 2021 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our linkage network and learn about HIV linkages from the Alameda Health System Emergency Department (ED) and support for people who use substances from the Bridge Clinic. We also shared cases, questions and strategies to strengthen ED and substance use linkages in small and large groups. Click below to download workshop materials, see the presentations and summary of strategies.

[DOWNLOAD THE STRATEGY SUMMARY \(PDF\)](#) [DOWNLOAD THE SLIDES \(PDF\)](#)

Watch a recording of the presentation on East Bay HIV linkages, Alameda Health Systems ED HIV testing and linkages, Bridge Clinic substance use services, and highlights of strategies shared in the breakout groups:

Ending the HIV Epidemic

Strengthening ED Linkages

Plus: Celebrating 10 years of Linkages!

August 5, 2021

Linkage and Retention Network 10th Anniversary

Workshop on strengthening Emergency Dept (ED) and substance use linkages

Thursday, August 5, 2021 * 2-3:30 pm

Strategies and best practices shared in breakout groups

General approach and creative ways of providing services

- Be creative, with above and beyond commitment and willingness to go beyond protocols.
- Integrate peers (people who have similar lived experiences) into the process.

Prevention Network: Innovative Models



Vision: Healing-centered, Integrated HIV prevention and care services, including rapid testing, same-day PrEP, and rapid ART

Key Activities:

- **Core Activity: “Test Everywhere” Strategy**
- **Year 1 project: Same-Day PrEP Pilot**
- **Year 2 project: Home testing & mobile clinic services**
- **Long-term goal: One Stop Shops for Healing Engaged LGBTQ+ care**



Innovative Models: Test Everywhere

Vision: Healing-centered, Integrated HIV prevention and care services, including rapid testing, same-day PrEP, and rapid ART

east BAE checklist ☒



Jana Sabar '21



Free & no contact testing
for Contra Costa residents
aged 17 years and older.

Get tested for:

- HIV
- Gonorrhea
- Chlamydia

The process takes less
than 1 hour.

We leave you a bag full of
condoms/lube!



To make an appointment call:
925-313-6117
or email: prepme@cchealth.org



Same Day PrEP Pilot



- 50 bottles of Truvada
- 3 FQHCs, 2 youth shelter-based clinics, 2 school health centers, 1 teen clinic
- Same-day PrEP assessment & dispensing of pills

Findings:

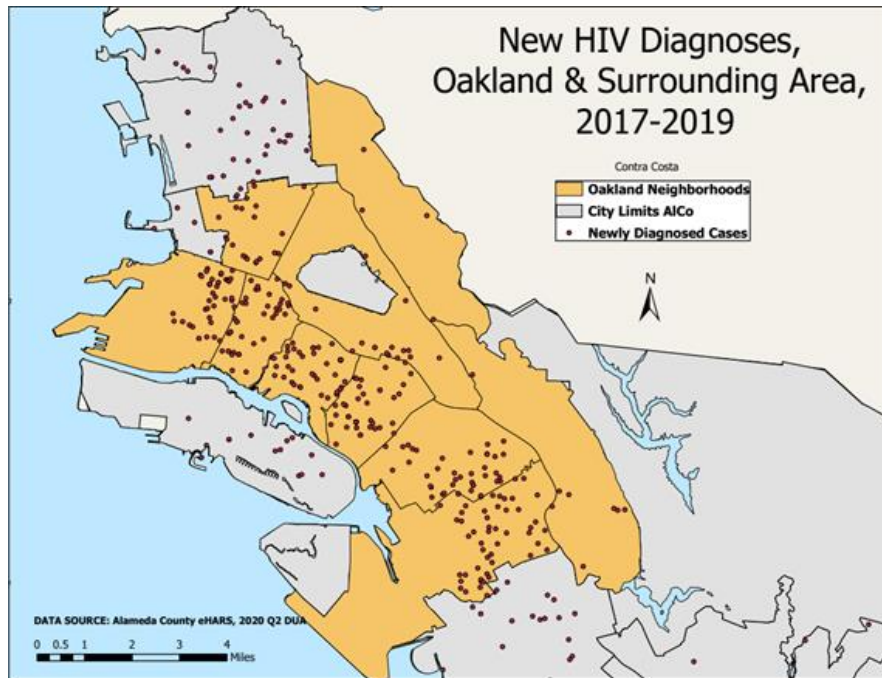
- 64% Youth, 79% Black/Latinx, 70% LGBTQ+, 36% cis women, 29% unhoused
- 62% uninsured/underinsured with nearly all qualifying for coverage
- **Structural barriers to access:** insurance eligibility assessment, awaiting reinstatement, medication coverage approval delays
- With affordability of generic F/TDF, equitable access for highly vulnerable populations is possible through free limited supplies of same-day PrEP

