

Event Summary
October 18,
2018

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Call to Action Meeting: South Bay

The Commission on HIV, in collaboration with Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP), hosted a call to action meeting on the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy, released by DHSP on World AIDS Day 2017. Key stakeholders and local community members discussed how to increase collaboration to reduce annual infections, increase diagnoses, and increase viral suppression in their Health District to end the HIV epidemic. This summary reflects recommendations proposed by attendees to promote the Strategy, and increase efforts on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. A total of 28 attendees participated in the call to action meeting.

9,808

people living with HIV
in the South Bay

60,946 total in LA County

Health District Rankings

26 Health Districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

Long Beach

Inglewood

Harbor

Torrance

3

9

16

24

KEY TAKEAWAYS



Long Beach has the third highest HIV burden

Majority of HIV testing sites are located in South Long Beach, consider working with agencies to expand access to testing; health plans and pharmacists in local specialty are interested in getting connected; limited to no access for syringe exchange or disposal in Long Beach.



The Strategy allows us to assess systems and best practices

Strategy goals provide a measure as to whether agencies are utilizing the best approach in preventing and treating HIV within their Health Districts.



Next step is to move into action

Increase networking, partnerships and collaboration across agencies to ensure the highest quality of care is achieved; collaborating among more than just HIV providers is necessary to reach the Strategy goals.

Understanding the Strategy

Who attended?

14 Members of the public
7 Commissioners
1 DHSP staff
6 Commission staff

All respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Strategy goals with the exception of one respondent who disagreed.

73% agreed and strongly agreed on understanding how to increase PrEP enrollment while 64% agreed or strongly agreed on understanding how to increase diagnoses in their community.

36% agreed that they understand the meaning of Health Districts, 45% strongly agreed, 9% were neutral, and 9% disagreed.

TOP INSIGHTS FROM GROUP DISCUSSION



Broaden perception of HIV to reduce stigma

Increase HIV testing at heterosexual locations; HIV affects everyone; encourage elected officials to support needle exchange programs; provide education on undetectable = untransmittable.



Increase education for providers and students

Need buy-in from providers to end the epidemic; increase clinical research and health insurance literacy for universities to reduce stigma on participating in clinical trials; engage potential trial participants in a different way; encourage providers to switch to whole person care model; showcasing data for different populations (i.e. Asian population, seniors) may spark interest from health plans.



Engage non-traditional partners

Create spaces where partners can meet and discuss the Strategy (i.e. invite gay bar owners and gym owners to discuss HIV); engage barber shops and nail salons; engage media including radio and television stations; highlight the Strategy through a more expansive marketing campaign; request that City Hall light up the building in red in honor of World AIDS Day.

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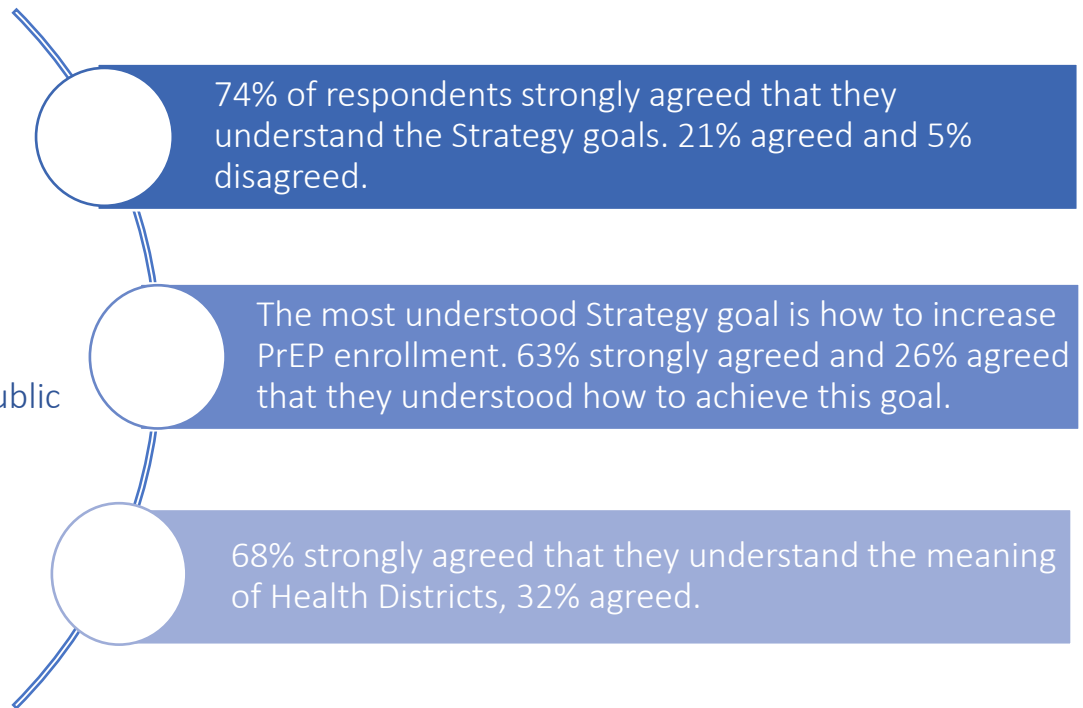
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10/23/18

