

**California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS
Report to San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council
August 2016**

Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero: California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention and Care Plan

- A draft of the California Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care (CIP) and sections of the California Needs Assessment for HIV (CNA) were released on July 27, 2016, seeking input from community stakeholders. **Feedback will be collected until 4 p.m. on Friday, August 5th and can be submitted to this email: OfficeofAIDS@cdph.ca.gov.** Feedback received during this time will allow OA to incorporate feedback into subsequent drafts.
- Work continues on the CNA. The sections are being sent to subject matter experts and Part A Co-authors as the parts are completed. Currently, the Background, Methods, Resources Inventory, Routine Opt-Out HIV Testing Brief, and PrEP Brief are undergoing review. The other sections of the CNA are forthcoming.
- OA communicates regularly with Part A Co-authors and they are keeping their community planning councils apprised of CNA-related activities.
- A third Ryan White Part-A/B grantees teleconference regarding integrated plan and needs assessment progress and activities in all jurisdictions is being held August 3rd.

Ryan White (RW) Part B: AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- ADAP Management Memo 2016-14 was disseminated on July 11, 2016, to ADAP Enrollment Workers (EWs) and Coordinators to inform the EWs that starting July 2016, ADAP staff will begin conducting new enrollment worker trainings. The training will be held online via WebEx. The management memo provides dates and times for the training and instruction for how to register for the training.
- ADAP Management Memo 2016-15 was disseminated on July 20, 2016, to ADAP EWs and Coordinators to inform the EWs and Coordinators that the State Enacted Budget includes the following changes for ADAP: 1) Removes the ADAP monthly co-payment obligation requirement; 2) Allows the Office of AIDS,

Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) program to pay health insurance premiums and medical out-of-pocket costs for all ADAP clients, including those with employer-based health coverage; and 3) Establishes a pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) affordability program.

ADAP Management Memos are available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OAADAPMM.aspx.

AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program (MCWP)

- The 2017 – 2021 Waiver Renewal Application (Application) has been updated with public comment feedback and was submitted to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Long Term Care Division on July 1st. The Application is currently under review at DHCS. Once approved, the Application will be submitted to the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for final review and approval.
- Beginning in August 2016, the MCWP staff will initiate monthly phone calls with all local AIDS Waiver agencies. The purpose of these calls is to impart important program or policy updates to all AIDS Waiver agency staff and to address any questions or concerns regarding the updates.
- MCWP staff completed 7 out of 12 planned Program Compliance Reviews (PCRs) for the 2016 calendar year and have started planning next year's PCR schedule.

HIV Prevention

The Expanded HIV Testing Program is planning to convene its first *Routine HIV Testing in Jails: A Network of Opportunity* for its funded Category A and Category B jurisdictions that are testing in jail settings. The date is set for September 1-2, 2016, in San Diego. The purpose of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for jail programs to share information on the work they are doing in jail settings, to network with other programs, discover ways to collaborate on strengthening HIV services, and to hear about other jail testing programs. Workshop participants are county public health departments funded by OA through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant PS12-1201: Comprehensive HIV Prevention Programs for Health Departments. There is a limited number of spaces available for non-Category A and B funded jail testing program staff. For additional information and/or to register, please contact Jen Rohde-Budz at jen.rohde-budz@cdph.ca.gov.

Surveillance, Research, and Evaluation

The unmet need analysis for Ryan White Part A grantees was completed and shared with all grantees on July 27, 2016. The unmet need analysis examines the care status of all persons living with HIV in the Part A jurisdictions using surveillance, AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES), and ADAP data and is used by Part As for the Ryan White grant applications.

California Planning Group (CPG)

The CPG will have an in-person meeting on October 11-13, 2016, in Los Angeles. The meeting is open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comment. Information about the meeting and the public comment opportunity will be available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OACPG.aspx.

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