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PLANNING, PRIORITIES & ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

1:00pm – 4:00pm (PST)

****Extended Meeting****

510 S. Vermont Avenue, 9th Floor, LA 90020

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Kevin Donnelly, Co-Chair Carlos Vega-Matos (Alternate)	Daryl Russell Co-Chair	Al Ballesteros, MBA	Rev. Gerald Green (LOA)
Felipe Gonzalez	Michael Green, PhD	William King, MD, JD (LOA)	Rob Lester (Committee-only)
Miguel Martinez, MPH, MSW (Committee-only)	Ismael Salamanca	Harold Glenn San Agustin, MD	Dee Saunders
LaShonda Spencer, MD	Lambert Talley (Alternate)	Jonathan Weedman	
QUORUM: 7			

AGENDA POSTED: Nov 13, 2025

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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| 1. Call to Order & Meeting Guidelines/Reminders | | 1:00 PM – 1:03 PM |
| 2. Roll Call & Conflict of Interest Statements | | 1:03 PM – 1:05 PM |
| 3. Approval of Agenda | MOTION #1 | 1:05 PM – 1:07 PM |
| 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes | MOTION #2 | 1:07 PM – 1:10 PM |

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1:10 PM – 1:15 PM

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee of items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. For those who wish to provide public comment may do so in person, electronically by clicking [here](#), or by emailing hivcomm@lachiv.org.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

6. Opportunity for Committee members to recommend new business items for the full body or a committee level discussion on non-agendized matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

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| 7. Commission on HIV (COH) Staff Report | 1:16 PM—1:21PM |
| a. Operational and Commission Updates | |

8. Co-chair Report 1:22 PM—1:30 PM
 a. December Meeting Canceled
 9. Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) Report 1:31 PM—1:51 PM

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1:51 PM—2:00 PM

V. DISCUSSION

2:00 PM—3:54 PM

10. Program Year 36 (PY36) Ryan White Program (RWP) Reallocation – Contingency Planning
 11. PY35 - PY37 Directives Review

VI. NEXT STEPS

3:55 PM – 3:57 PM

12. Task/Assignments Recap
 13. Agenda Development for the Next Meeting

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3:58 PM – 4:00 PM

14. Opportunity for members of the public and the committee to make announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

4:00 PM

15. Adjournment for the meeting of November 18, 2025.

PROPOSED MOTIONS	
MOTION #1	Approve the Agenda Order, as presented or revised.
MOTION #2	Approve the Planning, Priorities and Allocations Committee minutes, as presented or revised.
MOTION #3	Approve the Ryan White Program Year 36 (PY36) Reallocations, as presented or revised, and provide DHSP the authority to make adjustments of 10% greater or lesser than the approved allocations amount, as expenditure categories dictate, without returning to this body.



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Approved by COH
6/8/23

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APPROVED BY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON 05/25/23; COH 06/08/23

Approved (11/12/1998); Revised (2/10/2005; 9/6/2005); Revised (4/11/19; 3/3/22, 3/23/23; 5/30/23)

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COMMISSION MEMBER "CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST"

Updated 10/20/25

In accordance with the Ryan White Program (RWP), conflict of interest is defined as any financial interest in, board membership, current or past employment, or contractual agreement with an organization, partnership, or any other entity, whether public or private, that receives funds from the Ryan White Part A program. These provisions also extend to direct ascendants and descendants, siblings, spouses, and domestic partners of Commission members and non-Commission Committee-only members. Based on the RWP legislation, HRSA guidance, and Commission policy, it is mandatory for Commission members to state all conflicts of interest regarding their RWP Part A/B and/or CDC HIV prevention-funded service contracts prior to discussions involving priority-setting, allocation, and other fiscal matters related to the local HIV continuum. Furthermore, Commission members must recuse themselves from voting on any specific RWP Part A service category(ies) for which their organization hold contracts. ***An asterisk next to member's name denotes affiliation with a County subcontracted agency listed on the addendum.**

COMMISSION MEMBERS		ORGANIZATION	SERVICE CATEGORIES
ALE-FERLITO	Dahlia	City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ALVAREZ	Miguel	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ARRINGTON	Jayda	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
BALLESTEROS	AI	JWCH, INC.	Benefits Specialty
			Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Mental Health
			Oral Health
			STD Testing and STD Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment Services (STD-SDTS)
			HTS - Storefront
			HTS - Syphilis, DX Link TX - CSV
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Data to Care Services
			Medical Transportation Services
BLEA	Leroy	California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS	Part B Grantee
BURTON	Alasdair	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
CAMPBELL	Danielle	T.H.E. Clinic, Inc.	Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Medical Transportation Services
CIELO	Mikhaela	Los Angeles General Hospital	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
CUEVAS	Sandra	Pacific AIDS Education and Training - Los Angeles	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
CUMMINGS	Mary	Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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DAVIES	Erika	City of Pasadena	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
DAVIS (PPC Member)	OM	Aviva Pharmacy	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
DOLAN (SBP Member)	Caitlyn	Men's Health Foundation	Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Biomedical HIV Prevention Services
			Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Data to Care Services
			Medical Transportation Services
DONNELLY	Kevin	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FINLEY	Jet	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FRAMES	Arlene	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FRANKLIN*	Arburtha	Translatin@ Coalition	Vulnerable Populations (Trans)
GERSH (SBP Member)	Lauren	APLA Health & Wellness	Benefits Specialty
			Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Intensive Case Management Services
			Nutrition Support (Food Bank/Pantry Service)
			Oral Health
			STD-Ex.C
			HERR
			Biomedical HIV Prevention Services
			Medical Transportation Services
			Data to Care Services
			Residential Facility For the Chronically Ill (RCFCI)
GONZALEZ	Felipe	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or Prevention Contracts
GREEN	Gerald	Minority AIDS Project	Benefits Specialty
GREEN	Joseph	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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GUTIERREZ	Joaquin	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
HARDY	David	University of Southern California	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
HERRERA	Ismael "Ish"	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
JONES	Terrance	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
KOCHEMS	Lee	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
KING	William	W. King Health Care Group	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
LESTER (PP&A Member)	Rob	Men's Health Foundation	Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Biomedical HIV Prevention Services
			Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Data to Care Services
			Medical Transportation Services
MARTINEZ (PP&A Member)	Miguel	Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			STD Testing and STD Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment Services (STD-SDTS)
			HTS - Storefront
			Biomedical HIV Prevention Services
MARTINEZ-REAL	Leonardo	Unaffiliated representative	Medical Transportation Services
			No Ryan White or prevention contracts
MAULTSBY	Leon	In the Meantime Men's Group	Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
MENDOZA	Vilma	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
MINTLINE (SBP Member)	Mark	Western University of Health Sciences	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
NASH	Paul	University of Southern California	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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NELSON	Katja	APLA Health & Wellness	Benefits Specialty
			Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Intensive Case Management Services
			Nutrition Support (Food Bank/Pantry Service)
			Oral Health
			STD-Ex.C
			HERR
			Biomedical HIV Prevention Services
			Medical Transportation Services
			Data to Care Services
			Residential Facility For the Chronically Ill (RCFCI)
PATEL	Byron	Los Angeles LGBT Center	Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)
			Vulnerable Populations (Trans)
			STD Testing and STD Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment Services (STD-SDTS)
			HTS - Storefront
			HTS - Social and Sexual Networks
			Biomedical HIV Prevention Services
PERÉZ	Mario	Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs	Ryan White/CDC Grantee
RICHARDSON	Dechelle	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
RUSSEL	Daryl	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
SALAMANCA	Ismael	City of Long Beach	Benefits Specialty
			Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Biomedical HIV Prevention Services
			HTS - Social and Sexual Networks
			Medical Transportation Services

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SAMONE-LORECA	Sabel	Minority AIDS Project	Benefits Specialty
SATTAH	Martin	Rand Schrader Clinic LA County Department of Health Services	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
SAN AGUSTIN	Harold	JWCH, INC.	Benefits Specialty
			Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
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			Data to Care Services
			Medical Transportation Services
SAUNDERS	Dee	City of West Hollywood	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
SPENCER	LaShonda	Oasis Clinic (Charles R. Drew University/Drew CARES)	Core HIV Medical Services - PSS
			HTS - Storefront
			HTS - Social and Sexual Networks
TALLEY	Lambert	Grace Center for Health & Healing	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
VEGA-MATOS	Carlos	Men's Health Foundation	Core HIV Medical Services - AOM; MCC & PSS
			Biomedical HIV Prevention Services
			Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Data to Care Services
			Medical Transportation Services
WEEDMAN	Jonathan	ViaCare Community Health	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Core HIV Medical Services - AOM & MCC



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**PLANNING, PRIORITIES, AND ALLOCATIONS (PP&A)
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2025**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
P = Present P* = Present as member of the public; does not meet AB 2449 requirements A = Absent EA = Excused Absence			
Kevin Donnelly, Co-Chair	EA	Miguel Martinez, MPH, MSW	P
Daryl Russell, Co-Chair	P	Ismael Salamanca	EA
Al Ballesteros, MBA	P	Harold Glenn San Agustin, MD	P
Felipe Gonzalez	P	Dee Saunders	A
Reverend Gerald Green	A	LaShonda Spencer, MD	EA
Michael Green, PhD, MHSA	EA	Lambert Talley	EA
William King, MD, JD	LOA	Carlos Vega-Matos	P
Rob Lester	P	Jonathan Weedman	P
COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS			
Jose Garibay, Lizette Martinez			
DHSP STAFF			
Victor Scott, Anahit Nersisyan, Sona Oksuzyan, Amanda Wahnich			

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. CALL TO ORDER AND MEETING GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

D. Russell, Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) co-chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL & CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

L. Martinez, Commission staff, conducted roll call and committee members were reminded to state their conflicts.

ROLL CALL (PRESENT): D. Russell, A. Ballesteros, F. Gonzalez, R. Lester, M. Martinez, H. San Agustin, C. Vega-Matos, J. Weedman

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order (✓**Passed by Consensus**)

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION #2: Approval of Meeting Minutes (✓Passed by Consensus)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that is within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

There was no public comment.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS

6. Opportunity for Committee members to recommend new business items for the full body or a committee-level discussion on non-agendized matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

There was no committee new business.

IV. REPORTS

7. Commission on HIV Staff Report

- L. Martinez announced that the Commission on HIV (COH) Annual Conference will take place next month on November 13, 2025 from 9am to 4pm at St. Anne's Conference and Events Center. A [Save the Date memo](#) was sent out and additional details will be forthcoming.
- L. Martinez reminded the group that the COH continues to have discussions regarding by-laws updates and that recommendations will be presented at the December 11 COH meeting. Review and approval of the bylaws was postponed earlier this month to allow for continued discussion regarding the role of prevention planning within the COH.
- L. Martinez reported that COH staff met with the California Office of AIDS (OA) representative LeRoy Blea on Oct. 20 to begin planning around the 2027-2031 Comprehensive HIV Plan. Commission staff will be meeting with the OA and the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) to work collaboratively on the plan. Commission staff are gathering needs assessments that will be used to inform the plan and will be collaborating with the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) to develop SMART objectives and social determinants of health indicators for LA County. Commission staff and DHSP staff will be meeting with the OA bimonthly to work on the plan.

8. Co-chair Report

a. November and December Meetings

- D. Russell reported that the December Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee meeting is canceled. The next PP&A Committee meeting will be on January 20, 2026 at the

Vermont Corridor.

9. Division of HIV and STD Programs Report

a. Program Year 34 (PY34) Ryan White Program Utilization Report – Support Services

- DHSP staff, S. Oksuzyan, provided a PY34 Ryan White Program Utilization Report to the committee focusing on Ryan White Program support services; see [meeting packet](#) for presentation slides.
- The report showed an increased utilization in Emergency Financial Assistance, Housing Support, and Nutrition Support services and a decreased utilization in Benefits Specialty services and the Linkage and Re-Engagement Program services. The highest expenditures per client were attributed to the Linkage and Re-engagement Program followed by Housing Support Services and Substance Use Residential services. The lowest expenditures per client were seen in Benefits Specialty services followed by Nutrition Support services and Emergency Financial Assistance services.
- Engagement, retention in care and viral suppression percentages were higher in RWP clients using Substance Use Residential, Benefits Specialty and Housing Support services.

V. DISCUSSION

10. Women's Caucus Recommendations for Women-Centered Programming

- Commission staff provided a brief overview of recommendations for women-centered programming created by the Women's Caucus. Recommendations were developed from various women-only listening sessions (see [Commission on HIV website](#) for reports for each listening session) and discussions held at Women's Caucus meetings over the course of the past two years. See [meeting packet](#) for more details on recommendations.
- The Women's Caucus emphasized the importance of peer support groups and noted that the recommendation to expand peer support groups was their top need/priority ahead of all other recommendations.
- C. Vega-Matos noted many of the recommendations are related to best practices and standards of care. A recommendation was made to forward the recommendations to the Standards and Best Practices Committee for review and incorporation into their standards of care and best practices guidelines.
- M. Martinez suggesting having the local Part D provider or Christy's Place (San Diego) present on their peer support models of care to hear more information that would be relevant to the PP&A committee if the committee wants to allocate funds for this service category. C. Vega-Matos noted that the committee needs to really think about allocating funds to another service category that is not currently allocated funding, noting that funds will be taken from other services in a time of an overall reduction in services across various providers, not just Ryan White providers. He recommended learning what other models of care currently exist that can be leveraged because adding another service category for funding may not be feasible at this time.
- P. Zamudio commented that DHSP has heard about the need for peer support services and noted that peer support was added to the Core HIV request for proposal that is under Patient Support

Services as an opportunity for providers to add peer support to their HIV core services and only two agencies applied to add that to their services. She noted that DHSP recognizes that there is a need for peer support services but that there is a disconnect between the needs of the clients and providers not having the capacity to looking to implement peer support services. She suggested exploring a wider conversation with both providers and consumers to identify barriers and strategies to overcome the barriers.

