

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA)
Monthly Report
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Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero: California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention and Care Plan

On May 30, 2018, OA will convene a *Getting to Zero* meeting in Berkeley, California to bring together key state, local, and community stakeholders to share progress on California's *Getting to Zero* plan and obtain input on potential strategies to address challenges. People interested in participating may contact Kevin Sitter at kevin.sitter@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 449-5814 for more information.

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

Access, Adherence, and Navigation Program

- Phase II of the Access, Adherence, and Navigation Program is currently underway and will focus on providing ADAP clients who are not virally suppressed with resources to help achieve and maintain viral suppression.
- On February 27 and February 28, 6 Access and Adherence Navigators received a Phase II Policy Training.
- Bi-weekly check-in meetings are being held with the Access and Adherence Navigators to provide programmatic updates and answer questions.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)

- On February 23, enrollment workers received a management memorandum detailing the implementation plan for phase one of PrEP-AP, focused on the uninsured clients. 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.
- On February 20, enrollment workers were sent invitations to eight PrEP-AP training sessions. The training will contain PrEP-AP policy, ADAP Enrollment System (AES) training, and a question and answer session.

- The (AES) has been modified to facilitate PrEP-AP enrollment; however, enrollment sites will not be able to submit a PrEP-AP application until the below requirements are met:
 - At least one enrollment worker from an enrollment site must attend the PrEP-AP training before that site will be able to perform PrEP-AP enrollment.
 - An ADAP enrollment site interested in performing PrEP-AP enrollment must be located within 100 miles of a contracted clinician in the PrEP-AP Provider Network. As the PrEP-AP Provider Network continues to grow, eventually all ADAP enrollment sites will be capable of performing PrEP-AP enrollment.

RW Part B: HIV Care Program

Majel Arnold, HIV Care Branch Chief, will be leaving OA on March 9, 2018; her last day in the office was March 1, 2018. Majel has taken a position with CalVet and will be working at the California Veteran's Home in Yountville, closer to her home. Please join OA in thanking Majel for her two years of outstanding service with OA's HIV Care Branch and as the Project Director for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White Part B grant. The HIV Care Branch Chief position is posted on the CalCareers website, under a Health Program Manager III classification, at www.jobs.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlld=101713. OA will communicate more information about the transition plan as it becomes available.

HIV Prevention Branch

- On February 22, 2018, Steve Gibson's role as the OA HIV Prevention Branch Chief concluded as he left for a position within Alameda County HIV Prevention. Please join OA in thanking Steve for his two years of outstanding service with OA's HIV Prevention Branch. Matthew Millspaugh is acting as the HIV Prevention Branch Chief while OA recruits a permanent replacement for the position. Matthew has worked in the Prevention Branch for three and half years and is currently Chief of the HIV Prevention Program Section.
- In December, the Merced Family Medicine Residency Program of the Family Care Clinic in Merced County submitted an application for certification for a new syringe exchange program (SEP) – the Merced Needle Exchange. As announced in previous updates, the public comment period for Merced Needle Exchange will close on March 20, with public comments accepted until 11:59 p.m. Public comments may be sent to: SEPAApplication@cdph.ca.gov.

Public comment for another new SEP submitted by the Plumas County Public Health Agency (Northern Sierra Harm Reduction Program) will be closing on April 12.

All applications open for public comment are posted on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_prev_secapp.aspx.

Surveillance, Research, and Evaluation

ACRF into CalREDIE

The HIV/AIDS adult case report form (ACRF) is currently in the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) test environment, and has been tested extensively. It is now awaiting minor modifications to correct items identified during the testing phase. Next steps are for the CalREDIE team to provide an estimated time frame for implementing the modifications, and for OA staff to test the revised implementation once it is available.

Once the ACRF implementation has passed all testing, it will be transitioned to the CalREDIE production environment and the rollout phase will begin.

OA is planning a phased rollout to occur over an approximately five-month period. During this time, trainings will be conducted with two to three local health jurisdictions (LHJs) at a time, who will then begin entering their ACRFs into CalREDIE. OA staff will conduct verification and validation procedures designed to ensure all processes are functioning as expected prior to enrolling the next two to three LHJs. OA is currently developing a specific rollout schedule to coordinate trainings with LHJs, CalREDIE trainers, and OA staff, and will provide additional information when it is available.

California Planning Group

On May 31-June 1, 2018, OA will host a California Planning Group (CPG) meeting in Berkeley, 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 will be posted 30 days prior to the meeting on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_CPG.aspx.

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