Innovative Models: One-Stop Shops

Vision: Healing-centered, integrated HIV prevention and care services, including rapid testing, same-day PrEP, and rapid ART

We Out here!

**HOPE: Healthy Outcomes for
People Everywhere**
Oakland-Based Status-Neutral
Mobile Health Clinic





JUDY ELIACHAR

AHIP Coordinator, Eden I&R
Housing working group facilitator,



ANGELA MOORE

Senior Housing Advocate, Hope
Solutions



Housing Working Group

Vision: Local housing agencies coordinate with HIV organizations to rapidly and flexibly support people with immediate shelter and housing needs. Housing and HIV agencies work together to increase the supply of permanent affordable and supportive housing.

Key Activities:

- Launched cross-county HIV housing working group & housing linkage workshop
- Created housing opportunities webpage
- **“Housing 101 User’s Guide”** to provide practical resources and steps to assess and apply for permanent and supportive housing.



EBGTZ's EHE Programs



POZ+ Group



JESSE BROOKS

AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Community Advocate



AGRIPINA CEJA

Poz Plus Group Facilitator, EBG TZ



JAMIE NGUYEN, PHARM D

Asian Health Services
HIV Program Coordinator

We are committed to:

- The PLWH voice in Alameda and Contra Costa's voice to end the epidemic
- Keeping PLWH front and center in any conversations about ending the epidemic

Our Priorities:

Create community messages with:

- content that is PLWH-centered and aims to reduce stigma
- content that sheds light on heterosexual-identifying PLWH
- content that sheds light on older PLWH



EHE Legacy Project: AIDS Memorial Garden



Community Messaging Campaign



Vision: An East Bay-specific campaign that includes multigenerational, multicultural and multilingual messaging that inspires hope and reaches across the scope of our communities.

Key elements:

- Community messaging working group – frontline workers & advocates LWH
- Sex-positive, destigmatizing, resilience-focused messages
- Collaboration with local artists & orgs
- Mixed media – digital & physical worlds



Community Engagement Strategy



COVID and HIV Updates

EBGTZ.org/COVID



Dear East Bay Getting to Zero community,

Please see the complete update on the [EBGTZ website](#) and highlights below. [Click here to download the PDF version.](#)

[Please click here to share feedback.](#)

Please join us for our next East Bay HIV Prevention Network Meeting is on **Friday, September 24th, from 11 am – 12:30 pm.** This meeting will focus on Youth Engagement. [Click here for more information.](#)



Please join us online for the **October 28 workshop on housing** and linkages for people experiencing unstable housing or homelessness. [Click here](#) to register and for more info.