Understanding the Strategy

Who attended?

58 Members of the public
33 Commissioners
1 DHSP staff
7 Commission staff



TOP INSIGHTS FROM GROUP DISCUSSION



Center community members in Strategy efforts

Bring more community members who are living with HIV to speak to the need; work to provide clarity around Strategy to engage Black communities; further engage individuals from health districts to understand the key players in Strategy efforts.



Align Strategy goals with existing partnerships & programs

Align the Strategy with the Center for Health Equity Action Plan; HIV is no longer a death sentence- ensure there is still urgency to face the epidemic; promote sex positivity; encourage agencies to critically assess how they are contributing to barriers to care; partner with government entities to ensure Strategy goals are incorporated into their planning and service delivery goals (i.e. Substance Abuse Prevention & Control, Department of Mental Health).



Think outside the box

Reframe messaging on HIV prevention and care to focus on sexual health; connect with advocates for sexual health- they will be advocates for PrEP and PEP; connect with app creators to increase screen time for education and awareness; connect with Instagram influencers.

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Event Summary
October 11,
2018

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Call to Action Meeting: Metro Los Angeles

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21,520

people living with HIV in
Metro LA

60,946 total in LA County

Health Districts in Metro LA have some of the highest HIV rates in the County

Based on HIV Rate per 100,000. 26 Health Districts.

Hollywood-Wilshire

1

Central

2

Northeast

5

KEY TAKEAWAYS



Metro LA is the epicenter of the HIV epidemic

Approximately 35% of people living with HIV in LA County live in Service Planning Area (SPA) 4; this region has the greatest HIV service capacity within the County and is projected to be in the best position to reach the 3 Strategy goals.



Expand representation & participation in Strategy efforts

Create a youth-friendly environment at the Commission to increase youth participation; encourage outreach staff to attend Commission meetings by closing testing sites for one hour; send a call to action to managers/supervisors of the importance of front line staff representation at the Commission.



Boost partnerships in achieving Strategy goals

Connect with housing organizations, schools, non-traditional partners including religious communities, barber shops, fraternities; highlight specialty pharmacy and their role in advancing Strategy efforts; increase focus on women and children.

Event Summary
September 19,
2018

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Call to Action Meeting: East Los Angeles

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4,453

people living with HIV
in East LA

60,946 total in LA County

Health District Rankings

26 Health Districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

San Antonio

East LA

Whittier

Bellflower

14

15

19

21

KEY TAKEAWAYS



HIV service providers are dedicated to the community

Providers understand the community's needs and work to serve patients; the East LA Strategy meeting had the most diverse group of HIV service providers.



Expand PrEP access

Identify public health centers and clinics where PrEP access can be expanded; need for diverse access points; increase PrEP education and awareness.



Boost collaboration in achieving Strategy goals

Increase networking, partnerships and collaboration across agencies to ensure the highest quality of care is achieved and patient engagement and retention is maintained; connect patients with clinics and service providers in the area where they will remain the most engaged.

Understanding the Strategy

Who attended?

37 Members of the public
7 Commissioners
3 DHSP staff
6 Commission staff

All respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Strategy goals.

The most understood Strategy goal is how to increase PrEP enrollment. 69% agreed and 31% strongly agreed they understood how to achieve this goal.

93% agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the meaning of Health Districts, 3% were neutral, and 3% disagreed.

TOP INSIGHTS FROM GROUP DISCUSSION



Engage ALL community members

Work to engage community members who work the graveyard shift or folks who are unable to schedule provider appointments during normal business hours; assist uninsured patients to get on PrEP before funding sunsets; understand the East LA community and meet them where they are at.



View HIV as a social justice issue

Reframe the purpose of HIV service providers; heighten the need to end the HIV epidemic; health is political; focus on vulnerable populations, the immigrant population, transgender folks, etc.



