

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA)  
Monthly Report  
June 2018**

This report is organized to align the updates with Strategies from the *Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero: California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan* (Integrated Plan). The Integrated Plan is available on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP\\_2016\\_Final.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP_2016_Final.pdf).

**Strategy A: Improve Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Utilization**

**Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)**

- On May 8, May 14, and May 21, OA reached out to nine enrollment sites informing them of their PrEP-AP go-live dates for enrolling uninsured clients in the PrEP-AP. These sites have met the implementation criteria communicated in Management Memorandum 2018-01: Implementation Plan for Phase One (Uninsured Clients) of the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP). Sites were provided with a PrEP-AP Enrollment Site Approval Letter and resources to assist the enrollment site in enrolling applicants. The Management Memorandum is available on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/2018-01%20PrEP-AP%20Implementation%20Plan.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/2018-01%20PrEP-AP%20Implementation%20Plan.pdf).
- On May 18, all enrollment workers received Management Memorandum 2018-17: Announcement of Go-Live Date for Phase Two (Insured) of the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP). The go-live date for phase two of the PrEP-AP is June 14, 2018, and will expand services to individuals with insurance, including those with Medicare. As of May 30, 113 enrollment sites have been activated in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Enrollment System (AES) to perform PrEP-AP enrollment. The Management Memorandum is available on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/2018-17%20PrEP-AP%20Go-Live%20Date%20for%20Phase%202.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/2018-17%20PrEP-AP%20Go-Live%20Date%20for%20Phase%202.pdf).
- In preparation for the release of phase two of the PrEP-AP, OA conducted training sessions on June 7 and 8, dedicated to enrolling insured individuals in the PrEP-AP. Session 2 of the New Enrollment Worker Training, taking place on June 14, will have a consolidated PrEP-AP policy training, which will encompass both the uninsured and insured policies. Enrollment workers, who have not taken

the training to enroll uninsured individuals in the PrEP-AP or would like a refresher, are encouraged to attend session 2 of the New Enrollment Worker Training.

- The OA webpage will be updated by June 14, to include tools to assist enrollment workers in enrolling insured clients in the PrEP-AP. These resources, along with job aids and policy documents, will also be uploaded to the ADAP Enrollment Worker SharePoint.
- As of May 30, OA has executed 16 contracts covering a total of 27 clinics who currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider Network:

Clinical Provider Name	County	# of clinics on contract
Primary Care at Home, Inc.	Alameda	1
Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo	Imperial	4
Kern County Department of Public Health	Kern	1
Dignity Health - St. Mary's Medical Center	Los Angeles	1
APLA Health & Wellness	Los Angeles	2
Watts Healthcare Corporation	Los Angeles	1
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles	1
Vista Community Clinic	Oceanside	1
Desert AIDS Project, Inc.	Riverside	1
One Community Health	Sacramento	1
San Ysidro Health	San Diego	2
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco	1
UCSF 360 Positive Care	San Francisco	1
HealthRIGHT360	San Francisco	4
Santa Rosa Community Health Center	Sonoma	1
West County Health Centers	Sonoma	4

### **Strategy E: Improve Retention in Care**

#### **Access, Adherence, and Navigation Program**

- Access and Adherence Navigators are focused on providing ADAP clients who are not virally suppressed with resources to help achieve and maintain viral suppression.

- Access and Adherence Navigators are also proactively enrolling clients that qualify for special enrollment periods, into comprehensive health coverage and the Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Program or Medicare Part D Premium Payment (MDPP) Program, if applicable.

### **Strategy G: Improve Availability of HIV Care**

- Proposed Regulations – During the California Planning Group meeting on May 31, the HIV Care Program (HCP) presented information and gathered feedback on proposed regulations to establish financial eligibility for Part B clients statewide. The Ryan White legislation states that the State must define “low-income” for all Part B clients. HCP is working on regulations that will align the income eligibility for HCP clients with that of ADAP. Currently Health and Safety Code 120960 defines ADAP’s income eligibility as clients with modified adjusted gross income, which does not exceed 500 percent of the federal poverty level per year based on family size, and household income. The process for new regulations takes over year and will include a formal public comment period. HCP leadership will communicate with HCP providers throughout the process and plan accordingly. The implementation date for this change is anticipated for April 1, 2019.

Feedback may be submitted prior to the public comment period by emailing Marjorie Katz at [Marjorie.Katz@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Marjorie.Katz@cdph.ca.gov).

### **Strategy K: Increase and Improve HIV Prevention and Support Services for People Who Use Drugs**

- OA is pleased to announce that the Northern Sierra Harm Reduction Program of the Plumas County Public Health Agency was authorized to provide syringe services beginning May 8, 2018. The program will provide syringe services at community resource centers in Quincy, Portola, and Chester, along with limited home delivery services for people unable to access the resource centers.
- On June 4, 2018, an application from Harm Reduction Services (HRS) in Sacramento (Safe Points Needle Exchange) for authorization to provide syringe services was posted for public comment. HRS has been delivering harm reduction services in Sacramento County since 1993, and has been authorized since 2007 to provide syringe services within the City of Sacramento through three fixed site locations and two mobile health units. HRS is seeking CDPH authorization to provide these services throughout Sacramento County through continuing their current model of both fixed site and mobile syringe access and disposal.