- P. Zamudio suggested use of volunteers noting that in the past many of the peer support programs were created through volunteers. She noted that agencies do, however, need capacity to create and support volunteer peer programs but this type of program may be worth exploring as a potential option to fulfill new work requirements under Medicaid. Exploring the possibility of a volunteer peer support program in the future may be beneficial, particularly if funding is not available.
- R. Lester noted that the foundation of the HIV movement was built on volunteer work and that much of the work has moved to the professional side. He noted that creating volunteer opportunities is a great way to reconnect with the community and there is an opportunity to build capacity by funding volunteer coordinators to establish and build volunteer programs.
- C. Vega-Matos suggested creating a program that is status neutral to address concerns about disclosure among participants.
- V. Mendoza, member of the public, noted that there are additional considerations that need to be taken into account for women to access peer support services such as the needs for childcare, transportation support, and work commitments. She needed that more needs to be done to understand and overcome the barriers that women face in their regular lives to be able to access peer support programs.
- C. Vega-Matos asked if there was a standard of care for volunteers and if there are not currently standards in place that the Standards and Best Practices committee consider developing these standards. He noted there will be risk management issues that will need to be addressed.

11. 2026 PP&A Committee Meeting Calendar

- D. Russel opened the discussion by sharing that PP&A committee co-chairs, Commission staff and DHSP staff have been discussing the committee calendar for the upcoming year. The goal is to create a meeting calendar that addresses staffing capacity while ensuring the committee meets its mandated requirements and can review data in a timely manner that better aligns with the priority setting and resource allocation (PSRA) process and important Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) reporting and/or application due dates. DHSP has noted that budget cuts are impacting staff and staff may not be available to attend all meetings next year.
- Commission staff created a list of annual key activities the committee needs to accomplish that include data and reports from DHSP. From these key activities, three committee meeting calendars were created to guide discussions to help determine the committee meeting schedule for the next year and set clear expectations for both the committee and DHSP. Calendar option #1 meets monthly, calendar option #2 meets bimonthly with increased meetings during June and July that focus on data presentations and calendar option #3 meets bimonthly with a virtual data summit over the course of several days to be held in June. See [meeting packet](#) for list of key

activities and proposed meeting calendars. The third calendar option presents data just ahead of the PSRA process, allows committee members, commissioners and the broader public to view data presentations online if they are not able to attend the day of the scheduled presentation, and allows time to generate data summaries in time for the PSRA process.

- C. Vega-Matos raised concerns about meeting bimonthly noting that federal budget cuts continue to threaten funding for programs outside of the Ryan White Program, such as Medicaid and HIV prevention funding cuts, and that the committee needs to remain nimble to quickly address shifts in funding.
- M. Martinez noted that having a data summit in the summer is beneficial for the committee noting that current data reports are spread throughout the year, and it can be challenging to recall information from months prior.
- A. Ballesteros commented that the committee can meet quarterly and still accomplish all the required mandates. He stated that, as a former committee chair, the committee needs to streamline their objectives and goals and work more efficiently. He noted that there was a precedent for both quarterly and bimonthly meetings and that the committee can call special meetings if needed. He added that there have been reductions in funding, services and staffing across the country, state and county and advised that a reduction in meetings shows that the Commission is in line with these reductions and is being mindful of people's time and capacity.
- Commission staff reminded the group that the committee meeting schedule does not have to align with the proposed full-body Commission meeting schedule under the restructuring. Committee are allowed to develop their own meeting schedule to fit their needs as long as they fulfill their legislative requirements. Special meetings can also be called if the committee needs to address urgent matters.
- M. Martinez commented that quarterly meetings were not frequent enough but asked the broader committee about their thoughts on having a data summit versus receiving reports throughout the year.
 - R. Lester commented that he would prefer to have a data summit over the course of a few days and more spread-out meetings noting that it is hard to recall reports from months prior. He stated he would be better positioned to make better informed decisions around priority setting and resource allocation.
 - S. Oksuzyan, DHSP staff, expressed concerns about hosting a data summit in June noting that it would be impossible to present on data for the most recent year as the data needs time to mature and also cited staff shortages.
- Commission staff will work with co-chairs and DHSP to incorporate feedback from the discussion and revise the proposed meeting calendars for further discussion at a future meeting.

VI. NEXT STEPS

12. Task/Assignments Recap

- a. Commission staff will work with co-chairs to develop the agenda for the November PP&A Committee meeting.
- b. The recommendations from the Women's Caucus will be shared with the Standards and Best

Practices Committee for review and future incorporation into best practices.

- c. Commission staff will work with the co-chairs and DHSP to refine a proposed committee meeting schedule for 2026 for future discussion.

13. Agenda Development for the Next Meeting

- a. DHSP to report back to the committee on feasibility of the proposed PY35-PY36 Directives.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

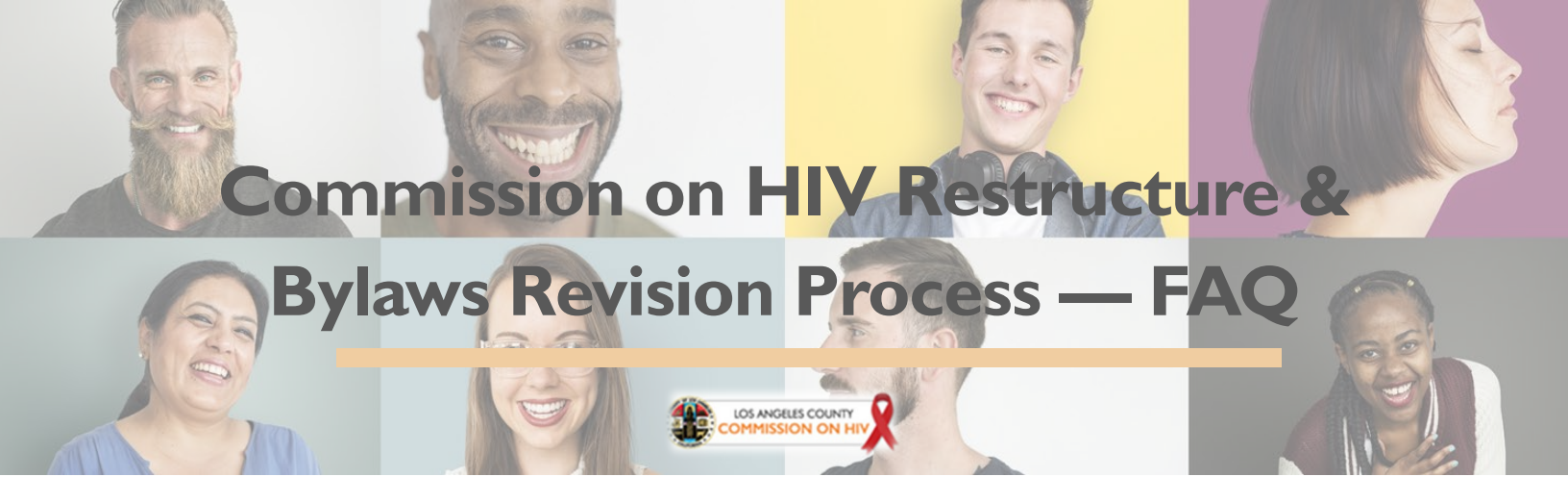
14. Opportunity for Members of the Public and the Committee to Make Announcements

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

15. Adjournment for the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by D. Russell at 3:00pm.



Commission on HIV Restructure & Bylaws Revision Process — FAQ



FAQ OVERVIEW

We're restructuring to strengthen how the Commission operates, improve efficiency, and stay aligned with federal and local requirements. Change brings questions, so here's what/why/how in one place.

BYLAWS AND ORDINANCE IN THE RESTRUCTURE

Q: What is an ordinance?

An ordinance is a law passed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. It establishes the Commission, defines its authority, and sets its overall structure. Ordinances are the legal foundation for how the Commission operates. Our current Ordinance 3.029 can be found

[HERE](#)

Q: What are bylaws?

Bylaws are the Commission's internal rules. They guide our day-to-day operations—such as membership categories, meeting procedures, and committee responsibilities. Our current Bylaws can be found [HERE](#)

Q: How do ordinances and bylaws connect to the restructure?

The Board of Supervisors must update the ordinance to legally change the Commission's size and structure. Simultaneously, the Commission is updating its bylaws to match the ordinance and provide the details for how the new structure will function in practice.

In short: Ordinances set the framework, bylaws fill in the details, and both need to be updated as part of the restructure.

COMMISSION ON HIV RESTRUCTURE & BYLAWS REVISION PROCESS — FAQ



WHY IS THE COMMISSION RESTRUCTURING?

- **County direction (Measure G).** All commissions were asked to review operations for efficiency and sustainability. To learn more about Measure G, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Sustainability:** Budget constraints and quorum challenges made the 51-member model unsustainable.
- **HRSA findings:** HRSA called for clearer conflict-of-interest processes, term limits, expanded community engagement, and stronger structural alignment.
- **Community workgroups:** In March 2025, commissioner and community workgroups recommended a streamlined model.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHANGES BEING PROPOSED? *SUBJECT TO UPDATES

- Membership reduced from 51 to 33 seats.
- Commission meetings reduced from 10 to six annually.
- Term limits: Maximum 3 consecutive 2-year terms + 1-year break (effective Mar 2026).
- Committees: Public Policy → Executive; Operations → Membership & Community Engagement
- Expanded committee-only membership requirement to individuals with lived experience.
- Consumer stipends proposed *up to \$500/month *contingent upon available funding*
- Conflict-of-interest rules strengthened. Members must declare conflicts related to RWP-funded agencies/services and recuse from related discussion/votes.
- Updated Code of Conduct to cover public/vendors and inclusion of the Commission's Inter-Personal Grievance Policy.
- DHSP Director will serve as a non-voting member and will not be counted toward quorum.

HOW WAS COMMUNITY INPUT INCLUDED?

The restructure process began with meetings between DHSP and the Commission in late 2024 and early 2025, followed by community workgroups in March 2025. Their input was compiled into a formal report reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee in May. A public comment period in June–July 2025 drew 51 responses on stipends, conflicts of interest, caucuses, membership size, quorum, Brown Act compliance, and meeting frequency, with additional input from County Counsel, DHSP, and HRSA.

COMMISSION ON HIV RESTRUCTURE & BYLAWS REVISION PROCESS — FAQ



WHAT HAPPENS TO CAUCUSES AND CONSUMER VOICE?

Caucuses remain vital spaces to lift community perspectives. They won't be on a fixed standing schedule; instead, they'll use the [PURGE](#) decision tool to meet. Unaffiliated consumer members must make up 33% of the membership. Consumer voice is lifted through 11+ unaffiliated consumer seats, expanded committee-only membership, the Membership & Community Engagement Committee, and additional community engagement activities.

WHAT ABOUT STIPENDS?

As part of the proposed changes to the bylaws, there is a proposal to raise the Unaffiliated Consumer Stipend Program limit to \$500/month (from \$150/month à la carte), contingent upon funding and approvals*. Stipends must follow HRSA guidelines and County protocols.

Quick definition: A stipend is a fixed amount of financial support provided to help *offset* costs like transportation, meals, or participation expenses. It is not a salary or wage, and it is not considered compensation for employment and cannot include automatic cost-of-living increases.

*This proposal must still be approved by the full Commission as part of the bylaw changes. Any increase will only be implemented if funding is available.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE – WHEN DOES THE NEW RESTRUCTURE TAKE EFFECT? *SUBJECT TO CHANGE (UPDATED 10.21.25)

- 📅 June 27-July 27, 2025 – Public Comment period for Proposed Changes to Bylaws
- 📅 August - November 2025 – Executive Committee continues review of Public Comments
- 📅 December 11, 2025 – Commission votes on final bylaws and submits ordinance to BOS for review and approval. **The proposed bylaw updates are contingent upon the Board of Supervisors' approval of the ordinance, which mirrors the changes outlined in the bylaws.*
- 📅 December 2025 – January 2026 – Outreach and membership application campaign launch. ** All members must reapply.*
- 📅 January – February 2026 – Applications reviewed and BOS appointments.
- 📅 Mar 12, 2026 – First meeting of the restructured Commission.

COMMISSION ON HIV RESTRUCTURE & BYLAWS REVISION PROCESS — FAQ



HOW WILL CURRENT MEMBERS BE AFFECTED?

Current members who wish to continue serving must reapply for membership. Committee assignments will change to match new structure. Takes effect once the new membership is seated in March 2026 (term limits not retroactive).

HOW WILL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BE MANAGED?