Expand collaboration with non-traditional partners

Break out of silos and collaborate with organizations outside of HIV service providers; educate providers to abandon biases on sexual health; build a coalition within health districts to allow for increased engagement and action; collaborate with churches, community groups, universities, etc.

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Event Summary
August 16, 2018

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Call to Action Meeting: West Los Angeles

The Commission on HIV, in collaboration with Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP), hosted a call to action meeting on the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy, released by DHSP on World AIDS Day 2017. Key stakeholders and local community members discussed how to increase collaboration to reduce annual infections, increase diagnoses, and increase viral suppression in their Health District to end the HIV epidemic. This summary reflects recommendations proposed by attendees to promote the Strategy, and increase efforts on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. A total of 14 attendees participated in the call to action meeting.

3,034

people living with HIV in West LA

60,946 total in LA County

West Health District Ranking
26 Health Districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

11

KEY TAKEAWAYS



Gaps in services despite West Health District resources

Although there are a number of providers, clinics, hospitals and other resources in the West Health District, the rate of HIV is still high, ranked at 11 out of 26 Health Districts. There is a disparity in viral suppression with the lowest for African Americans and Latinos, and highest for White and American Indian/Alaska Natives at 49%, 59%, 66% and 68%.



West Health District goals appear feasible

To reach the Strategy goal of increasing diagnoses to 90% by 2022, the diagnosis goal increases by one person every year for the next 5 years. For 2018, 93 individuals must be diagnosed, in 2019, 94 individuals, in 2020, 95 individuals and so on.



Coordination among partners is necessary

Comorbidities exist among people living with HIV, displaying the need for increased collaboration among partners, health systems, etc. UCLA CARE often serves patients with private health insurance. Neighborhood gentrification in certain communities.

Understanding the Strategy

Who attended?

- 2 Members of the public
- 4 Commissioners
- 1 DHSP staff
- 7 Commission staff

Participants were familiar with the LA County HIV/AIDS Strategy goals and current efforts to engage Health Districts.

Participants discussed the need for guidance on implementation of the Strategy goals.

Next steps include creating a guide for engagement at the community level and organizational level to use as a tool moving forward.

TOP INSIGHTS FROM GROUP DISCUSSION



How can the West Health District community get involved?

Engage non-traditional partners; plug into all communities including Mar Vista and Palms; use the umbrella term 'sexual health' instead of STDs, HIV, etc.; partner with schools and universities including UCLA; conduct grassroots mobilization and widespread community engagement; plug into community forums; utilize modern technology such as podcasts, social influencers, celebrities to promote the Strategy; increased focus on youth engagement



How can the Call to Action meetings improve?

Provide space for community members to speak up and ask questions; consider developing workgroups for each Health District; ask Commissioners to attend Service Provider Network (SPN) meetings; provide tips to attendees on how to engage higher-level management in implementing Strategy goals; increase Commissioner responsibility for engaging agencies.

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Event Summary
August 9, 2018

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Call to Action Meeting: South Los Angeles

The Commission on HIV, in collaboration with Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP), hosted a call to action meeting on the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy, released by DHSP on World AIDS Day 2017. Key stakeholders and local community members discussed how to increase collaboration to reduce annual infections, increase diagnoses, and increase viral suppression in their Health District to end the HIV epidemic. This summary reflects recommendations proposed by attendees to promote the Strategy, and increase efforts on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. A total of 83 attendees participated in the call to action meeting.

7,479

people living with HIV
in South LA

60,946 total in LA County

Health District Rankings

26 Health Districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

Southwest

South

Southeast

Compton

4

6

7

12

KEY TAKEAWAYS



South LA is disproportionately impacted by HIV

3 out of the 4 Health Districts in South LA are in the top 10 for highest HIV burden. The demographics of the HIV epidemic have shifted to increased new positivity rates among African American and Latino men, men ages 18-29, and transgender women of color.



Engage new partners in Strategy efforts

Per DHSP, we will need to significantly scale up the number of new community members and partners involved for the LA County HIV/AIDS Strategy to be a success.



Understand target numbers for each Health District

Within the next 5 years, administer increased number of HIV tests in each Health District to support diagnoses goal (50k, 62k, 48k, 151k for Compton, South, Southeast, Southwest, respectively); enroll more individuals on PrEP (1626, 1588, 1330, 4451 for Compton, South, Southeast, Southwest, respectively).

Understanding the Strategy

Who attended?

43 Members of the public
31 Commissioners
2 DHSP staff
7 Commission staff

All respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Strategy goals, however 16-22% were neutral or unsure as to how to work towards them.

