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A. Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan

1. Reducing New HIV infections

2010-2015 NHAS Goal: Reducing New HIV Infections				
2017-2021 State Objective 1: By 2021, reduce the number of new HIV infections by 10 percent				
Strategy 1: Intensify HIV prevention efforts in the communities where HIV is most heavily concentrated.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
Ongoing	Allocate CDC, HRSA and state funding consistent with the geographic distribution of the epidemic.	PLWH, MSM, IDU, High risk heterosexuals	Department of Health	Proportion of overall funding allocated to each Pennsylvania prevention and care jurisdiction
Ongoing	Focus prevention efforts/activities on high-risk populations	MSM, black and latino women and men, IDU, youth age 13-24, and transgender women	Department of Health, and CDC and state funded providers	HIV testing data Partner services data Linkage to care data Other prevention service utilization data
By the end of 2021	Refine Enhanced Health Promotion and Screening (EHPS) protocols which seek to expand HIV screening, including early detection of HIV in healthcare settings through routinizing opt-out testing at STD clinics, Community Health Centers, County Jails, State Corrections, youth detention/rehabilitation	High risk individuals Individuals unaware of their status	PA Expanded HIV Testing Initiative Department of Health Healthcare providers	Number of HIV tests performed Acceptance rates HIV positivity rate

	centers, emergency departments, and substance use treatment centers.			
Strategy 2: Expand efforts to prevent HIV infection using a combination of effective evidence-based approaches.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
By the end of 2021	Collaborate and integrate efforts with HIV and STD surveillance to ensure that clients are offered partner services, linked to care, and/or re-engaged in care if necessary.	PLWH	Surveillance unit Department of Health	Number of newly diagnosed Proportion of newly diagnosed linked to medical care Proportion of newly diagnosed linked to partner services Proportion of PLWH re-engaged to care
Ongoing	Use the revised Interim Policy Guidance for High Impact Prevention Activities to implement evidence-based prevention interventions for HIV-positive individuals and high risk negatives.	PLWH MSM IDU	CDC and state funded providers	Number of interventions funded Types of interventions funded
Ongoing	Incorporate condom distribution into all evidence-based HIV prevention interventions and strategies.	PLWH, MSM, IDU, High risk heterosexuals, general population	Department of Health CDC and state funded prevention providers	Number of condoms distributed
By 2021	Implement/replicate innovative HIV prevention interventions in targeted geographic areas that, in addition to HIV/STD testing, address a broad	MSM and transgender women of color ages 13-29	PA Department of Health HPCP	Number of interventions funded Number of individuals

	range of services such as behavioral health and other supportive services (e.g. housing, education, employment) which contribute to a reduction in HIV/STD incidence.			served
Strategy 3: Educate Pennsylvanians with easily accessible, scientifically accurate information about HIV risks, prevention, and transmission.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
Ongoing	Continue to support online outreach to build sexual health knowledge, refer to HIV testing and link to care where appropriate.	PLWH, MSM, IDU, High risk heterosexuals, general population	Department of Health HPCP	Number of web contacts Number of online referrals Number of web outreach events (e.g. blog posts, ads)
2017-2021 State Objective 2: Reduce the HIV transmission rate by 20 percent.				
Strategy 1: Intensify HIV prevention efforts in the communities where HIV is most heavily concentrated.				
Ongoing	Monitor the performance of individual testing sites; and in particular fee-for-service, non-healthcare testing sites to emphasize testing of high risk populations.	MSM IDU	Department of Health	Number of tests Proportion of high risk individuals tested HIV positivity rate
By the end of 2021	Identify and collaborate with regional PrEP clinics to enhance uptake and referrals.	MSM, IDU, High risk HIV negative individuals	CDC and State funded and prevention providers Department of Health	Number of clients referred to PrEP Number of clients receiving PrEP, (subject to data availability)
Strategy 2: Expand access to effective HIV prevention services, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)				

Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
By the end of 2021	Develop and implement a statewide coordinated plan to identify and expand resources, and promote increased use of PrEP	MSM, IDU, High risk HIV negative individuals	Department of Health	Number of clients referred to PrEP Number of clients receiving PrEP, (subject to data availability)
By the end of 2021	Leverage state funds to implement a Department supported PrEP program.	MSM, IDU, High risk HIV negative individuals	Department of Health	Number of providers funded Number of clients served
Strategy 3: Expand efforts to prevent HIV infection using a combination of effective evidence-based approaches.				
By the end of 2021	Expand efforts to identify acute HIV infections through the use of the most advanced testing technology available, including rapid tests.	High risk individuals Individuals unaware of their status	Department of Health CDC and state funded testing providers	Number of tests performed Number of engaged providers conducting routine testing Acceptance rates
Ongoing	Utilize case-specific monitoring processes to ensure that newly diagnosed HIV-positive individuals and previously diagnosed HIV positive individuals with a new STD are being linked to Partner Services and medical care in a timely manner.	PLWH	Department of Health	Ongoing
Strategy 3: Educate Pennsylvanians with easily accessible, scientifically accurate information about HIV risks, prevention, and transmission.				

By the end of 2021	Develop and update HIV related written materials.	PLWH, MSM, IDU, High risk heterosexuals, general population Healthcare and other (e.g. HIV testing) providers	Department of Health HPCP	Number of materials developed/updated Number of individuals/providers reached
Ongoing	Make current, scientifically accurate information available on Department of Health website, stophiv.com and via statewide health alerts	PLWH, MSM, IDU, High risk heterosexuals, general population. Healthcare and other (e.g. HIV testing) providers	Department of Health HPCP	Number of health alerts Number of individuals/providers reached

2010-2015 NHAS Goal: Increasing Access to Care and Improving Health Outcomes for PLWH				
2017-2021 State Objective 1: Increase the proportion of newly diagnosed patients linked to clinical care within three months of their HIV diagnosis by 20 percent.				
Strategy 1: Establish seamless systems to link people to care immediately after diagnosis, and support retention in care.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
Ongoing	Enhance collaboration and coordination across providers and across the continuum of care	PLWH	RW Part B providers RW Part C providers RW Part D providers Department of Health CMHDs HIV testing providers HIV prevention providers	Proportion of PLWH linked to care Proportion of PLWH retained in care Proportion of PLWH re-engaged to care
By the end of 2021	Work with the PA Department of Aging and its vendor to institute changes necessary to provide the SPBP program with the	PLWH	Department of Aging Department of Health	ART prescription VL suppression

	ability to extract claims data and enrollment data.			
Strategy 2: Increase the capacity of systems as well as the number and diversity of available providers of clinical care and related services for PLWH.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
By the end of 2021	Encourage and fund co-location of testing, HIV care and nonmedical services to facilitate timely linkage to care, especially in rural Pennsylvania.	PLWH	RW Part B Department of Health	Late HIV diagnosis Linkage to care
Ongoing	Collaborate with capacity building providers to improve the capacity of public health Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) to link and re-engage PLWH in care	DIS	Department of Health	Number of trainings provided
By the end of 2021	Collaborate with the Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Center (MAAETC) to expand HIV curricula for health care providers to strengthen current HIV provider workforce capacity to ensure access to and quality care.	Health care providers HIV providers	Department of Health MAAETC	Number of newly developed curricula Number of trainings provided
Strategy 3: Support comprehensive, coordinated, patient-centered care for PLWH.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
Ongoing	Enhance collaboration and coordination across providers and across the continuum of care by co-locating RWHAP Part B and C services.	PLWH	RW Part B providers RW Part C providers Department of Health	Retention in care
Ongoing	Support activities that partner RW providers with local social service agencies.	PLWH	RW Part B providers RW Part C providers Department of Health	Retention in care

Ongoing	Coordinate with providers to assure access to housing, other basic needs and other supportive services for persons living with HIV.	PLWH	RW Part B providers RW Part C providers Department of Health	Retention in care
2017-2021 State Objective 2: Increase the proportion of RWHAP clients who are in continuous care by 5 percent.				
Strategy 1: Establish seamless systems to link people to care immediately after diagnosis, and support retention in care.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
Ongoing	Utilize case-specific monitoring processes to ensure that newly diagnosed HIV-positive individuals are being linked to Partner Services and linked to medical care in a timely manner.	Newly diagnosed	Department of Health	Linkage to care
By the end of 2021	Implement a data sharing agreement between the Part C and D providers and the Department to enable enhanced identification and development of strategies to re-engage individuals who are out of care.	PLWH who are lost to care	RW Part C providers RW Part D providers Department of Health	Retention in care
Strategy 2: Increase the capacity of systems as well as the number and diversity of available providers of clinical care and related services for PLWH.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
Ongoing	Promote partner services to private providers through the development of educational materials.	Healthcare providers	Department of Health	Proportion of individuals diagnosed in private providers who are linked to partner services. HIV positivity rate