All members must complete annual conflict-of-interest forms. Members with conflicts must recuse themselves from related votes and discussions. This addresses HRSA findings and ensures transparency.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE OR GET INVOLVED? (UPDATED 10.21.25)

- [CLICK HERE](#): Restructure materials & proposed bylaws
- [CLICK HERE](#): April 2025 Bylaws Training **Current members will be required to view the training recording ahead of December 11th vote.*
- QUESTIONS: hivcomm@lachiv.org

Los Angeles County Commission on HIV
Program Year 36 (PY36) Reallocations - Part A

Service Category	Service Ranking	Approved PY 35 Allocations ⁽¹⁾	Revised PY 36 Allocations ⁽²⁾
ADAP Treatments	9	0.00%	0.00%
Child Care Services	18	0.00%	0.00%
Early Intervention Services (Testing Services)	11	2.07%	2.07%
Emergency Financial/Rental Assistance	2	4.29%	4.29%
Health Education/Risk Reduction	13	0.00%	0.00%
Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance	15	0.00%	0.00%
Home and Community-Based Services (Intensive Case Management Home Based)	17	3.96%	3.96%
Home Health Care	16	0.00%	0.00%
Hospice Services	28	0.00%	0.00%
Housing: RCFCI	1		
TRCF (Part B)		11.75%	11.75%
Legal Services	23	2.68%	2.68%
Linguistic Services (Language Services)	27	0.00%	0.00%
Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program	22	0.00%	0.00%
Medical Case Management (Medical Care Coordination)	6	16.05%	16.05%
Medical Nutritional Therapy	26	0.00%	0.00%
Medical Transportation	10	1.86%	1.86%
Mental Health Services	3	3.64%	3.64%
Non-medical Case Management: Benefits Specialty Services	5	2.96%	2.96%
Non-medical Case Management: Patient Support Services	5	9.60%	9.60%
Non-medical Case Management: Transitional Case Management-Jails	5	0.00%	0.00%
Nutrition Support: Food Bank	7		
Home Delivered Meals		8.27%	8.27%
Oral Health: General	8		
Specialty		18.16%	18.16%
Outpatient Medical Health Services (Ambulatory Outpatient Medical)	20	14.71%	14.71%
Outreach Services: Linkage Re-engagement Program (LRP)	14	0.00%	0.00%
Psychosocial Support Services	4	0.00%	0.00%
Referral	24	0.00%	0.00%
Rehabilitation	25	0.00%	0.00%
Respite Care	21	0.00%	0.00%
Substance Abuse Residential	19	0.00%	0.00%
Substance Abuse Services Outpatient	12	0.00%	0.00%
Total		100.00%	100.00%

1) Approved by Planning, Priorities, and Allocations Committee on 8/19/25; Approved by Exec. Committee on 8/28/25

2) Recommended by Planning, Priorities, and Allocations Committee on 9/16/25; Approved by Exec. Committee on 9/25/25

Los Angeles County Commission on HIV

Program Year 36 (PY36) Reallocations - Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

Service Category	Service Ranking	Approved PY 35 Allocations ⁽¹⁾	Revised PY 36 Allocations ⁽²⁾
ADAP Treatments	9	0.00%	0.00%
Child Care Services	18	0.00%	0.00%
Early Intervention Services (Testing Services)	11	0.00%	0.00%
Emergency Financial Assistance	2	0.00%	0.00%
Health Education/Risk Reduction	13	0.00%	0.00%
Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance	15	0.00%	0.00%
Home and Community-Based Services (Intensive Case Management Home Based)	17	0.00%	0.00%
Home Health Care	16	0.00%	0.00%
Hospice Services	28	0.00%	0.00%
Housing:			
Transitional (Rampart Mint)	1	100.00%	100.00%
Legal Services	23	0.00%	0.00%
Linguistic Services (Language Services)	27	0.00%	0.00%
Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program	22	0.00%	0.00%
Medical Case Management (Medical Care Coordination)	6	0.00%	0.00%
Medical Nutritional Therapy	26	0.00%	0.00%
Medical Transportation	10	0.00%	0.00%
Mental Health Services	3	0.00%	0.00%
Non-medical Case Management:			
Benefits Specialty Services	5	0.00%	0.00%
Non-medical Case Management:			
Patient Support Services	5	0.00%	0.00%
Non-medical Case Management:			
Transitional Case Management-Jails	5	0.00%	0.00%
Nutrition Support:			
Food Bank	7		
Home Delivered Meals		0.00%	0.00%
Oral Health:			
General	8		
Specialty		0.00%	0.00%
Outpatient Medical Health Services (Ambulatory Outpatient Medical)	20	0.00%	0.00%
Outreach Services:			
Linkage Re-engagement Program (LRP)	14	0.00%	0.00%
Psychosocial Support Services	4	0.00%	0.00%
Referral	24	0.00%	0.00%
Rehabilitation	25	0.00%	0.00%
Respite Care	21	0.00%	0.00%
Substance Abuse Residential	19	0.00%	0.00%
Substance Abuse Services Outpatient	12	0.00%	0.00%
Total		100.00%	100.00%

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Ryan White Program Year (PY) 35 Service Rankings and Allocations Table - Scenario #1 Full Funding

			FY 2025 (PY 35) ⁽¹⁾	
Service Type	Service Ranking	Service Category	Part A %	MAI %
Core	6	Medical Case Management (Medical Care Coordination)	29.00%	0.00%
Core	8	Oral Health	21.30%	0.00%
Core	20	Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Health Services (Ambulatory Outpatient Medical)	17.11%	0.00%
Core	11	Early Intervention Services (Testing Services)	0.00%	0.00%
Core	17	Home and Community-Based Health Services	6.50%	0.00%
Support	2	Emergency Financial Assistance	8.00%	0.00%
Support	7	Nutrition Support (Food Bank/Home-delivered Meals)	7.79%	0.00%
Support	5	Non-Medical Case Management		
		Patient Support Services	0.00%	0.00%
		Benefits Specialty Services	3.95%	0.00%
		Transitional Case Management - Jails	1.58%	0.00%
Support	10	Medical Transportation	1.84%	0.00%
Support	23	Legal Services	2.00%	0.00%
Support	1	Housing		
		Housing Services RCFCI/TRCF (Home-Based Case Management)	0.91%	0.00%
		Housing for Health	0.00%	100.00%
Core	3	Mental Health Services	0.02%	0.00%
Core	9	AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments	0.00%	0.00%
Core	22	Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (LPAP)	0.00%	0.00%
Core	15	Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance	0.00%	0.00%
Core	16	Home Health Care	0.00%	0.00%
Core	28	Hospice Services	0.00%	0.00%
Core	26	Medical Nutritional Therapy	0.00%	0.00%
Core	12	Substance Abuse Services Outpatient	0.00%	0.00%
Support	18	Child Care Services	0.00%	0.00%
Support	13	Health Education/Risk Reduction	0.00%	0.00%
Support	27	Linguistic Services (Language Services)	0.00%	0.00%
Support	14	Outreach Services (LRP)	0.00%	0.00%
Support	4	Psychosocial Support Services	0.00%	0.00%
Support	24	Referral	0.00%	0.00%
Support	25	Rehabilitation	0.00%	0.00%
Support	21	Respite Care	0.00%	0.00%
Support	19	Substance Abuse Residential	0.00%	0.00%
Overall Total			100.00%	100.00%

Footnotes:

(1) Approved by PP&A Committee on 9/17/24; approved by Exec. Committee on 9/26/24: Exe. approved due to lack of quorum @ COH meeting on 9/12/24)

Ryan White Program Year (PY) 35 Service Rankings and Allocations Table - Scenario #2

\$8 million partial award for Part A and MAI plus \$5 million for Part B = \$13m Total ⁽¹⁾

					FY 2025 (PY 35) ⁽²⁾
Service Type	Service Ranking	Service Category	Estimated Part A & MAI PY34 Expenditures \$	Estimated Part B PY34 Expenditures \$	Part A, MAI, & Part B %
Core	6	Medical Case Management (Medical Care Coordination)	\$ 11,660,438.00	\$ -	32.30%
Core	8	Oral Health	\$ 8,751,232.00	\$ -	0.00%
Core	20	Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Health Services (Ambulatory Outpatient Medical)	\$ 6,860,111.00	\$ -	52.31%
Core	11	Early Intervention Services (Testing Services)	\$ 2,332,127.00	\$ -	0.00%
Core	17	Home and Community-Based Health Services	\$ 2,345,241.00	\$ -	0.00%
Support	2	Emergency Financial Assistance	\$ 1,539,288.00	\$ -	0.00%
Support	7	Nutrition Support (Food Bank/Home-delivered Meals)	\$ 2,783,905.00	\$ -	0.00%
Support	5	Non-Medical Case Management			
		Benefits Specialty Services	\$ 1,517,835.00	\$ -	11.54%
		Transitional Case Management - Jails	\$ 26,720.00	\$ -	0.00%
Support	10	Medical Transportation	\$ 715,013.00	\$ -	3.85%
Support	23	Legal Services	\$ 1,049,695.00	\$ -	0.00%
Support	1	Housing		\$ 5,287,873.00	
		Housing Services RCFI/TRCF (Home-Based Case Management)	\$ 571,410.00	\$ -	0.00%
		Housing for Health	\$ 5,375,220.00	\$ -	0.00%
Core	3	Mental Health Services	\$ 85,420.00	\$ -	0.00%
Core	9	AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Core	22	Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (LPAP)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Core	15	Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Core	16	Home Health Care	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Core	28	Hospice Services	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Core	26	Medical Nutritional Therapy	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Core	12	Substance Abuse Services Outpatient	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	18	Child Care Services	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	13	Health Education/Risk Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	27	Linguistic Services (Language Services)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	14	Outreach Services (LRP)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	4	Psychosocial Support Services	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	24	Referral	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	25	Rehabilitation	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	21	Respite Care	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Support	19	Substance Abuse Residential	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Overall Total			\$ 45,613,655.00	\$ 5,287,873.00	100.00%

Footnotes:

(1) DHSP recommended PP&A Committee to consider \$5 million in Part B funds into allocations

(2) Factors taken into consideration for proposed allocations include:

- Expenditure Reports
- Utilization Reports – greatest good for the greatest number of people
- Identification of other payor sources for various funded services
- Preservation of core services, namely those unique to the Ryan White Program
- Alignment with statutory requirement of 75% of program expenditures dedicated to core services and 25% of program expenditures dedicated to support services

Ryan White Program Year 35 (FY2025-2026) Service Rankings and Allocations Table - Scenario #3 ⁽¹⁾

Partial Award: \$24,448,952 in Part A funds and \$3,150,000 in MAI funds

Priority Ranking	Core Service Categories	Service Type	Part A %	MAI %
9	AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatment	Core	0%	0%
22	AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (LPAP)	Core	0%	0%
11	Early Intervention Services (Testing Services)	Core	0%	0%
15	Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance	Core	0%	0%
17	Home & Community Based Health Service (Intensive Case Management-Home Based)	Core	6.67%	0%
16	Home Health Care	Core	0%	0%
28	Hospice	Core	0%	0%
6	Medical Case Management (Medical Care Coordination)	Core	27.91%	0%
3	Mental Health Services	Core	0%	0%
8	Oral Health Care	Core	20.31%	0%
20	Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services	Core	0%	0%
12	Substance Abuse Outpatient Care	Core	0%	0%
Core Services Total			54.89%	0%
Priority Ranking	Support Service Categories	Service Type	Part A %	MAI %
18	Child Care Services	Support	0%	0%
2	Emergency Financial Assistance (Emergency Rental Assistance)	Support	8.16%	0%
7	Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals	Support	8.82%	0%
3	Health Education/Risk Reduction	Support	0%	0%
1	Housing Services (RCFCI)	Support	8.33%	0%
1	Housing Services (TRCF)	Support	1.31%	0%
1	Housing Services (Rampart Mint/Transitional/Permanent)	Support	0%	84.13%
27	Linguistics Services	Support	0%	0%
10	Medical Transportation	Support	0%	15.87%
5	Non-Medical Case Management Services (Benefits Specialty Services)	Support	3.91%	0%
5	Non-Medical Case Management Services (Transitional Case Management - Jails)	Support	0%	0%
5	Non-Medical Case Management Services (Patient Support Service)	Support	12.58%	0%
23	Other Professional Services (Legal)	Support	2.00%	0%
14	Outreach Services	Support	0%	0%
4	Psychosocial Support	Support	0%	0%
24	Referral For Health Care Supportive Services	Support	0%	0%
25	Rehabilitation Services	Support	0%	0%
21	Respite Care	Support	0%	0%
19	Substance Abuse - Residential	Support	0%	0%
Support Service Total			45.11%	100%
Total			100.00%	100%

Footnotes

(1) DHSP recommendations; Approved by PP&A Committee on 5.1.25



Annual HIV/STD Update to the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV

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Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

November 13, 2025





1. HIV, STD, and Mpox Morbidity Trends
2. Federal Budget and Policy Updates
3. Workforce and Program Impacts
4. Priority Setting
5. Questions and Answers