The least understood Strategy goal is how to increase PrEP enrollment. 8% disagreed and 14% were neutral on understanding how to achieve this goal.

97% agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the meaning of Health Districts, 3% were neutral.

TOP INSIGHTS FROM GROUP DISCUSSION



STDs & the Strategy

DHSP partnered with UCLA CHIPTS to model the trajectory of HIV in environments and communities where STDs are prevalent to determine highly impacted communities and ultimately achieve the HIV reduction goal.



Increasing PrEP enrollment

Focus on increasing the number of physicians and providers that are comfortable screening for PrEP and having conversations about sex-related topics; increase awareness of PrEP navigation programs and PrEP assistance programs.



Achieving the Strategy Goals

Identify support for schools and youth entities to support the Strategy; recruit providers to implement Strategy goals; increase marketing for PrEP as well as the Strategy overall; increase meetings in the South LA community; request DHSP to provide more updates on the current progress of the goals.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Event Summary
July 19, 2018

Call to Action Meeting: Antelope Valley

The Commission on HIV, in collaboration with Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP), hosted a call to action meeting on the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy, released by DHSP on World AIDS Day 2017. Key stakeholders and local community members discussed how to increase collaboration to reduce annual infections, increase diagnoses, and increase viral suppression in their Health District to end the HIV epidemic. This summary reflects recommendations proposed by attendees to promote the Strategy, and increase efforts on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. A total of 74 attendees participated in the call to action meeting.

1,303

people living with HIV in
the Antelope Valley

60,946 total in LA County

Antelope Valley
Health District Ranking

26 total health districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

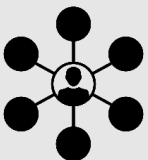
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KEY TAKEAWAYS



Antelope Valley has a high need for and lack of services

The Antelope Valley is disproportionately affected by high prevalence of alcohol and injection drug use, STDs, and teen pregnancy when compared to other Health Districts in the County. Needle exchange programs, increased education and increased testing is necessary to achieve the Strategy goals.



Connect health systems & educate providers

Develop a system where healthcare delivery is standardized and linked across clinics, pharmacies, and the hospital. Ensure medical providers are educated on HIV prevention and care.



Address stigma & other biases

Identify opportunities to educate and increase awareness on HIV, comprehensive sexual education, and PrEP for community members, community based organizations, and healthcare providers.

Understanding the Strategy

Who attended?

53 Members of the public
14 Commissioners
2 DHSP staff
5 Commission staff

All respondents, with the exception of one, agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Strategy goals

One recommendation to increase PrEP enrollment was to develop mass mailings on PrEP for all households in Antelope Valley/Supervisorial District 5

46% agreed that they understand the meaning of Health Districts, 50% strongly agreed, and 4% disagreed

TOP INSIGHTS FROM LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION



Meeting the LA County HIV/AIDS Strategy Goals

Encourage everyone to get tested; get involved in education policy change to focus on young people; ensure Antelope Valley school districts have the resources needed to implement the California Healthy Youth Act; address environmental factors such as drug and alcohol availability in the Antelope Valley; increase collaboration among funded agencies.



How can the Commission support the Antelope Valley

Increase access to HIV medications for consumers through collaboration across and within health systems; increase comprehensive sex education in schools; consider allowing public access to bathrooms and other safe ways to dispose of syringes.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Call to Action Meeting: San Gabriel Valley

Event Summary
June 14, 2018

The Commission on HIV, in collaboration with Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP), hosted a call to action meeting on the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy, released by DHSP on World AIDS Day 2017. Key stakeholders and local community members discussed how to increase collaboration to reduce annual infections, increase diagnoses, and increase viral suppression in their Health District to end the HIV epidemic. This summary reflects recommendations proposed by attendees to promote the Strategy, and increase efforts on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. A total of 74 attendees participated in the call to action meeting.

60,946 people living
with HIV in LA County

7%

live in SGV Health
Districts

Health District Rankings

26 total health districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

Pasadena



El Monte



Foothill



Pomona



Alhambra

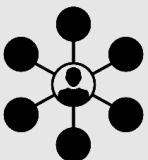


KEY TAKEAWAYS



Increase education & awareness

Build community awareness and knowledge of the Strategy by increasing presence at local community events (e.g. 626 Night Market); develop and maintain partnerships; focus on educating youth within the community; increase social media presence; advertise free medical care via Ryan White services



Conduct meaningful community engagement

Shift focus to a more grassroots perspective; conduct in-depth discussion forums on how to achieve the Strategy goals; engage non-traditional partnerships (boy/girl scouts, chamber of commerce, Black Lives Matter); develop strategies for outreach to specific populations (youth, transgender folks, undocumented individuals, etc.)