Key East Bay COVID-19 updates

1. New vaccine requirements

- **Indoor public venues:** Contra Costa County announced a vaccine requirement for indoor restaurants, events and entertainment venues starting September 22. [SF and](#)



SELECT LANGUAGE ▾

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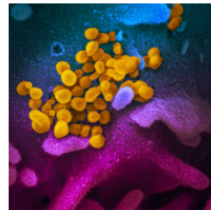
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COVID-19 AND HIV UPDATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER HERE



The SARS-CoV-2 virus (NIAID)

Below are East Bay COVID-19 and HIV community updates. This page is usually updated on first and third Wednesdays by [Sophy S. Wong, MD](#) and [Yamini Oseguera-Bhatnagar, MPH](#) with data and resources gathered from many collaborators. [Please click here to share feedback.](#)

VACCINES

TESTING

MASKS

GUIDANCE

SCHOOLS

STUDIES

ARCHIVES

Jump to:

- [Key East Bay COVID-19 updates](#)
- More on: [vaccines](#) | [requirements](#) | [prevention and testing](#) | [treatment](#)
- [Pandemic trends and local epi data](#)
- [Delta and other variants](#)
- [New HIV/STD studies](#)
- [HIV and COVID: vaccines for people living with HIV](#)
- [Disparities data](#)

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REDUCING THE RISK OF **COVID-19** WHEREVER YOU ARE

GET VAXXED AND WEAR A MASK FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE DELTA VARIANT!

OUTDOORS: LOWER RISK



Keep
>6 feet
distance

OR



Wear a mask
(especially
when crowded)

INDOORS: HIGH RISK



Wear a
double or
multilayer
mask



Keep
>6 feet
distance



Open
windows and
doors for
ventilation

REDUCIENDO EL RIESGO DE COVID-19 DONDE QUIERA QUE ESTÉS

¡VACÚNATE Y USA UN MASCARILLA PARA PROTECCIÓN CONTRA LA VARIANTE DELTA!

AFUERA: BAJO RIESGO



Mantenga
distancia
de >6'



Utiliza
cubre bocas
(especialmente en lugares
con mucha gente)

ADENTRO: ALTO RIESGO



Utiliza doble
cubre bocas



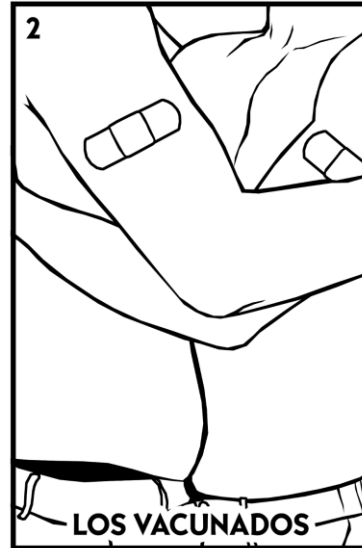
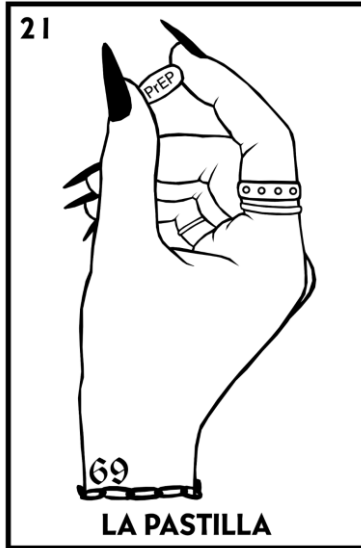
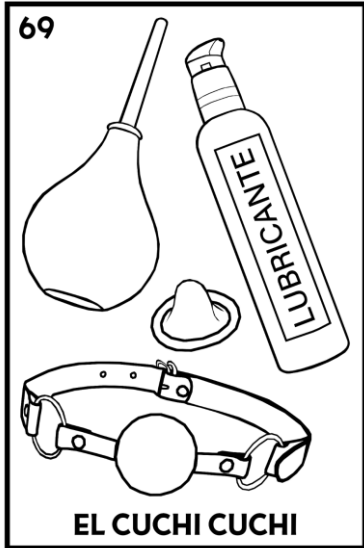
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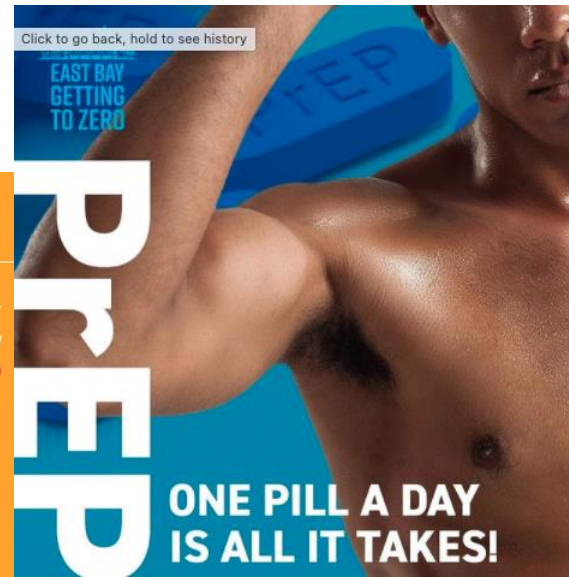
Community Messaging Content