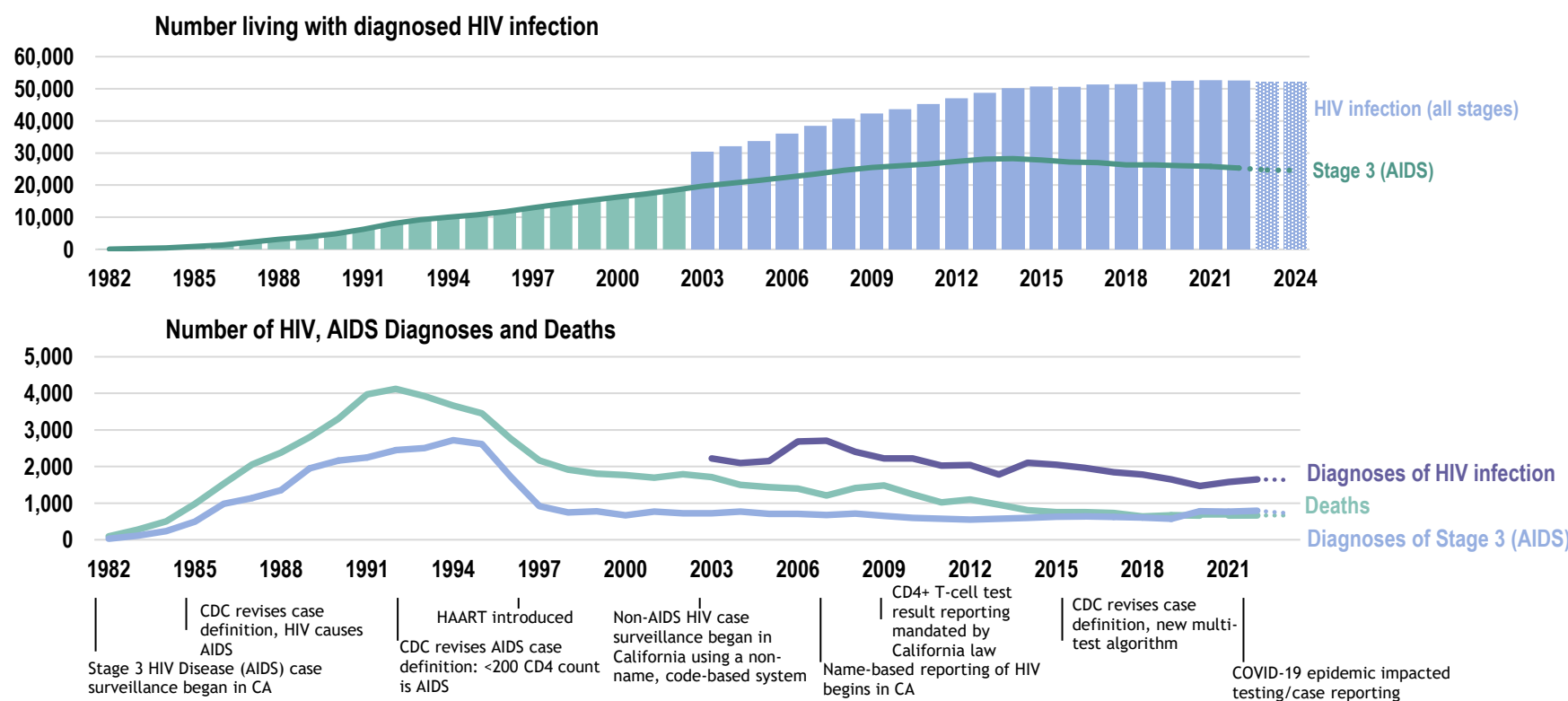




HIV, STD, and Mpox Morbidity Trends



HIV Diagnoses, AIDS Diagnoses, Persons Living with AIDS and Non-AIDS HIV, and Deaths among Persons Living with Diagnosed HIV, Los Angeles County 1982-2024^{1,2,3}



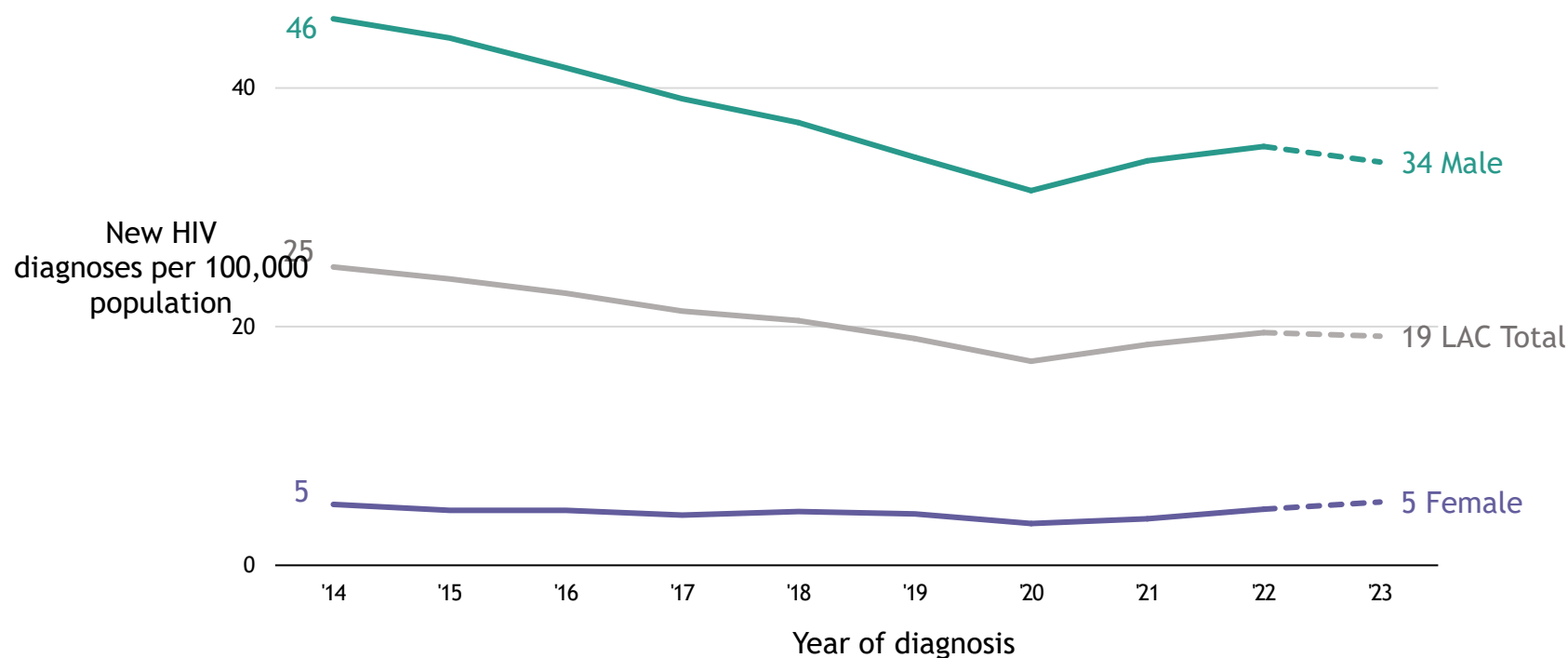
History of the HIV epidemic: In LAC, AIDS reporting began in 1982 and the annual number of cases peaked in 1992 with more than 4,000 cases reported that year. In 1994, deaths reached an all-time high followed by a significant decline that coincided with the introduction of highly active antiretroviral treatment (HAART) for HIV in 1996. In 2006, name-based HIV reporting began in California, allowing for better tracking of trends in diagnosed HIV irrespective of disease stage.

¹ Includes new diagnoses of HIV infection regardless of the disease stage at time of diagnosis.

² Includes persons whose residence at death was in LAC or whose most recent known address before death was in LAC, when residence at death is missing.

³ 2023 data for diagnoses of HIV/AIDS and deaths and 2023/2024 data for persons living with non-AIDS HIV and AIDS are provisional as indicated by the dashed line and patterned bar. 2024 diagnoses of HIV/AIDS and deaths are underreported/unreliable due to significant reporting delay, and therefore are not shown.

HIV diagnoses rates by sex¹ among persons aged ≥ 13 years, LAC 2014-2023^{2,3}



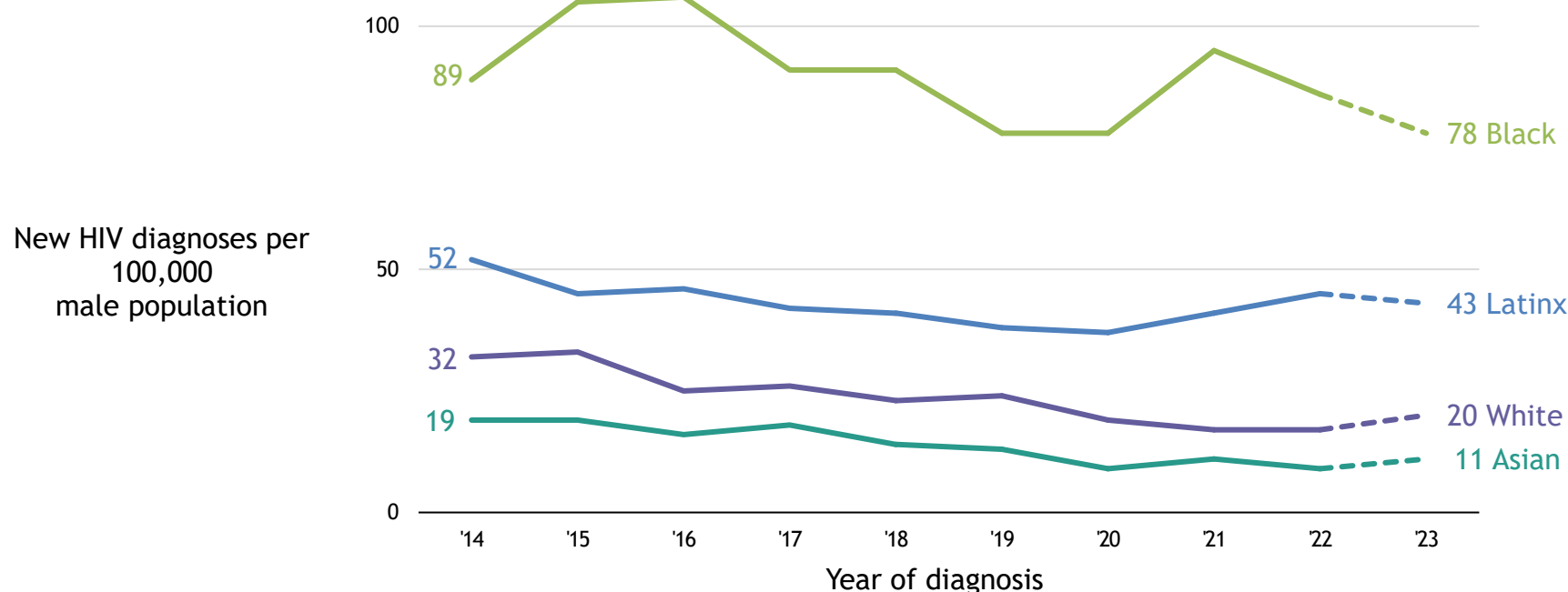
HIV diagnosis rates remain substantially higher among males compared with females. Over the past decade, HIV diagnosis rates among males have declined, while rates among females have remained stable.

¹ Rates are presented by sex at birth due to the unavailability of population size estimates in LAC by gender categories.

² Due to reporting delay, 2023 HIV diagnosis data are provisional as indicated by the dashed line.

³ The decline in HIV diagnoses rates observed in 2020, a year in which the COVID-19 pandemic may have depressed HIV testing and reporting, seems to have been followed by a rebound in diagnoses in 2021 and 2022.

HIV diagnoses rates among males¹ aged ≥ 13 years by race/ethnicity,² LAC 2014-2023^{3,4}



Over the past decade, HIV diagnoses rates have declined among LAC males across all race/ethnicity groups. However, stark disparities persist, with Black males experiencing significantly higher rates than other race/ethnicity groups.