By the end of 2021	Operationalize an expanded insurance program to assist clients with payments for insurance premiums for plans purchased through the marketplace.	PLWH	Department of Health	ART Retention in care
Strategy 3: Support comprehensive, coordinated, patient-centered care for PLWH.				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
By the end of 2021	Encourage and fund co-location of testing, HIV care and nonmedical services to facilitate timely linkage to care, especially in rural Pennsylvania.	PLWH, MSM, IDU, High risk heterosexuals, general population.	RW Part B RW Part C Department of Health	Late HIV diagnosis Linkage to care
By the end of 2021	Introduce a health literacy program to give clients the ability to engage with health care providers in meaningful discussion, self-advocate in an effective manner and appreciate the importance of adhering to individual treatment plans.	PLWH	Department of Health	VL suppression

2010-2015 NHAS Goal: Reducing HIV related Disparities and Health Inequities				
2017-2021 State Objective 1: Increase the proportion of HIV diagnosed MSM with undetectable viral load by 20%.				
Strategy 1: Adopt structural approaches to reduce HIV infections and improve health outcomes in high-risk communities				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
By the end of 2021	Advocate for the revision of the Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic (DDC) Act, Act of 1972, P.L. 233, No. 64 to decriminalize syringe access.	MSM/IDU	Department of Health HIV Planning Group Stakeholders	
By the end of 2021	Advocate for the revision of statutes that allow for criminal prosecution based on HIV status.		Department of Health HIV Planning Group Stakeholders	
Strategy 2: Reduce stigma and eliminate discrimination associated with HIV status				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators

By the end of 2021	Utilize social marketing media to reduce HIV stigma and reach high risk MSM.	MSM	HPCP	Linkage to care
By the end of 2021	Include in site visits of funded providers: compliance with relevant provisions of HIPAA, and provide technical assistance to providers with regard to requirements to care for PLWH, in compliance with Federal nondiscrimination laws.		Department of Health	
Strategy 3: Reduce HIV-related disparities in communities at high risk for HIV infection				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
By the end of 2021	Monitor the performance of individual testing sites; and in particular fee-for-service, non-healthcare testing sites to emphasize testing of high risk populations.	MSM IDU	Department of Health	HIV positivity rate
2017-2021 State Objective 2: Increase the proportion of HIV diagnosed Blacks with undetectable viral load by 20%.				
Strategy 1: Adopt structural approaches to reduce HIV infections and improve health outcomes in high-risk communities				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
	Coordinate discharge of incarcerated individuals between corrections facilities and the SPBP to ensure access and adherence to medications.	Newly released PLWH	County corrections Department of Health	Retention in care ART prescription
By the end of 2021	Advocate for revisions to Pennsylvania's reporting regulations for the inclusion of requirements to report all CD4 and Viral Load tests.		Department of Health HIV Planning Group	VL suppression
Strategy 2: Reduce stigma and eliminate discrimination associated with HIV status				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
Ongoing	Utilize social marketing media to reduce stigma and reach high risk Blacks or	BMSM	HPCP	Linkage to care

	those lost to care.			
	Replicate Project Silk in applicable geographic areas.	YBMSM and TG	HPCP	
Strategy 3: Reduce HIV-related disparities in communities at high risk for HIV infection				
Timeframe	Activity	Target Population	Responsible Parties	Data Indicators
By the end of 2021	Convene roundtable discussions to highlight the relevance of the intersecting issues of HIV and the Black community.	BMSM	HPCP	
By the end of 2021	Expand the number of participating providers conducting MAI activities.	Minorities living with HIV	Department of Health	Linkage to care Retention in care