East BAE Summer Checklist ☒



#EASTBAELOVE



WHAT IS SEXUAL HEALTH?

Sexual health is described as a person's physical, emotional, or spiritual attitude towards sexuality and sexual relationships. It **respects one's right** to have pleasurable and **safe** sexual experiences, **free** of force, discrimination and violence.

WHAT IS PREP AND WHERE DO I GET IT?

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (or PrEP) is a way for people who do not have HIV but who are at very high risk of getting HIV to **prevent HIV infection** by taking a pill every day. The pill contains two medicines that are used in combination with other medicines to treat HIV.

PrEP is available at a local community health clinic, teen clinic, or planned parenthood.



FREE

East Bay Getting to Zero Presents

DO YOU REALLY NEED A TIKTOK?

How to Leverage Your Organization's Social Media Presence for Community Impact.

Hosted by GSWT

Teja Foster

Segen Solomon

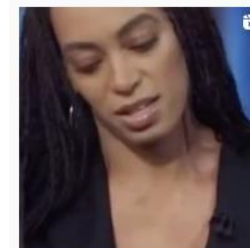
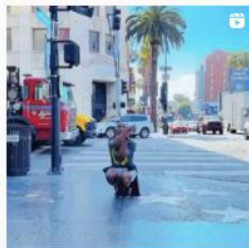
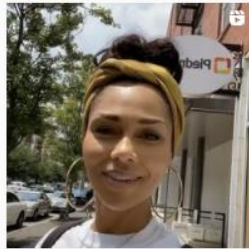
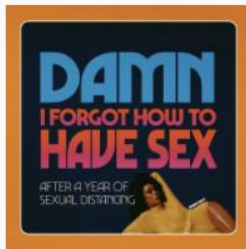
September 16th - 3:30pm- 5pm

RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/EBGTZ-SocialMedia101>

25 people to register will receive a Doordash gift card at arrival to the Zoom event.



Digital media content





Youth Engagement Group



RAMIREZ BROWN

EBGTZ

Community Education Intern

Youth Interns

Ramirez Brown

- NMAC Youth Initiative Scholar
- Youth Engagement Group Lead



GABRIEL JIMENEZ

EBGTZ

Community Education Intern

Gabriel Jimenez

- HIV Test Counselor at AHF
- Social Media Lead



EastBae.Love

We Out here!



East BAE Summer Checklist ☒



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Our merch in the world...