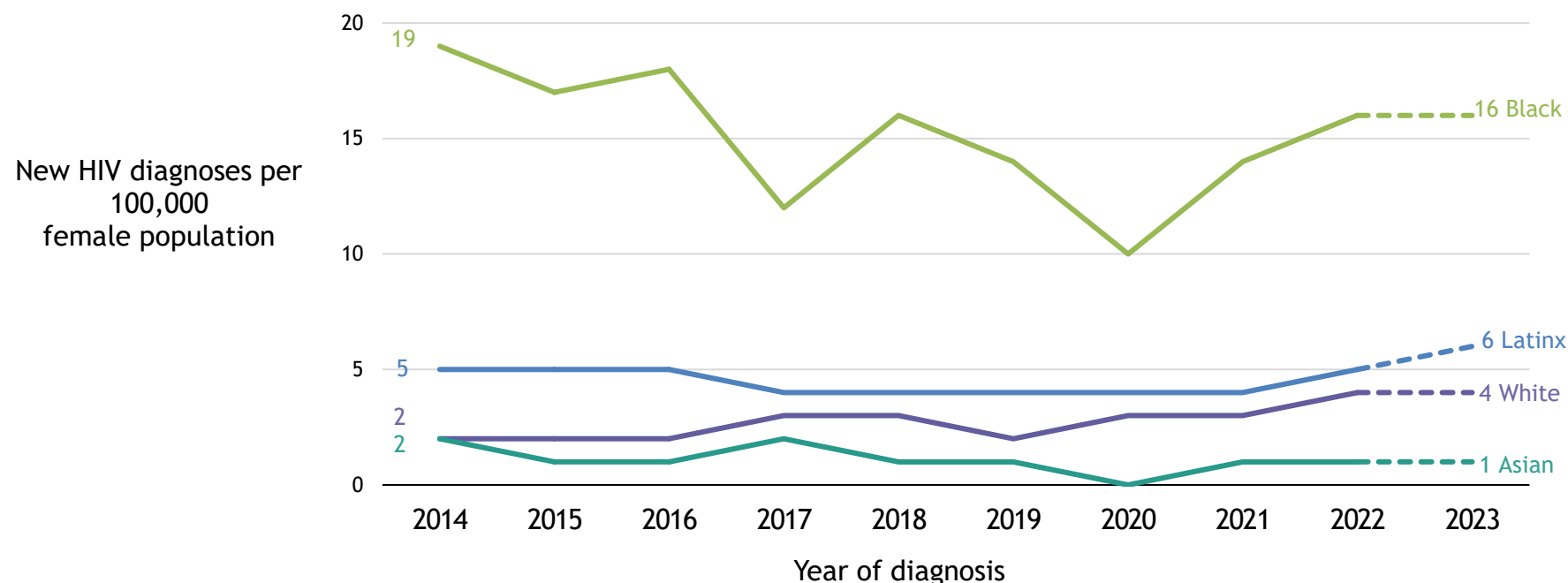
¹ Based on sex at birth.

² Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) and American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) were not included in the analysis due to small numbers, while persons of multiple race/ethnicities were not included due to lack of denominator data to calculate rates. In 2023, NHPI, AIAN, and multi-racial persons represented 0.3%, 0.4%, and 1.3% of males newly diagnosed with HIV, respectively.

³ Due to reporting delay, 2023 HIV diagnosis data are provisional as indicated by the dashed line.

⁴ The decline in HIV diagnoses rates observed in 2020, a year in which the COVID-19 pandemic may have depressed HIV testing and reporting, seems to have been followed by a rebound in diagnoses in 2021 and 2022.

HIV diagnoses rates among females¹ aged ≥ 13 years by race/ethnicity,² LAC 2014-2023^{3,4}



Over the past decade, HIV diagnosis rates have remained relatively low and stable among Latinx, White, and Asian women in LAC. By contrast, rates for Black females have consistently remained higher than other racial/ethnic groups and have increased in recent years, reaching 16 per 100,000 in 2023.

¹ Based on sex at birth.

² Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) and American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) were not included in the analysis due to small numbers, while persons of multiple race/ethnicities were not included due to lack of denominator data to calculate rates. In 2023, NHPI, AIAN, and multi-racial persons represented 0.4%, 1.7%, and 1.3% of females newly diagnosed with HIV, respectively.

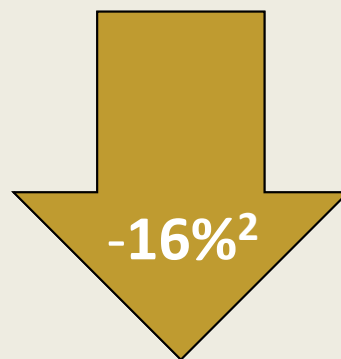
³ Due to reporting delay, 2023 HIV diagnosis data are provisional as indicated by the dashed line.

⁴ The decline in HIV diagnoses rates observed in 2020, a year in which the COVID-19 pandemic may have depressed HIV testing and reporting, seems to have been followed by a rebound in diagnoses in 2021 and 2022.

LAC saw a 15% case reduction in 3 reported STIs from 2023–24, matching or surpassing national trends¹

Chlamydia

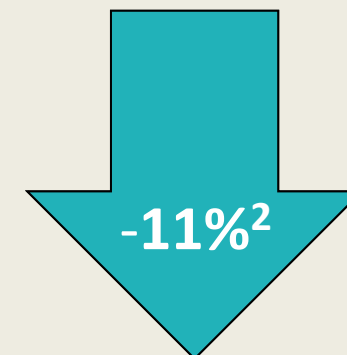
- Reductions since peak in 2019
- National: -8%



Gonorrhea

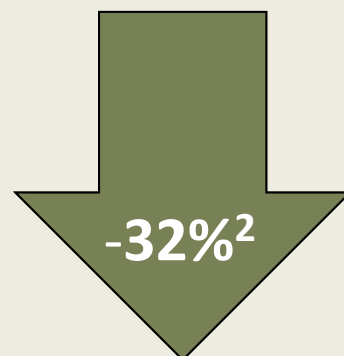
- Reductions since peak in 2021*
- National: -10%

*Third year in a row



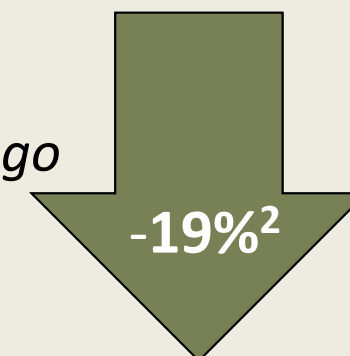
Early Syphilis³

- Reductions since 2021
 - Primary/secondary: -34%
- National
 - Primary/ secondary: -22%



Congenital syphilis

- Reductions since 2022: -19%
- *Cases still >3x than a decade ago*
- National: increase



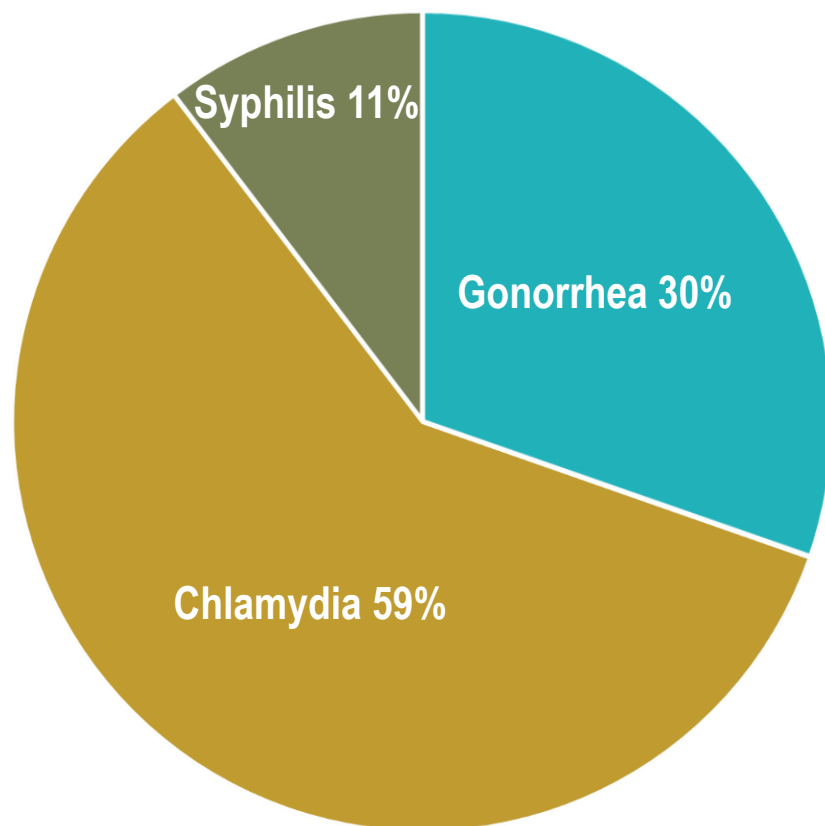
1. Data as of September 22, 2025 and excludes data from the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena. Preliminary 2024 data.

2. Reductions in number of cases from 2023 to 2024.

3. Early syphilis includes all cases staged as primary, secondary or early non-primary, non-secondary (early latent).

Preliminary Reported Sexually Transmitted Infections, Los Angeles County, 2024¹

TOTAL STI CASES = 76,671



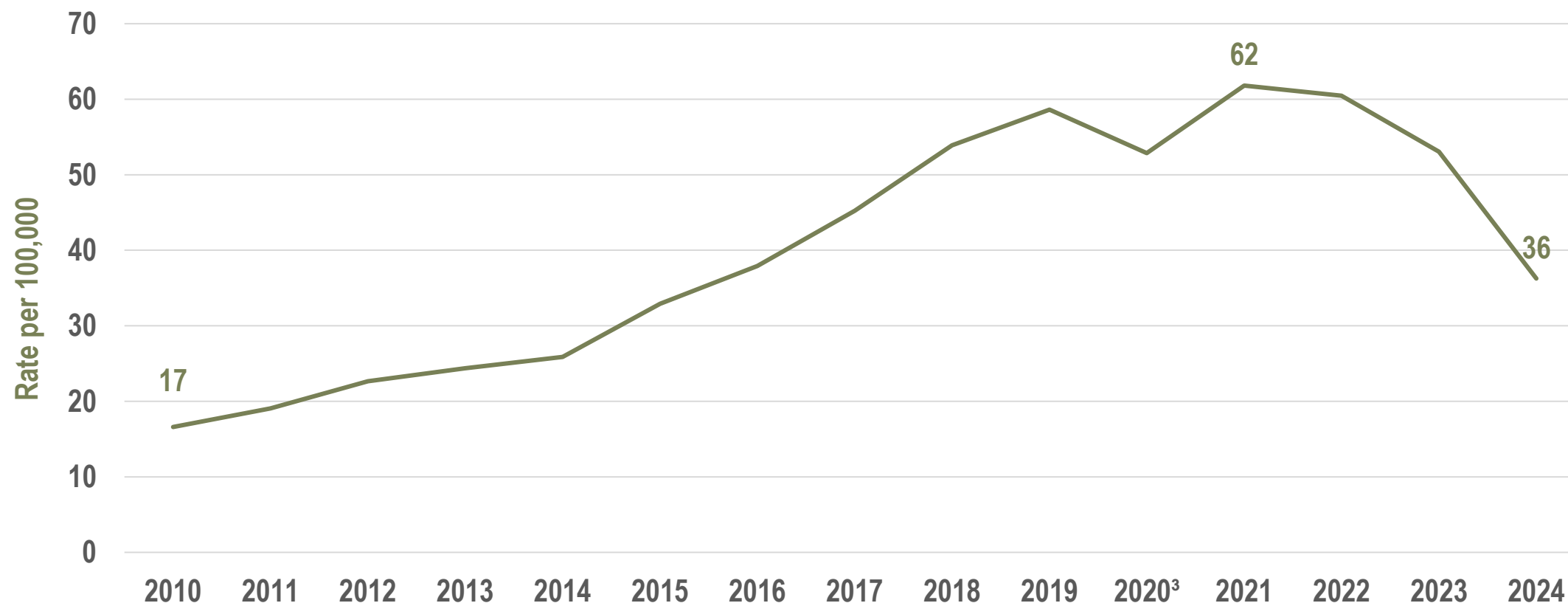
Although syphilis represents only 11% of STIs in LAC, the health consequences of untreated syphilis can be more severe than untreated chlamydia and gonorrhea.

Source: LAC DPH Division of HIV and STD Programs

1. Data as of September 22, 2025 and excludes data from the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena.

The early syphilis rate has been decreasing since its peak in 2021.

Preliminary Early Syphilis¹ Rates, Los Angeles County, 2010-2024²



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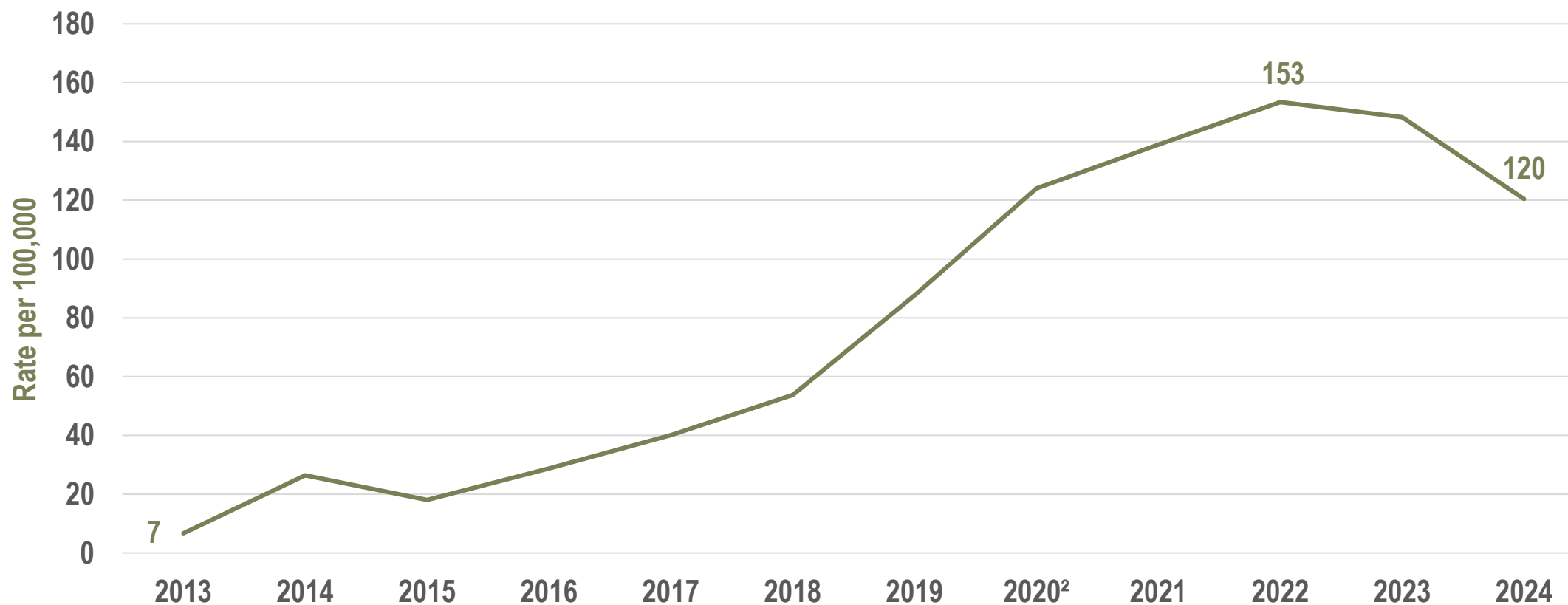
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3. Note that the number of reported STIs for 2020 decreased as a result of decreased STI screening and increased use of telemedicine during the COVID-19 Stay at Home Health Officer Order.