The public comment period will close on September 2, 2018. Public comments may be sent to [SEPApplication@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:SEPApplication@cdph.ca.gov).

### **Strategy M: Improve Usability of Collected Data**

- The HIV/AIDS adult case report form (ACRF) in the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) is currently being tested in the CalREDIE pre-production environment, and testing procedures for database extraction and importation continue. When this process is complete, the ACRF will be transitioned to the CalREDIE production environment and the rollout phase will begin. The rollout will occur in phases over an approximately five-month period. Training is expected to begin in mid-July. More detailed information will be shared as it is available.
- New fact sheets, “The California Continuum of HIV Care” for 2015 and 2016 are now available on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA\\_case\\_surveillance\\_reports.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_case_surveillance_reports.aspx). These fact sheets describe the continuum of care, including viral suppression rates, for people living with diagnosed HIV in California.

### **Strategy N: Enhance Collaborations and Community Involvement**

- On May 30, 2018, OA hosted a statewide “Getting to Zero” Community Meeting to update the community regarding the work done to date on the *Laying the Foundation for Getting to Zero Plan*, including presenting baseline data for each of the 12 plan objectives, and highlighting work being done by CDPH, OA and other state agencies including the Department of Health Care Services, California Correctional Health Care Services, the Department of Education, and the CDPH Division of Binational Border Health. Local and community activities were also highlighted including work by the HIV Alliance, Desert AIDS Project, Rapid linkage to AntiRetroviral Therapy at Family Health Centers of San Diego, and work being done by Kaiser Permanente of Northern California and regional work being done between Alameda, Contra Costa, and other Bay Area counties. Phill Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Black AIDS Institute, shared a motivating reflection reminding participants that getting to zero will require mentoring the next generation of HIV leaders and addressing the health disparities that leave some communities impacted by HIV more significantly than others. In the afternoon, the 140 participants broke up into small groups and provided input on the challenges and facilitators to addressing the 12 plan objectives, and recommending next steps to continue progress toward getting to zero. A summary of the community input is being developed and will be distributed when complete.

- An in-person California Planning Group (CPG) meeting was held in Berkeley on May 31-June 1, 2018. OA staff provided updates to the CPG on work being done related to the Plan and asked for CPG feedback specific to PS18-1802 Integrated Prevention and Surveillance Grant, Project PrIDE, Financial Eligibility for the HCP, Terminology for Surveillance and other OA Reports, Minority AIDS Initiative, and Migrant Health Project. Additionally, there were presentations on the Project Trans Research-Informed Communities United in Mobilization for the Prevention of HIV (TRIUMPH) and the HCP Food Access Pilot Project. CPG members and subject matter experts also had opportunities to share updates related to the four goals of the Plan. Following adjournment of the meeting, two post-meetings were held. One meeting was for nominated members for information sharing. The other was a youth viral suppression meeting conducted by the OA Ryan White Part B Clinical Quality Management Nurse, in which the younger CPG members provided feedback on issues related to improving viral suppression among youth.

Presentation slides and meeting notes from the meeting are available by request. Requests can be made by sending an email to [cpg@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:cpg@cdph.ca.gov).

### **General OA Updates**

- The deadline for current Ryan White Part B contractors to request additional Ryan White Part B funding (X07, MAI, and X08) is Wednesday, June 13, 2018, by 5:00 p.m. A webinar for current Ryan White Part B contractors was held on May 24. Requests for additional information may be sent to Marjorie Katz at [Marjorie.Katz@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Marjorie.Katz@cdph.ca.gov) or Guadalupe Morimune at [Guadalupe.Morimune@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Guadalupe.Morimune@cdph.ca.gov).
- OA is currently recruiting for a Health Program Manager (HPM) III to fill our vacant Prevention Branch Chief position. The Prevention Branch funds initiatives to assist local health departments and other HIV service providers to implement effective HIV detection and prevention programs. Interested candidates can find out more about this job vacancy and apply for the job on the CalCareers website at <https://jobs.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlId=113005>.

To apply for the Staff Services Manager (SSM) III examination (which is being used for the HPM III position), please visit the CalCareers website at <https://jobs.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Exams/Bulletin.aspx?examCD=9PB17>.

The application deadline is June 19, 2018. Questions may be sent to Brian Lew at [Brian.Lew@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.Lew@cdph.ca.gov).

- OA is also currently recruiting for a Public Health Medical Administrator I to fill the vacant ADAP and Care Evaluation and Informatics Branch Chief position. The OA ADAP and Care Evaluation and Informatics Branch maintains and uses multiple complex data systems and databases to analyze HIV-related information in order to evaluate and improve HIV services throughout California. Interested candidates can find out more about this job vacancy and apply for the job on the CalCareers website at [www.jobs.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlId=113569](http://www.jobs.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlId=113569).

To confirm minimum qualifications for the PHMA I are met, please visit the CalCareers website at [www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/Pages/7674.aspx](http://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/Pages/7674.aspx).

The application deadline is July 18, 2018. Questions may be sent to Dr. Juliana Grant at [Juliana.Grant@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Juliana.Grant@cdph.ca.gov).

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