Grupo de Charla y Activismo



MOISÉS CRUZ JÁUREGUI

EBGTZ

Spanish Language Media
Consultant



MANUELA LOEBIG

Our priorities include:

- Community messages, meetings, & educational materials in Spanish
- Stigma reduction & sex positivity across diverse Latinx groups
- Networking and community building for Latinx PLWH

Our actions include:

- Monthly meetings
- Hosting Spanish language events



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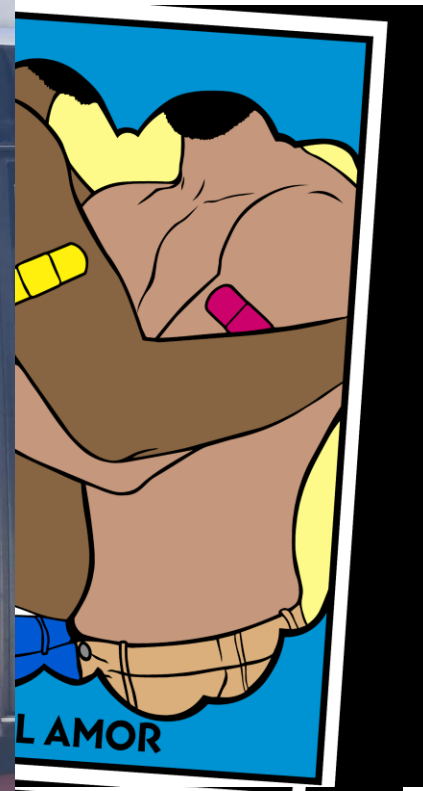
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Lessons Learned

- **PLWH Group: Centering the voices of those most impacted** keeps us focused on our mission
- **Strategic Plan: Investing deeply in community vision** allows us to be innovative and adaptive
- **Sustainable funding:** Seeking out and advocating for **long-term, sustainable funding** has allowed us to grow
- **Building Collaborations: relationships with other initiatives** keeps us connected & **maximizes our impact**



Thank you!

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End The Epidemics: Californians Mobilizing to End HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and Overdose

July 18, 2022

Ryan Clary
ETE Consultant

End the Epidemics: Background

- Founded in April 2018
- Initially HIV, HCV, STIs
- Centers racial justice
- Added viral hepatitis (HBV) and overdose in 2020
- 150 organizational members
- Partnership with California HIV/AIDS Policy Research Centers
- Initial goal: Urge the governor to convene a state level, cross department, and community driven task force to develop a strategic approach to end the epidemics
- Current focus: state budget/legislative/administrative and grassroots advocacy

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End the Epidemics: Mission

End The Epidemics advocates for anti-racist policies and funding priorities to eliminate health inequities among Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) while working collaboratively to end the syndemic of HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and overdose in California.

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SYNDEMIC

“A situation in which two or more interrelated biological factors work together to make a disease or health crisis worse. It is increasingly used in the context of the social determinants of health that drive syndemics”

- HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis, and overdose disproportionately impact many of the same communities
- Having an STI increases the likelihood of acquiring HIV
- HCV progresses faster and more than triples the risk for liver disease among people coinfecting with HIV and HCV
- Epidemics are driven by similar social and economic conditions
- Allows people to be treated as a whole person

Current Structure/Infrastructure

- Developed over time/continues to be work in progress
- Guided by (flexible) strategic plan
- Committees/working groups (open to all)
 - Organizing
 - Policy & Advocacy
 - Community Engagement
 - Communications
 - Racial Justice
- Each Working Group has two co-chairs, at least 50% BIPOC
- Paid consultant – project management, coordination, communications, strategic planning, major projects
- Communications: google group, monthly calls, website, social media
- Evaluations surveys twice per year
- In kind support

Impact: Public Policy

- Raised awareness of syndemic; strengthened partnerships among advocates/broke down silos
- Budget:
 - Increased funding for HCV, HIV, STIs, harm reduction services
- Administrative:
 - Partnered with California Department of Public Health re: integrated plan (HIV, HCV, STIs)
 - Increased access to quality care through Medi-Cal
- Legislation:
 - SB 258: Aging & HIV Act
 - SB 110: Contingency management
 - SB 306: Expansion of STI services
 - AB 1344: Reduce barriers to syringe services programs