The congenital syphilis rate has been decreasing since its peak in 2022.

Preliminary Congenital Syphilis Rates, Los Angeles County, 2013-2024¹

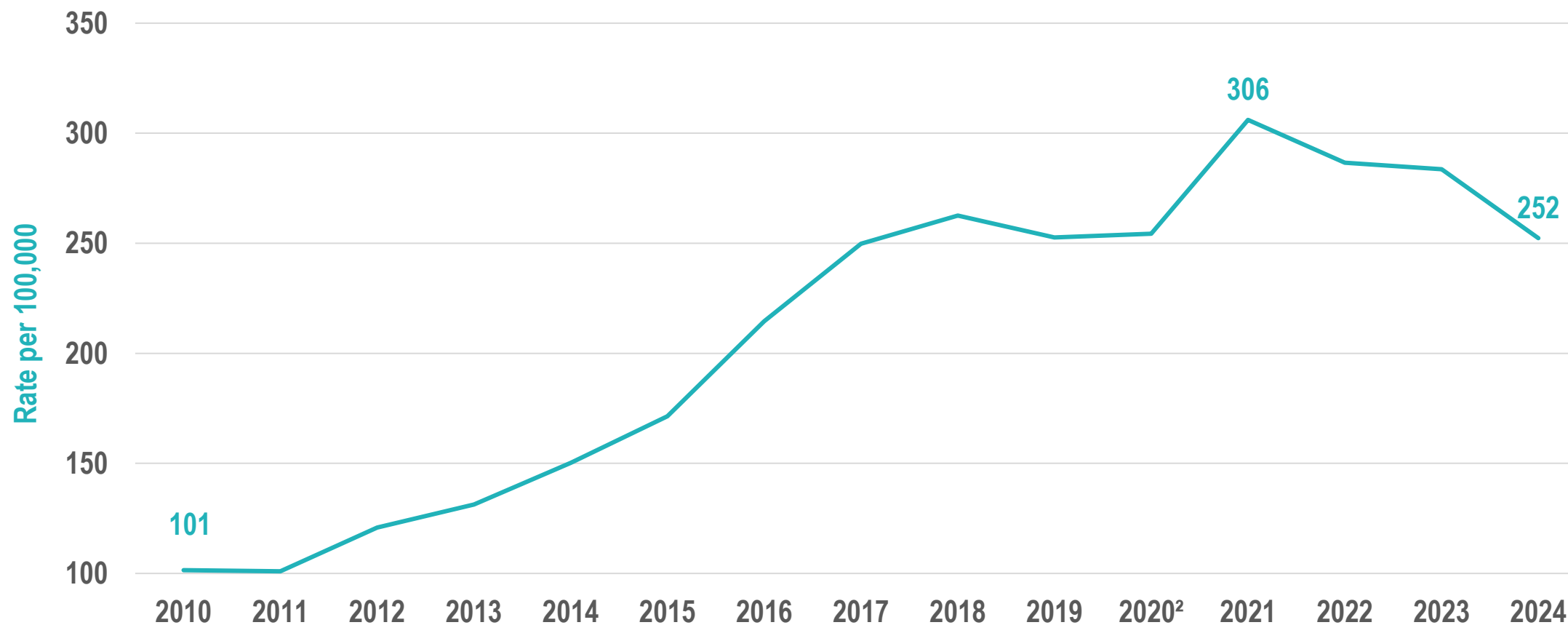


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The gonorrhea rate has been decreasing since its peak in 2021.

Preliminary Gonorrhea Rates, Los Angeles County, 2010-2024²

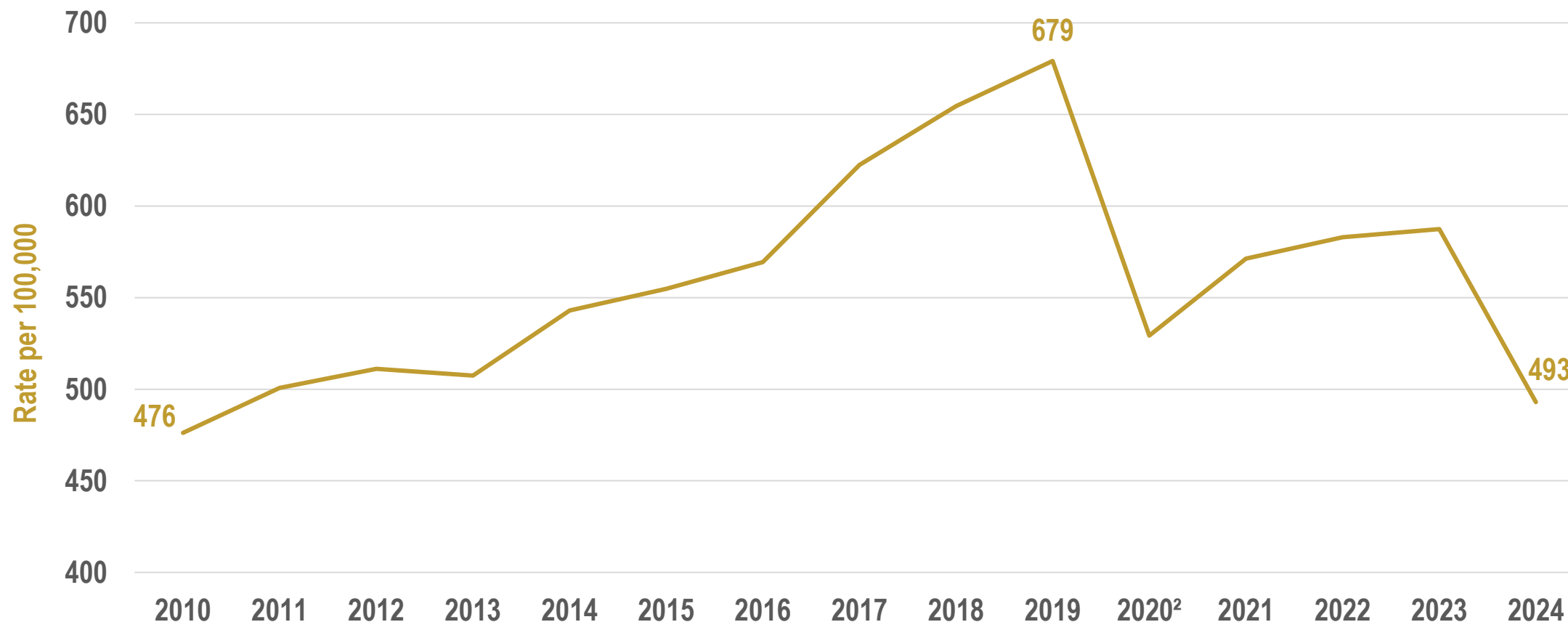


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The chlamydia rate has been decreasing since its peak in 2019.

Preliminary Chlamydia Rates, Los Angeles County, 2010-2024²

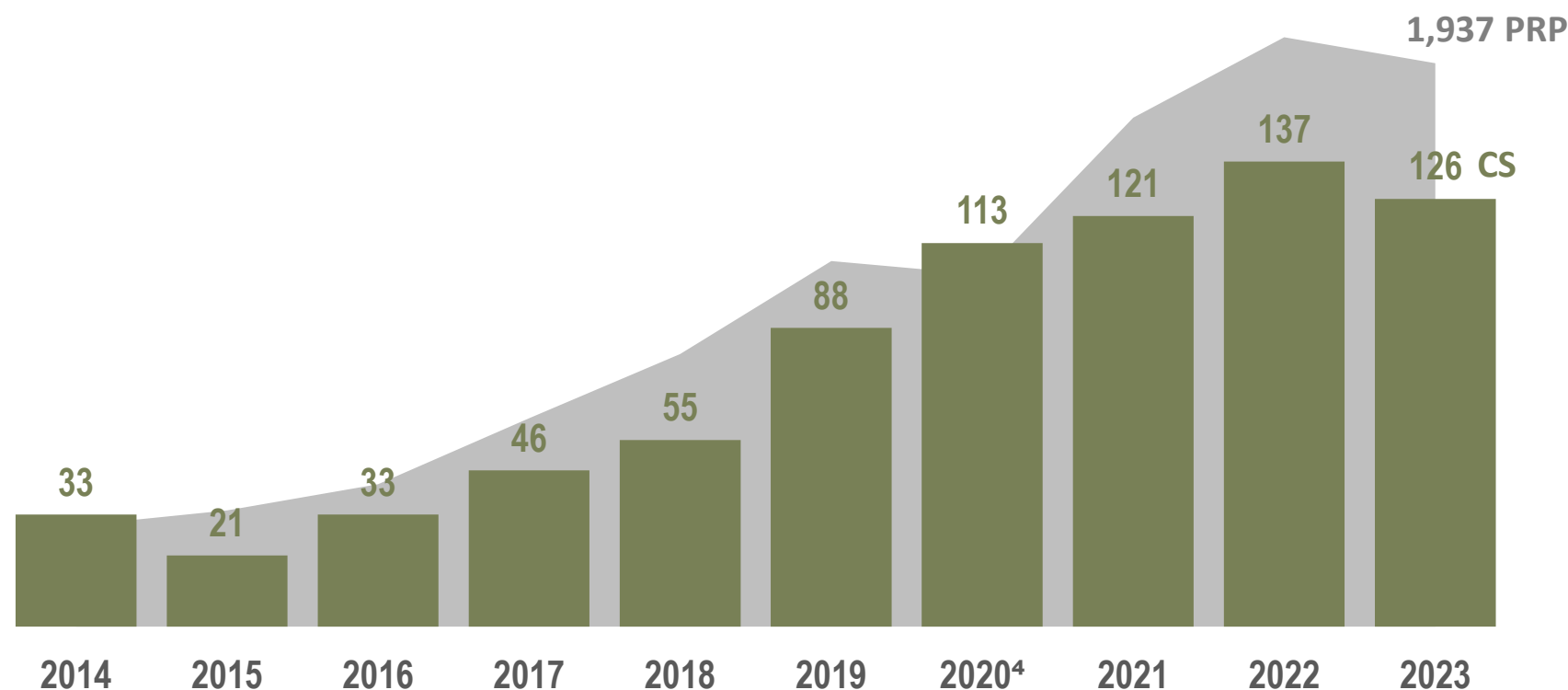


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Syphilis among Persons of Reproductive Potential (PRP) and infants with congenital syphilis have increased substantially since 2014.

