

Ending the Epidemic/Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Planning Body
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PREVENTION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Noon, Tuesday, February 13, 2024—This first meeting is virtual only

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8899837982>

Meeting ID: 889 983 7982

Or, join by telephone at: 346 248-7799

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| I. | Welcome | Shawn Flintroy and
Beatriz Rivera, Co-Chairs |
| | A. State who will facilitate today's meeting | |
| | B. Introductions | |
| II. | Brief Description of the EHE/Integrated Plan | Tori Williams, Director
Ryan White Office of Support |
| III. | Roles, Responsibilities & Overall Process | Tori Williams |
| | A. Co-Chairs, Staff & Leadership Team | |
| | B. Members of Data and Evaluation Committees | |
| | C. Process for 2024: | |
| | ➤ Review the goals | |
| | ➤ Add members? | |
| | ➤ Use former Task Force membership lists? | |
| | ➤ Create inventory of resources related to the goals,
especially mainstream resources | |
| | ➤ Justify editing or giving goals away | |
| | ➤ Educate, educate, educate (data, speakers & more) | |
| | ➤ After much education, take action | |
| | D. Document progress for Leadership Team (see next page) | |
| IV. | Review Goals | Shawn Flintroy and
Beatriz Rivera, Co-Chairs |
| V. | Assign Tasks & Set Date for Next Meeting | Shawn Flintroy and
Beatriz Rivera, Co-Chairs |
| VI. | Adjourn | |

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NEXT MEETING DATE: _____

SUMMARY OF MEETING (over if more space is needed):

DECISIONS MADE & TASK ASSIGNMENTS:

Submitted by: _____
Ama Williams, Staff Member

Date: _____

Prevention and Policy Committee

Goal 3B: Achieve 50% reduction in new HIV cases.

Goal 3B.1: Integrate a status neutral approach in HIV prevention services by utilizing proven interventions to reduce new cases.

Key Activities:

- Develop a continuum of care for those utilizing prevention care services.
- Establish prevention navigators with lived experience of the priority populations to assist engagement and “re”engagement in prevention services.
- Offer and advocate for ongoing ancillary support options routinely offered during initial engagement.
- Tailor proven behavioral, biomedical, and structural interventions, public health strategies, and social marketing campaigns from the Compendium of Evidence-based Interventions and Best Practices for HIV Prevention to the needs of Houston/Harris County.

Goal 3B.2: Improve accessibility, information sharing, and monitoring of PrEP.

Key Activities:

- Increase access to PrEP clinical services by integrating PrEP/nPEP into routine services at HHD Health Centers.
- Collaborate with medical providers in other specialties to integrate PrEP into routine preventative healthcare.
- Expand PrEP services and hours to increase access including mobile, telehealth (e.g., Mistr, Sistr and Q Care Plus), and non-traditional settings. Expand access to same-day PrEP for persons HIV negative by providing a 30-day starter pack; utilize non-traditional settings (e.g., faith-based organizations).
- Develop purposeful non-stigmatizing awareness messaging that normalizes PrEP and nPEP conversations with care teams.
- Create a PrEP Network information hub to help understand community practices and address challenges.
- Collaborate with local CBOs to develop a 24-hour nPEP hotline and Center of Excellence.
- Develop method of monitoring and reporting PrEP and a Continuum of Care.

Goal 3B.3: Address social determinants through a multi-level approach that reduces new cases and sustains health equity.

Key Activities:

- Increase service provider knowledge and capability to assess those in need of ancillary services.
- Provide funded organizations with payment points for linking people to PrEP, keeping appointments, and then linking people on PrEP to housing, transportation, food assistance, and other supportive services.

- Develop mental health and substance use campaigns to support self-efficacy/resiliency.
- Health departments partner more with colleges and school districts, Bureau of Adolescent Health to create a tailored strategic plan that better engages adolescent Houstonians/ Harris Countians.
- Revitalize the Youth Task Force and seek funding for adolescent focused initiatives.
- Engage healthcare programs regarding inclusion of all HIV prevention strategies in their curriculums to educate future practitioners (e.g., medical, nurse practitioner, nursing, and other healthcare programs).
- Reduce stigma and increase knowledge and awareness of PrEP and TasP through a biannual inclusive public health campaign focused on all populations.
- Train the workforce on a patient-centered (i.e., status neutral and trauma informed) prevention approaches to build a quality care system.

Goal 3C:

Gather data from SIRR (Serving the Incarcerated and Recently Released Coalition) members, people returning from incarceration, subject matter experts, pharmacists, and case managers related to policies both for and against condom distribution in jails and prisons and synthesize information into a consensus decision. Also, gather information from Texas Strike Force, HIV advocacy groups, and HINAC (HIV Is Not a Crime) related to making Texas a Medicaid expansion state to increase access to more comprehensive medical care and treatment for people aging with HIV and create a consensus decision.

Key Activities:

- *After reviewing documentation both for and against condom distribution, consider supporting condom distribution in Texas jails and prisons.*
 - *Educate public officials in Texas on the benefits of condom distribution and encourage modification of governmental policies that create access barriers to this effective HIV prevention information and tool.*