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Impact: Community Engagement and Leadership Development

- Coalition member input to policy and advocacy priorities
- 2018 Consensus Statement
- Town Hall meetings
- Day/Week of Action – new leaders
- Developed new leaders in Working Groups
- Grassroots actions: petitions, district visits, etc.
- Informal networking/social opportunities
- Partner updates on monthly calls
- Upcoming Midwest Academy Training

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Impact: Racial Justice

- Working Group
 - 100% BIPOC leadership
- 50% BIPOC leadership in all committees/working groups
- Examine all policy/advocacy strategies and other activities through the racial justice lens
- Racial justice trainings
- Public facing documents include racial justice messaging



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Challenges/Lessons Learned

- HIV, viral hepatitis, STI, and harm reduction advocates work well and effectively together
- Resources and capacity
- Small group of people take on majority of the work – pressure to do more
- Incorporating wide range of policy/budget priorities
- Sustainability/diversifying funding sources
- Broad range of policy knowledge and skills
- Onboarding new members

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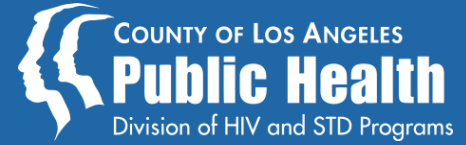
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Ending the HIV Epidemic in Los Angeles County: *Developing a Steering Committee as a Key Community Infrastructure*

EHE Regional Collaborative Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Julie Tolentino, MPH
Ending the HIV Epidemic Program Manager
Division of HIV and STD Programs

EHE Steering Committee Purpose & Planning



- **Purpose:** Lift up new voices and non-traditional partners representative of population living with and affected by HIV.



- **Committee Size:** Approximately 15-20 committee members.
- **Application:** Developed & released online application with a 2-week application period.
 - Distributed via traditional channels and new channels (listservs, individual stakeholders, etc.)



- Questions:
 - Contact info
 - Demographics (optional)
 - Subject matter expertise
 - Contributions made to advancing HIV-related strategies
 - Populations with lived experience or experience serving