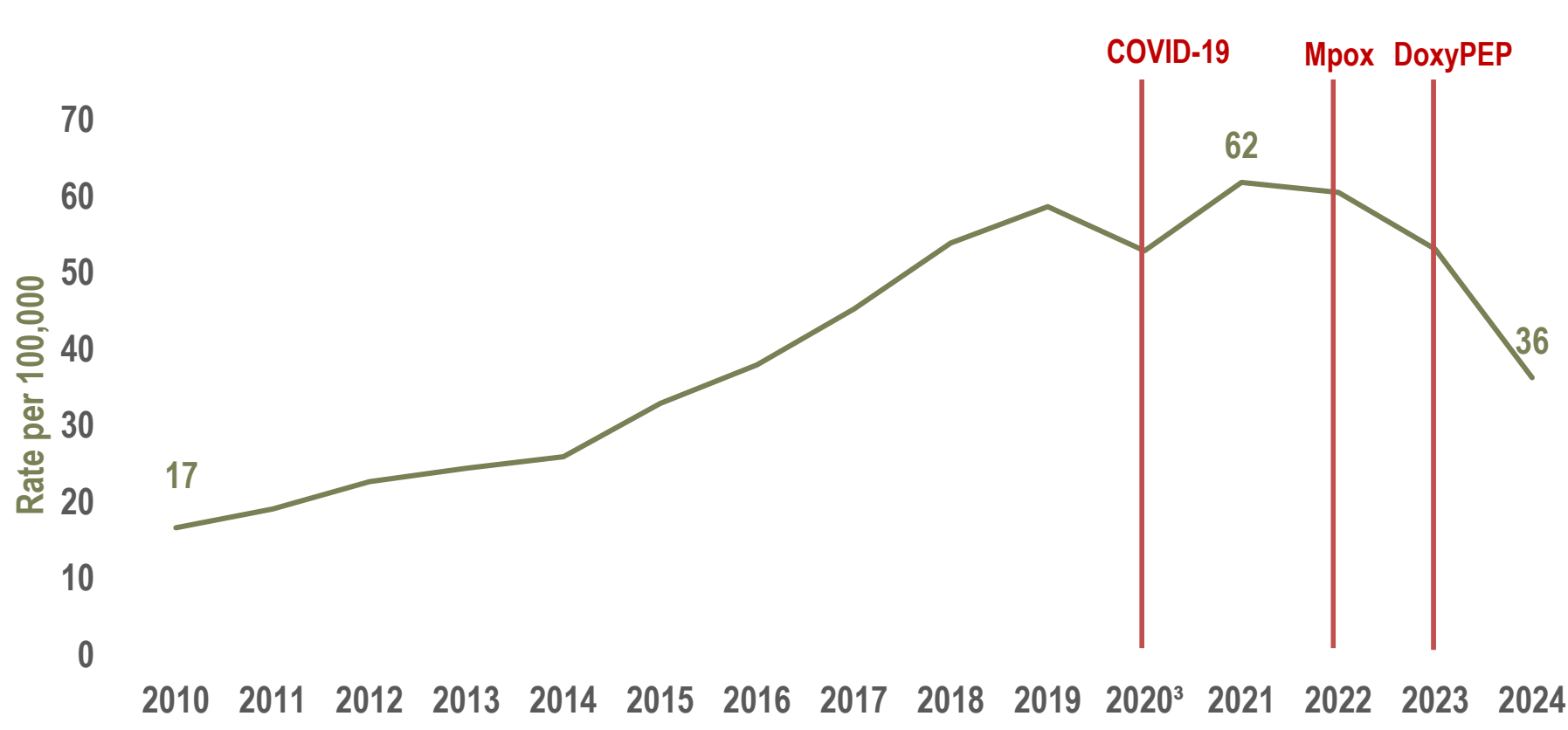
Provisional Number of PRP and Infants with Congenital Syphilis^{1,2} Los Angeles County, 2014-2023³



1. Syphilis among females of childbearing age (ages 15-44) including all cases staged as primary, secondary, early non-primary non-secondary (previously early latent) and unknown duration/late (previously late latent). 2. Congenital syphilis includes syphilitic stillbirths and neonatal deaths. 3. Data as of September 27, 2024 and excludes cities of Long Beach and Pasadena. Data are preliminary and subject to further change. 4. Note that the number of reported STIs in 2020 decreased as a result of decreased STD screening and increased use of telemedicine during the COVID-19 Stay at Home Health Officer Order. Data sources: LAC DPH Division of HIV and STD Programs

The early syphilis rate has been decreasing since its peak in 2021.

Preliminary Early Syphilis¹ Rates, Los Angeles County, 2010-2024²



DoxyPEP uptake &
DoxyPEPLA

ED/UCC screening &
community-based testing

Syphilis Outbreak Strategy:
Clinical Field Team,
Specialized Investigation
Team, incentives & housing

Benzathine penicillin
delivery

Provider education &
training

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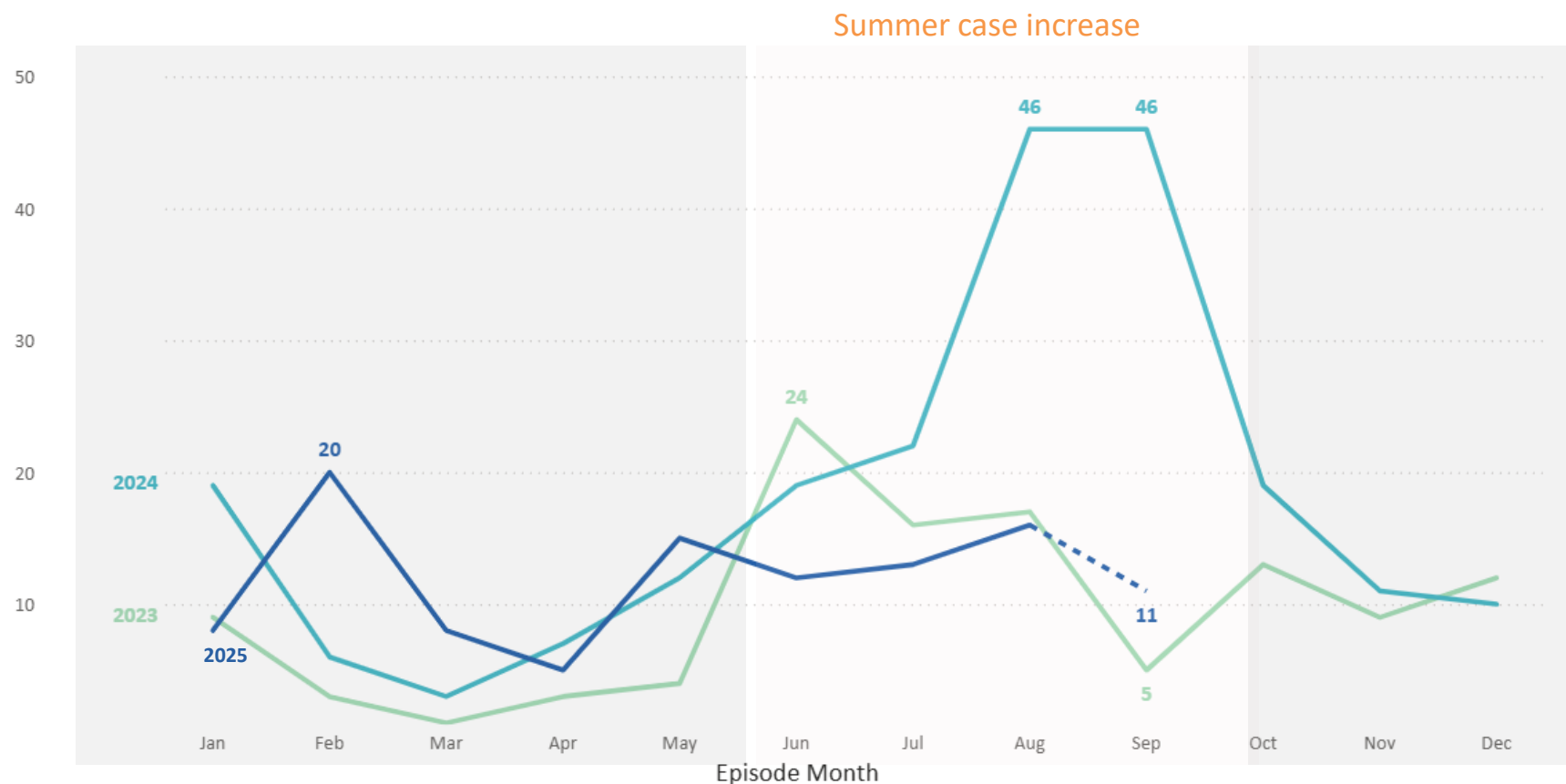


Mpox Epidemiology

- Global outbreak of mpox since 2022 has been Mpox Clade II
- Regional clusters, waxing and waning across the US and LAC since then
- Increasing 2-dose vaccination coverage and counseling re: other prevention strategies are best ways to prevent cases
- Deaths still being reported nationally, none in LAC since 2022

Mpox cases generally peak during summer months. We did not see a summer **2025** peak.

Monthly mpox cases by episode year

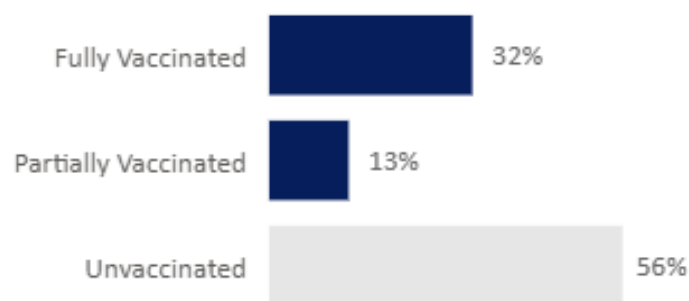


*Episode date: earliest existing value of: date of onset, date of diagnosis, date of death, date received, specimen collection date.
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Over a recent 6 month period, most LAC mpox cases did not require hospitalization. Forty-five percent were partially or fully vaccinated and 25% were coinfecting with HIV.

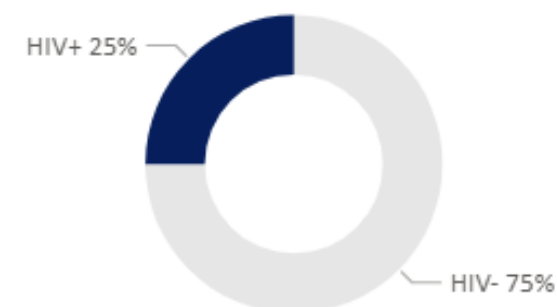
Clinical features of mpox cases with episode dates* from 4/1/25 – 9/30/2025 (N=72)

Vaccination Status



Source: Mpox-JYNNEOS match

HIV Coinfection



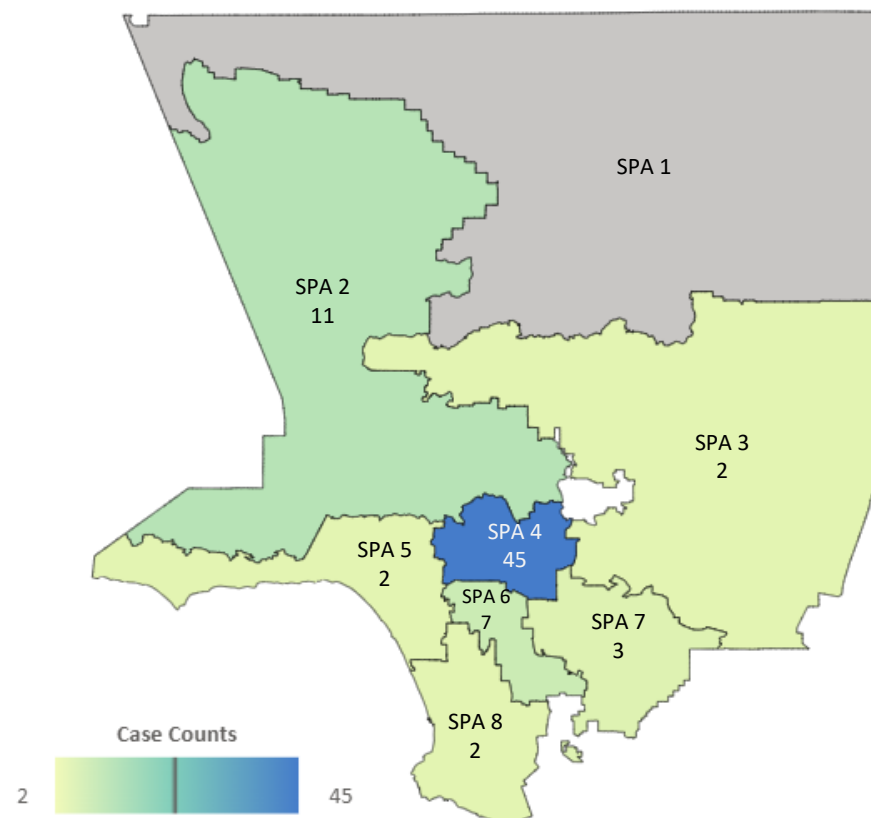
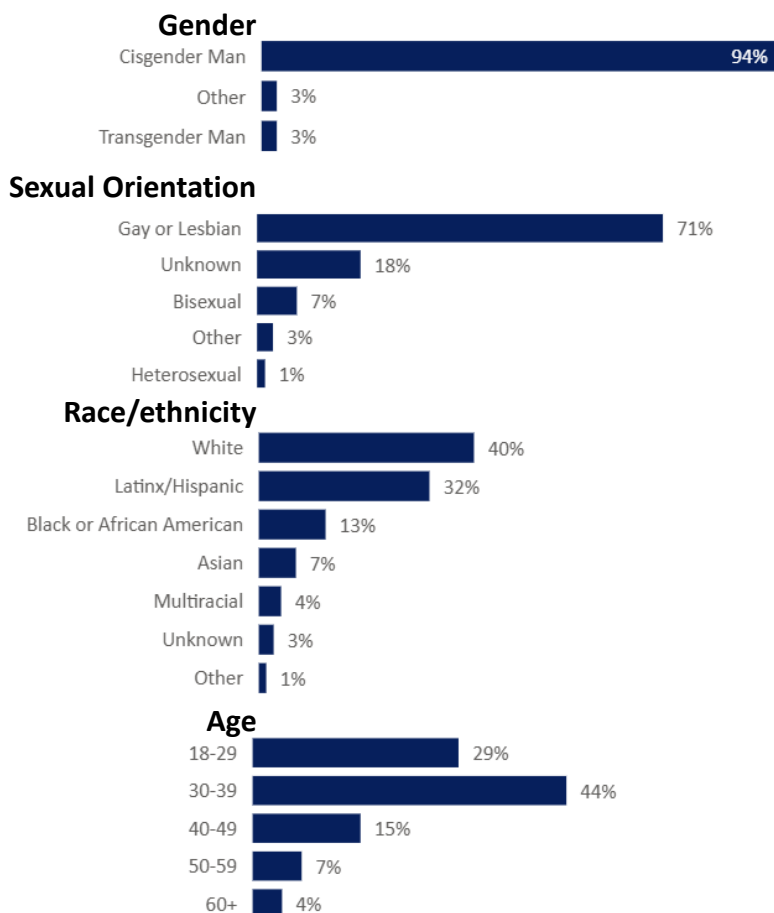
Source: Mpox-HIV match

2 Hospitalizations**



***Episode date:** earliest existing value of: date of onset, date of diagnosis, date of death, date received, specimen collection date. ** Among two hospitalized cases, one person was HIV+, one was HIV-. Both were unvaccinated. Recent dates may be incomplete due to lags in data reporting.