Align programming with Strategy goals

Identify opportunities to leverage existing funding streams; seek additional funding; incentivize referrals; address barriers to care by connecting organizations directly with community members; include PrEP in the California Healthy Youth Act

Understanding the Strategy

Who attended?

37 Members of the public
26 Commissioners
4 DHSP staff
7 Commission staff

97% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Strategy goals.

The least understood Strategy goal is increasing viral suppression in the community. 17% disagreed or were neutral on understanding how to achieve this goal.

50% agreed that they understand the meaning of Health Districts, 7% strongly agreed, 6% disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 20% were neutral

TOP INSIGHTS FROM SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS



Identify Community Resources

Assess community readiness concerning HIV & related issues; include front line staff, non-traditional partners, providers & physicians, PrEP navigators, Medical Care Coordination teams, health educators & school districts in Strategy engagement; create a network of wrap around services and referrals; provide funding to health districts for Strategy implementation.



Increase Collaboration

Eliminate silos; incentivize collaboration; build coalitions within health districts; focus on mental health, homeless and undocumented populations; seek multi-disciplinary/diverse funding; form peer based education discussion groups; establish quarterly meetings with providers & advocate for better reimbursement for providers.



Achieve Strategy Goals

Utilize a modern social media approach for Strategy dissemination & education; tailor language for specific populations (e.g. youth, women); focus on social determinants of health that affect adherence; increase PrEP education & awareness; provide health districts with more information or timeline on next steps; establish accountability & align scopes of work with the Strategy; provide funding to health districts for Strategy implementation.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Call to Action Meeting: San Fernando Valley

Event Summary
April 12, 2018

The Commission on HIV, in collaboration with Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP), hosted a call to action meeting on the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy, released by DHSP on World AIDS Day 2017. Key stakeholders and local community members discussed how to increase collaboration to reduce annual infections, increase diagnoses, and increase viral suppression in their Health District to end the HIV epidemic. This summary reflects recommendations proposed by attendees to promote the Strategy, and increase efforts on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. A total of 90 attendees participated in the call to action meeting.

60,946 people living with HIV in LA County

13%

live in SFV Health Districts

Health District Rankings

26 total health districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

San Fernando

26

West Valley

13

East Valley

8

Glendale

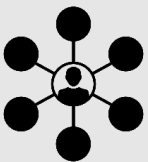
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KEY TAKEAWAYS



Create synergy around Strategy goals

Focus on disproportionately impacted groups; build relationships to drive collaboration; increase community awareness and knowledge of the Strategy; develop and maintain partnerships in order to achieve the goals.



Conduct meaningful outreach

Analyze and address service gaps & barriers to prevention and care; coordinate services across systems; leverage existing tools and resources; engage non-traditional partnerships, support existing programs that work, share best practices and resources across networks.



Address stigma & other biases

Acknowledge and address racism, sexism, homophobia, and other biases; practice cultural humility; increase community input and participation

Understanding the Strategy

Who attended?

49 Members of the public
29 Commissioners
4 DHSP staff
8 Commission staff

All respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Strategy goals

The least understood Strategy goal is increasing HIV diagnoses in communities. 45% disagreed or were neutral on understanding how to achieve this goal.

53% agreed that they understand the meaning of Health Districts, 26% strongly agreed, 5% disagreed and 16% were neutral

TOP INSIGHTS FROM SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS



Identify Community Assets

Create resource guide/asset map in SFV; identify all testing/PrEP sites in the community; conduct outreach to general medical providers outside of Ryan White; increase collaboration among non-traditional partners; recruit volunteers (medical students, pharmacy, nursing, etc.); plug into existing advocacy coalitions/programs; map the social determinants of health to identify community needs



Determine Resource Needs

Host more community events and local trainings in SFV; strengthen communication network regarding meetings, linkages and referrals; collect data on youth; increase DHSP presence/participation at meetings; conduct provider education & cultural competency trainings to alleviate medical mistrust in the community; increase SPA 2 representation



Achieve Strategy Goals

Coordinate referral systems across sectors; educate and gain neighborhood buy-in; increase HIV testing; recruit leadership that is reflective of the populations they serve; leverage social media and educational messaging; engage non-traditional partners more effectively, including: schools, neighborhood groups, consumer advisory boards, youth, faith sector, homeless service providers and others

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