EHE Steering Committee Selection & Meetings

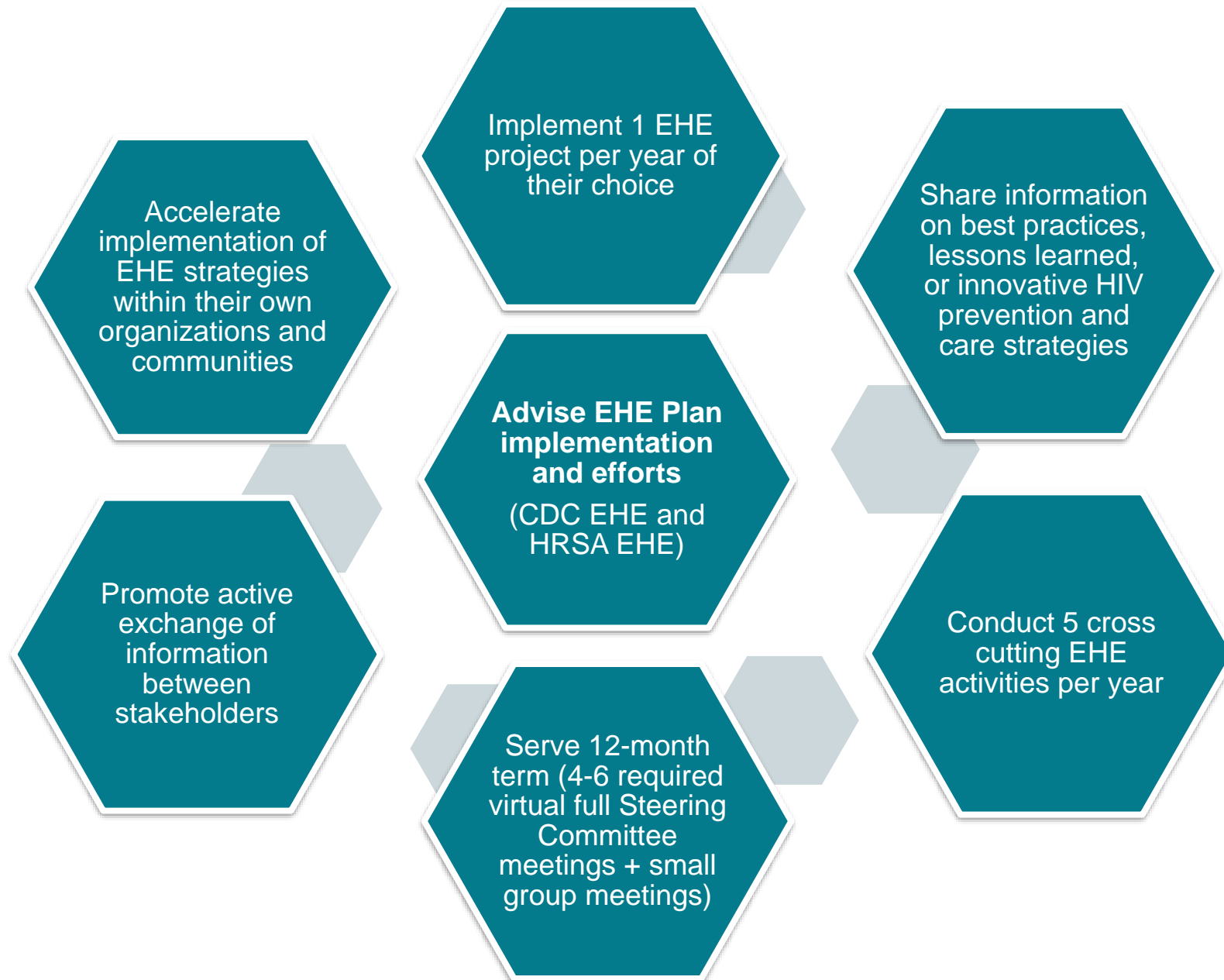


- **Review & Selection Process:** Developed standardized scoring tool for candidate analysis.
 - Created application review team (Division staff, DPH leadership, local Ryan White Planning Council staff).
 - Grouped applicants based on affiliation, i.e. organization representative, community member, etc.
 - Instituted 2 phase review process.
 - 17 applicants notified.



- **Meetings:** 16 meetings held to date.
 - First meeting held October 2020
 - Topics: EHE Plan, HIV testing, rapid linkage to care, PrEP/telePrEP, cluster detection, pilot programs (contingency management, evidence based interventions), etc.

EHE Steering Committee Roles & Responsibilities



EHE Steering Committee Members



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Biographical Sketches available on EHE website:

www.LACounty.HIV

Committee Member Highlight



Matthew Gray Brush, MPH

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- Joined the committee in 2020 after experience in LACDPH-ACDC/OBM
 - Advocating for the needs of and barriers facing trans people seeking affirming, HIV-related care
 - “Hard-to-reach populations” vs “Difficult-to-access services”
 - Diverse backgrounds; education, employment, and personal experiences
 - Unique speaking & knowledge-sharing opportunities
 - *UCLA Pathways program*, working with other areas of DPH
 - Efficacy & reach of the committee greatly improved; new partnerships & collaborations created
 - Considerations and recommendations for future disaster/infectious disease response efforts

