

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA)  
Monthly Report  
January 2019**

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)**

As of December 20, 2018, there are 148 PrEP-AP enrollment sites covering 54 clinics that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider Network:

Clinical Provider Name	County	# of clinics on contract
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Alameda and San Francisco	2
Alameda Health System - Highland Hospital	Alameda	1
Asian Health Services	Alameda	1
East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC)	Alameda	1
Primary Care at Home, Inc.	Alameda	1
Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo	Imperial	4
Kern County Department of Public Health	Kern	1
APLA Health & Wellness	Los Angeles	3
Bartz - Altadonna Community Health Center	Los Angeles	1
City of Long Beach	Los Angeles	1
Dignity Health - St. Mary's Medical Center	Los Angeles	1
East Valley Community Health Center	Los Angeles	2
El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc. - Esperanza Clinic	Los Angeles	1
JWHC Institute, Inc.	Los Angeles	1
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles	1
Men's Health Foundation	Los Angeles	1
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	Los Angeles	1
Planned Parenthood	Los Angeles	4
Saban Community Clinic	Los Angeles	1

St. John Well Child and Family Center	Los Angeles	1
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Los Angeles	1
Watts Healthcare Corporation	Los Angeles	1
Desert AIDS Project, Inc.	Riverside	1
One Community Health	Sacramento	1
Regents UC San Diego Medical Center	San Diego	1
San Ysidro Health	San Diego	2
Vista Community Clinic	San Diego	1
Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness	San Francisco	1
HealthRIGHT360	San Francisco	4
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco	1
UCSF 360 Positive Care	San Francisco	1
Community Action Partners	San Luis Obispo	2
County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department	San Luis Obispo	2
Santa Rosa Community Health	Sonoma	1
West County Health Centers	Sonoma	4

On November 29, 2018, all AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) enrollment workers received Management Memorandum 2018-37: Eligibility Span Change for Uninsured Clients Enrolled in the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP), to notify ADAP enrollment workers of a change in the eligibility spans for uninsured PrEP-AP clients and PrEP-AP clients enrolled in Medicare without prescription drug coverage who enroll or re-enroll in the PrEP-AP beginning November 29, 2018.

Effective July 2, 2018, the Gilead Patient Assistance Program (PAP) increased eligibility spans from six months to 12 months for all clients who newly enroll or re-enroll in the Gilead PAP after this date. In response to this change, the PrEP-AP will be changing eligibility spans to align with the new Gilead PAP eligibility span. All clients who newly enroll in the PrEP-AP and Gilead PAP beginning November 29, 2018, will be granted 12 months of eligibility through the PrEP-AP to align with the new Gilead PAP eligibility span.

Clients who enrolled in the PrEP-AP prior to November 29, 2018, and who enrolled in the Gilead PAP after the eligibility span change, will need to go through an adjustment period and will maintain their initial PrEP-AP eligibility span of six months for a couple of enrollment cycles until the eligibility span can be synced with the Gilead PAP change.

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

CDPH, OA is currently reviewing an application for a new syringe services program to be operated by the Siskiyou County Public Health Department in the cities of Yreka and

Tulelake. A brief summary of the proposed program may be found on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA\\_prev\\_secpapp.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_prev_secpapp.aspx). Interested parties may submit comments to [SEPAApplication@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:SEPAApplication@cdph.ca.gov) until 11:59 PM on February 4, 2019. The Siskiyou proposal follows on the heels of the Northern Sierra Harm Reduction program that the Plumas County Public Health Agency established in 2018, and which has provided technical assistance to several other local health departments in Northern California.

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

In December 2018, several OA staff attended the 2018 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment in Washington D.C. This year, two staff were invited to present on OA's integration of ADAP enrollment, medication, and insurance data and how those data are used to support client access to and retention in HIV care. Presentations included the following:

- Ann Nakamura, MPH, Interim Chief, ADAP and Care Evaluation and Informatics Branch, gave a presentation, "ADAP System Overview and Strategies to Ensure Data Quality and Inform Program Activities", which described data system development, evaluation, and governance.
- Luna Woo, MA, Research Scientist, ADAP and Care Evaluation and Informatics Branch, gave a presentation, "Ensuring Data Quality to Support Federal Monitoring Activities", which described OA's data integration systems and data-driven strategies to inform state and federal program activities.

### **General OA Updates**

Marisa Ramos, Ph.D., Interim Division Chief of the Office of AIDS has returned to her permanent appointment as Chief of the Surveillance and Prevention Evaluation and Reporting Branch at OA. CDPH is very appreciative of all of Dr. Ramos's outstanding work during her time as the Interim Division Chief, however, approvals to extend the interim role could not be obtained by CalHR, the State's human resources department. Moving forward, Center for Infectious Diseases (CID) Deputy Director Gil Chavez, Ph.D., MPH, and CID Assistant Deputy Director Drew Johnson will co-lead OA until a new permanent Division Chief is appointed. Recruitment for a permanent Division Chief is on-going.

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