

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA)
Monthly Report
October 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.

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

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)

- On September 4, OA reached out to two sites informing them of their PrEP go-live date of September 10. Sites were provided with a PrEP-AP Enrollment Site Approval Letter and resources to assist the enrollment site in enrolling applicants.
- As of September 18, there are 151 PrEP-AP enrollment sites, and OA has executed 29 contracts covering 43 clinics that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider Network:

Clinical Provider Name	County	Number of clinics on contract
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Alameda and San Francisco	2
Primary Care at Home, Inc.	Alameda	1
East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC)	Alameda	1
Asian Health Services	Alameda	1
Alameda Health System - Highland Hospital	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	3
Watts Healthcare Corporation	Los Angeles	1
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles	1
St. John Well Child and Family Center	Los Angeles	1
East Valley Community Health Center	Los Angeles	2
JWHC Institute, Inc.	Los Angeles	1
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	Los Angeles	1

Bartz - Altadonna Community Health Center	Los Angeles	1
Men's Health Foundation	Los Angeles	1
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Los Angeles	1
Desert AIDS Project, Inc.	Riverside	1
One Community Health	Sacramento	1
San Ysidro Health	San Diego	2
Vista Community Clinic	San Diego	1
Regents UC San Diego Medical Center	San Diego	1
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco	1
HealthRIGHT360	San Francisco	4
UCSF 360 Positive Care	San Francisco	1
Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness	San Francisco	1
Santa Rosa Community Health	Sonoma	1
West County Health Centers	Sonoma	4

Strategy G: Improve Availability of HIV Care

OA was awarded Ryan White Supplemental (X08) funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the fiscal period of September 30, 2018 – September 29, 2019. The total estimated amount of X08 funding that will be allocated to HIV Care Program (HCP) contractors is \$6,134,499 million. Care staff reviewed requests for additional funding from HCP contractors and those who will receive X08 funding have been notified of the amounts and provided instructions for submitting budgets.

Strategy J: Increase Rates of Insurance/Benefits Coverage for PLWH or on PrEP

Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) Program

- New and existing AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) clients who are currently enrolled in an employer-based health insurance premium plan may receive premium assistance for the client’s (employee’s) portion of their employer-based insurance premiums, if eligible.
- CDPH developed an EB-HIPP Program brochure for employers, which provides details to employers about the program. The brochure does not reference the EB-HIPP Program to protect client confidentiality.

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

- The OA Harm Reduction Team is encouraging California syringe service programs (SSPs) to apply for a new opportunity available beginning October 1: the [Naloxone Distribution Project](#). The Department of Health Care Services

(DHCS) is making the overdose reversal drug available for free to qualified organizations, which include any organization that serves people who use opiates. The application is available on the DHCS website at www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/Naloxone_Distribution_Project.aspx.

- The biennial National Harm Reduction Conference is expected to bring together more than 2,000 people in New Orleans on October 18- 21. Organized by the Harm Reduction Coalition, which is also OA's leading technical assistance provider for harm reduction technical assistance, the conference is the main gathering for the field in North America and the largest harm reduction event in the world. California harm reduction groups will be deeply involved this year: OA funded 66 scholarships, including 12 full scholarships dedicated to harm reduction peer staff or program participants. With other resources, a total of 137 California harm reductionists received scholarships to attend.

More information about the conference is available at <http://harmreduction.org/conference/>. More information about the Harm Reduction Coalition is available at <https://harmreduction.org/>.

Strategy L: Increase General HIV Education and Awareness and Reduce Stigma around HIV, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

In September 2018, CDPH added a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Health page to the CDPH website. It will be updated routinely and provides information specifically for LGBT individuals, allies and those who work with LGBT people. The link to the LGBT Health page is www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/LGBT_Health.aspx.

Strategy N: Enhance Collaborations and Community Involvement

On October 23-25, 2018, OA will host a California Planning Group (CPG) meeting in Long Beach, California. This meeting will provide OA staff and CPG members an opportunity to share updates, provide feedback, and conduct CPG business. The meeting is open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comment. Information about the meeting is posted on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_CPG.aspx.

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