Committee Member Highlight

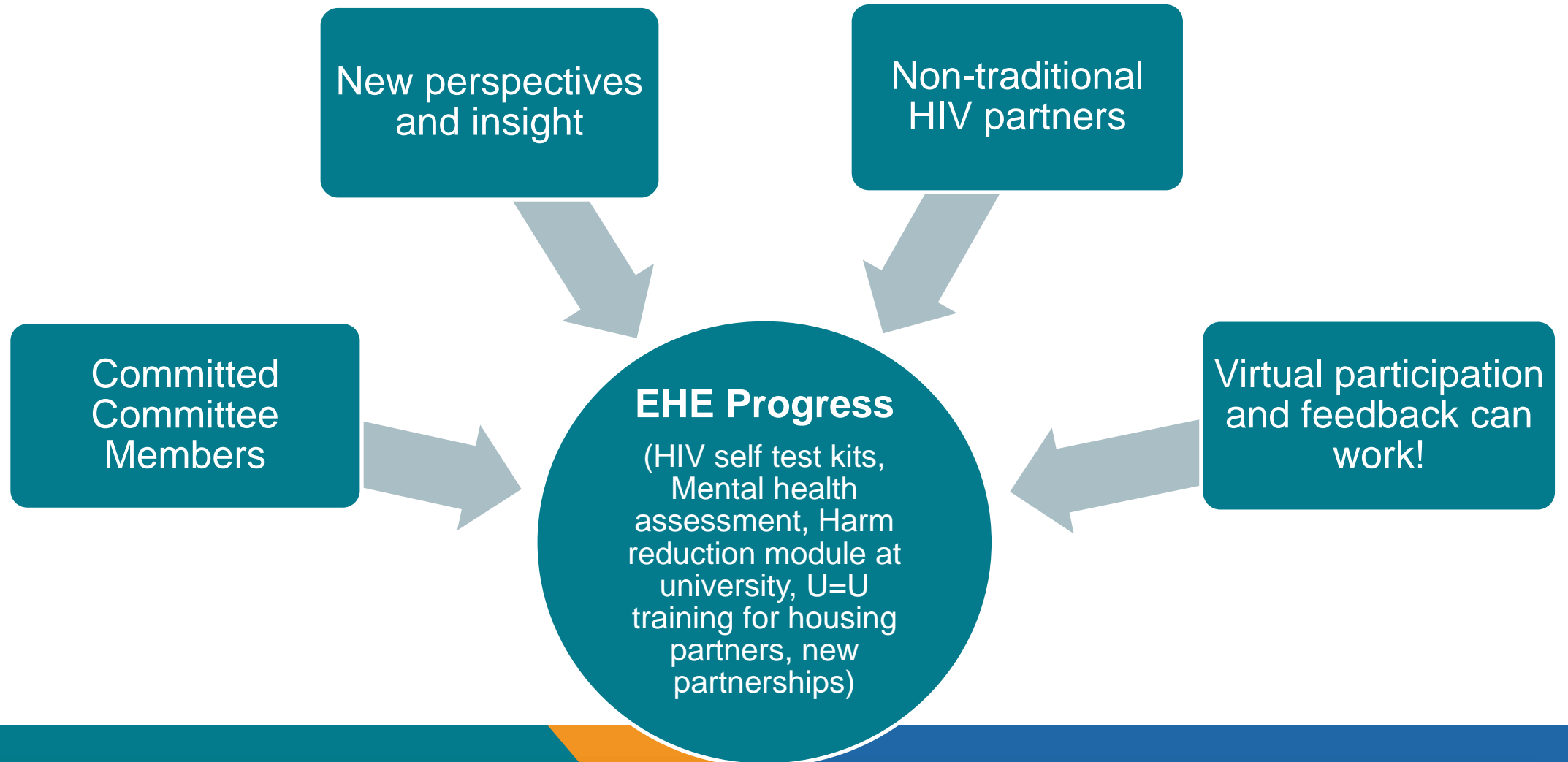


Ty Gaffney-Smith
Outreach Coordinator



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- Introduction
 - Experience as a Committee Member & why I joined
 - Effective elements to the infrastructure/Steering Committee as it relates to HIV or EHE progress
 - Successes and lessons learned in advancing EHE work through the Steering Committee

Successes and Lessons Learned



Thank you!

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