Ending the HIV and HCV Epidemic: 
New Funding and New Opportunities

Virtual Urban Confer Session on Implementation Priorities

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Overview

• Program Overview
  – *HIV in Indian Country*
  – *What is Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America?*

• Tribal Listening Sessions & Engagement

• Implementation Priorities

• Q&A Session
Program Overview

HIV and HCV in Indian Country
# HIV in Indian Country

New HIV Diagnoses Among AI/AN in the US and Dependent Areas by Transmission Category and Sex, 2018

Most new HIV diagnoses were among AI/AN gay and bisexual men.

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<th>Category</th>
<th>MEN (N=157)</th>
<th>WOMEN (N=32)</th>
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<td>Male-to-Male Sexual Contact</td>
<td>77% (121)</td>
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<td>Male-to-Male Sexual Contact and Injection Drug Use</td>
<td>13% (20)</td>
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<td>Heterosexual Contact</td>
<td>6% (9)</td>
<td>56% (18)</td>
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<td>Injection Drug Use</td>
<td>4% (7)</td>
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U.S. RATES OF DEATH (AI/AN)
For Persons with Diagnosed HIV Infection, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014-2018
HIV in Indian Country

HIV Diagnoses Among AI/AN in the 50 States and the District of Columbia, 2010-2017*

AI/AN Trends by Age

- 13 to 24: 60%
- 25 to 34: 67%
- 35 to 44: 27%
- 45 to 54: 18%
- 55 and Older: 54%

AI/AN Trends by Gender

- Men: 2010 = 175; 2017 = 54%
- Women: 2010 = 0; 2017 = Stable

*Changes in populations with fewer HIV diagnoses can lead to a large percentage increase or decrease.
Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)

“We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to end the HIV epidemic in the United States. Now is the time.”
Ending the HIV Epidemic

GOAL:

75% reduction in new HIV infections in 5 years and at least 90% reduction in 10 years.
Priority Geographical Areas & Tribal Epi Centers

Tribal Epidemiology Centers receiving supplemental funding for activities in support of the Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America initiative for 2019.
Challenges & Opportunities

Inequality

Impact of undiagnosed and untreated HIV

Stigma

Progress has plateaued

Powerful HIV prevention and treatment tools are now available

We can end HIV
National EHE & Indian Country EHE

National EHE

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

End HIV Epidemic

Indian Country EHE

IHS

End HIV Epidemic

End HCV Epidemic
EHE Structure

Funding

Key Strategies

Priority Areas

HHS Leadership

Right Data & Right Tools
EHE & Social Determinants of Health

- Healthcare
- Neighborhood & Environment
- Economic Stability
- Social & Community Context
- Education
Key Strategies of the Plan

- **Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible.
- **Treat** people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression.
- **Prevent** new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).
- **Respond** quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.
Tribal Listening Sessions & Engagement

Engaging Tribes HIV in Indian Country
EHE & Tribal Consultation: Winter/Spring 2020

- MSM & Two Spirit
- Trans & Gender Non-Conforming
- HIV Service Providers
- Youth
- General Audience
General Themes & Recommendations

- **Stigma**: Remains a driver of the epidemic in Indian Country
- **Need for Competent Services**: Must create a safe space for all
- **Increased & Focused Training**: Increase the knowledge & competence of personnel
- **Standardize Efforts & Policies**: Testing Sexual History, SOGI, PrEP, Risk
Question & Answer

Questions may be entered into the chat or via phone. Please state your name, IHS Area, and Tribe for the record.
Questions for Consideration

A few questions for consideration to begin our open discussion include:

• How the IHS might use available funding to support IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health programs to achieve the Ending the HIV Epidemic goal of a 75% reduction in new HIV infections by 2025 and at least a 90% reduction by 2030?

• How should IHS focus on the key strategies for implementing the Ending the HIV and HCV Epidemic? Specifically,
  1. Diagnosing all people with HIV and HCV as early as possible?
  2. Treating people with HIV or HCV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression?
  3. Preventing new HIV and HCV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis and syringe service programs?
  4. Responding quickly to HIV and HCV outbreaks to get prevention and treatment services to people who need them?
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