Demographics of LAC mpox cases with episode dates* from 4/1/25 – 9/30/2025 (N=72)



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Clade I Mpox Cases without Associated Travel Reported in southern California, October 2025

- As of October 21, 2025:
 - **Three confirmed Clade I mpox cases without associated travel reported in LA County**
 - These are the first Clade I mpox cases in the nation without travel to another country where Clade I has been known to be circulating
- Similarities:
 - Men who have sex with men
 - Report no international travel, no sexual contact, and no contact with one another in 21 days prior to symptom onset
 - **3 hospitalized (1 ICU); 2 immuno-compromised**
 - All isolating at home
- Public health investigation, including contact tracing and symptom monitoring is ongoing

About Clade I Mpox

- Community transmission of Clade I mpox within California is now occurring among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men and their social networks.
- Overall risk of Clade I mpox to the general population in California and the US remains low.
- At this time, Clade I mpox has not been shown to be more transmissible than Clade II. Transmission studies are ongoing.
- Clade I and II mpox can both transmit through sexual or intimate contact (e.g., massage, cuddling), shared living spaces or personal items.
- Clade I mpox may be severe. Risk of severe mpox disease and hospitalization are highest for people with weakened immune systems.
- Jynneos vaccination is protective against both clade I and II; under-accessed resource.



Federal Budget and Policy Updates; Proposed Federal Cuts to the HIV and STD Portfolio; ADAP Rebate Fund and; Recent Executive Orders



Federal Budget and Policy Update

- **8 Senate Democrats voted for a Republican-backed continuing resolution that funds the federal government through January 2026**
 - **DOES NOT** include extension on ACA advanced premium tax credits.
 - Includes 3 appropriations bills (Military Spending/VA, Dept of Agriculture/FDA, Legislative Branch)
- **Budget proposals differ significantly between the Senate and the House**
 - Senate: Keeps funding flat or slightly reduced for CDC, HRSA, and SAMHSA, among other areas
 - House: Significant reductions to CDC budget and elimination of several HRSA funding areas
 - **Eliminates:** CDC HIV prevention funding (> \$1B), EHE funding (HRSA+CDC), and HRSA Ryan White Program Parts C, D, and F funding

Looming Financial Threats

Direct Funding to DHSP - \$31.7M

- CDC HIHPS (Program, Surveillance, EHE) - \$19.7M
- CDC STD PCHD - \$3.3M (potential 6% cut or ~\$200,000)
- CDC NHBS - \$620,000
- HRSA RWP MAI - \$3.7M
- HRSA RWP EHE - \$7.5M

Looming Financial Threats

Indirect, To DHSP Partners - \$12.85M

- RWP Part C EIS and Cap Bldg Awards (HIV Specialty Clinics)
 - EIS: 14 clinics totaling \$5,738,844
 - Cap Bldg: 3 clinics totaling \$450,000
- RWP Part D (Agencies serving Women, Infants, Children, Youth)
 - USC, UCLA, AltaMed: \$1,633,218

Looming Financial Threats

Indirect, To DHSP Partners (continued)

- RWP Part F Dental (Universities providing Oral Health Care)
 - USC, UCLA, Western Univ. of Health Services: \$1,570,737
- Title X (Supports Sex & Repro Health/Fam Planning Services in CA)
 - Essential Access Health: \$13,200,000 (~\$3.5M LAC)
 - 679,454 family planning encounters
 - 227,362 GC tests
 - 113,537 syphilis tests
 - 173,328 HIV tests

ADAP Rebate Fund

- **Need for More Spending Flexibility and Additional Triggers**
- **Three-year Contingency Planning?**
- **Fund Replenishment**

Executive Orders

- Sex/Gender
- Environmental Justice
- DEI (for federal agencies and government contractors)
- Immigration
- Homelessness and Harm Reduction
- Oversight of Federal Grantmaking
- Pharmaceuticals
- Make America Healthy Again
 - Establishing *MAHA Commission, Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy*



Recent Workforce and Program Impacts



DHSP Key Actions (February 2025 and Ongoing)



76 DHSP Staff Layoffs or Reassignments to Other DPH Programs

38 Contractors

38 Permanent County Staff

Additional Cost Containment Efforts



Aligned Contract Obligations with Projected FY 2025 Revenue

Ryan White Program

HIV Prevention Portfolio



Stakeholder, Provider, and Consumer Meetings

Prevention, Housing, Oral Health, Food/Nutrition



Prioritization in an Era of Scarcity: Perspectives from Dr. Matthew Golden



Possible Hierarchy of Priorities

Disease Control Activities in Order of Priority

1. Sustain (increase) HIV viral suppression among people with HIV
2. Prevention of congenital syphilis
 - Treatment and case-management of pregnant persons and pregnancy capable people
3. Maintain core HIV/STI surveillance
4. Sustain HIV linkage to care (integrated with surveillance)
5. Drug user health - Narcan and syringe distribution
6. Treating symptomatic STIs (particularly syphilis)
7. Promotion of HIV/STI control by healthcare system
8. High yield public health syphilis case-finding
9. Sustain high yield public health funded HIV case-finding
10. HIV PrEP

Possible Hierarchy of Priorities (continued)

Sustain the infrastructure to rebuild and strategize for longer term goals

- Sexual health clinics
- Low barrier HIV clinics - outreach to promote care?
- Surveillance
- Community collaboration - focus on healthcare organizations

Publicly Funded HIV Testing 2021



1,736,850

Total CDC-funded HIV tests
conducted in 2021

18,244

had a **positive**
HIV test result

8,149

were **newly**
diagnosed with HIV
(0.5% positivity)

78%

of those newly
diagnosed with HIV
were **linked to HIV**
medical care
within 30 days

	TESTS (% POSITIVITY)		TESTS (% POSITIVITY)
Health care setting	1,278,274 (0.4%)	Non-health care setting	436,304 (0.7%)
Community Health Centers	410,981 (0.3%)	HIV Testing Sites	226,834 (0.8%)
STD Clinics	395,934 (0.5%)	Community Settings ^b	105,970 (0.5%)
Emergency Departments	198,641 (0.3%)	Correctional Facilities, Non-health care	15,250 (0.4%)
Correctional Clinics	54,535 (0.2%)	Other ^c	88,250 (0.5%)
Other ^a	218,183 (0.4%)		

* Not shown: 16,743 tests were conducted in mobile settings, 3,990 self-tests were reported, and 1,539 tests were missing information on site type.

~22% of new HIV diagnoses were a result of federally funded HIV testing

HIV Testing



- What publicly funded activities identify new cases of HIV
 - King County - ~21% of diagnoses from publicly funded testing - 2/3 in a single SHC
- Cost per case detected
 - Hard to calculate – what costs do you include
 - CBOs - funded >1 activities – how much is for testing?
 - Sexual health clinic - How much of the funding is related to HIV testing?
 - Not just the cost of the test
- Does publicly funded testing reach a population that would otherwise not get tested?
- Are there things you are not doing to promote routine testing that is not directly funded by public health?
 - Promotion of testing in primary care

King County Program	Approximate Cost per New HIV+ Detected
CBO #1	∞ (no cases identified)
CBO #2	~\$23,000
SHC*	~\$44,000
Primary care+	~\$40,000

*Assumes 20% SHC budget is for HIV testing
+0.1% positivity, \$40/test, no other costs included

New HIV diagnoses at DHSP contracted sites

HIV & STI Testing Contracted Agencies	HIV Testing Volume	HIV Positivity	HIV New Positivity	HIV Surveillance Report: New HIV Diagnoses	% New Positivity HIV from Contracted Agencies
2022	69,881	908 (1.3%)	419 (0.6%)	1641	25.5%
2023	82,058	1321 (1.6%)	400 (0.5%)	1635 (pending CSO review)	24.5%
2024	90,401	1105 (1.2%)	314 (0.3%)		
2025 (Jan-Oct 2025 except June 2025)	51,774	493 (1.0%), preliminary	184 (0.4%), preliminary		

DHSP Funded
Testing

- Contracted Agencies
- DHSP Direct Testing (DCS, CFT)
- Self-Testing/At Home Testing
- Emergency Departments
- Public Health Clinics

HIV/Syphilis Testing in Jails



- SCORE
 - Private jail for misdemeanor offenses
 - Syphilis testing using rapid tests
 - Performed by HIV/STI/HCV program DIS
- KCJ/MRJC
 - More serious criminal offenses
 - Testing using conventional tests (blood draws)
 - Performed by Jail staff (includes DRIS) – Newly added HIV/STI prgm staff (2025)
- Outreach testing
 - 35 ½ day testing events
- Sexual Health Clinic
 - **242 syphilis diagnoses in 2024 - 67 (28%) in MSW and cisgender women**

	SCORE Jan 2023- July 2024 18 Months	KCJ/MRJC Jan-June 2024 6 months	Outreach Testing
Bookings	19,869	7321	NA
Tested (excluding symptomatics)	1,243 (6%)	1127 (15%)	174
New Syphilis Diagnoses	42 (4%)	45 (4%) ~135 over 18m	6 (3.4%)
New HIV Diagnoses	4 (0.3)	2 (0.2%)	0

- >1600 cases syphilis/year - ~50% in cis-MSW/ciswomen

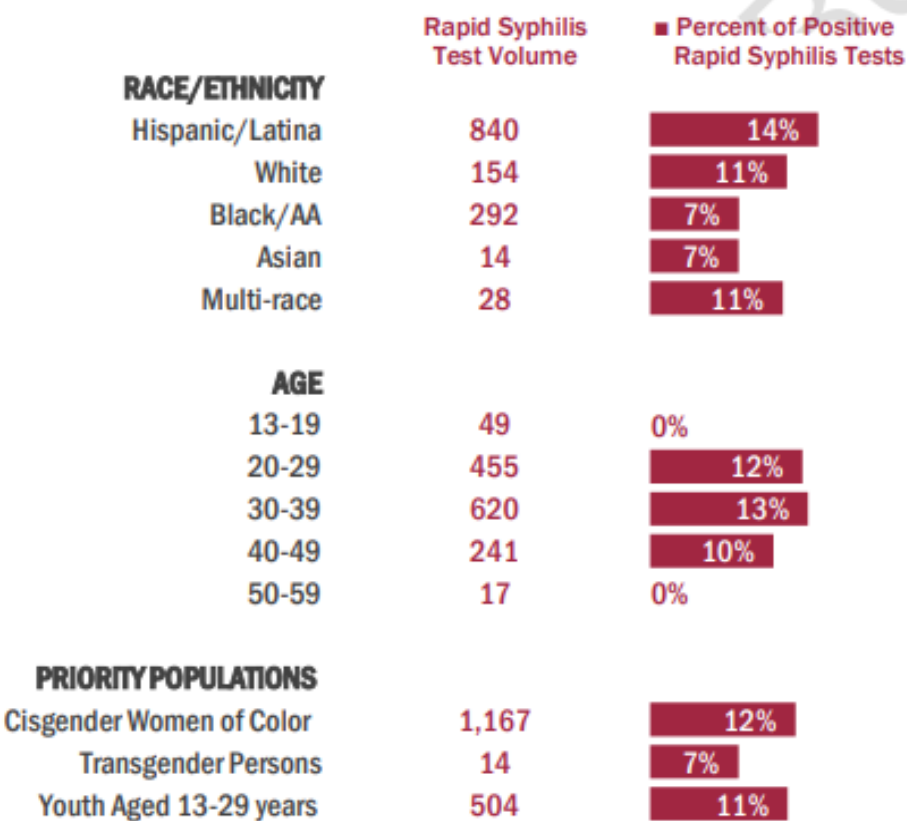
Should we Continue to Provide Partner Services at the Current Level or Prioritize Jail Testing?

Syphilis rapid test positivity at CRDF was 11.5% in 2024.

In 2024, **1382 women and transgender men** received rapid syphilis testing at Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF).

- **Rapid Test Positivity: 159 (11.5%)**
Confirmatory Lab Received: 79
Confirmatory Lab Positivity: 54 (4%)
- **Treatment**
54 confirmed syphilis positive clients*
 - 19 did not need treatment (serofast)
 - 33 of 35 new/untreated cases received treatment onsite
 - 2 released before treatment
 - **2 clients with only positive rapid test (no labs) received treatment**

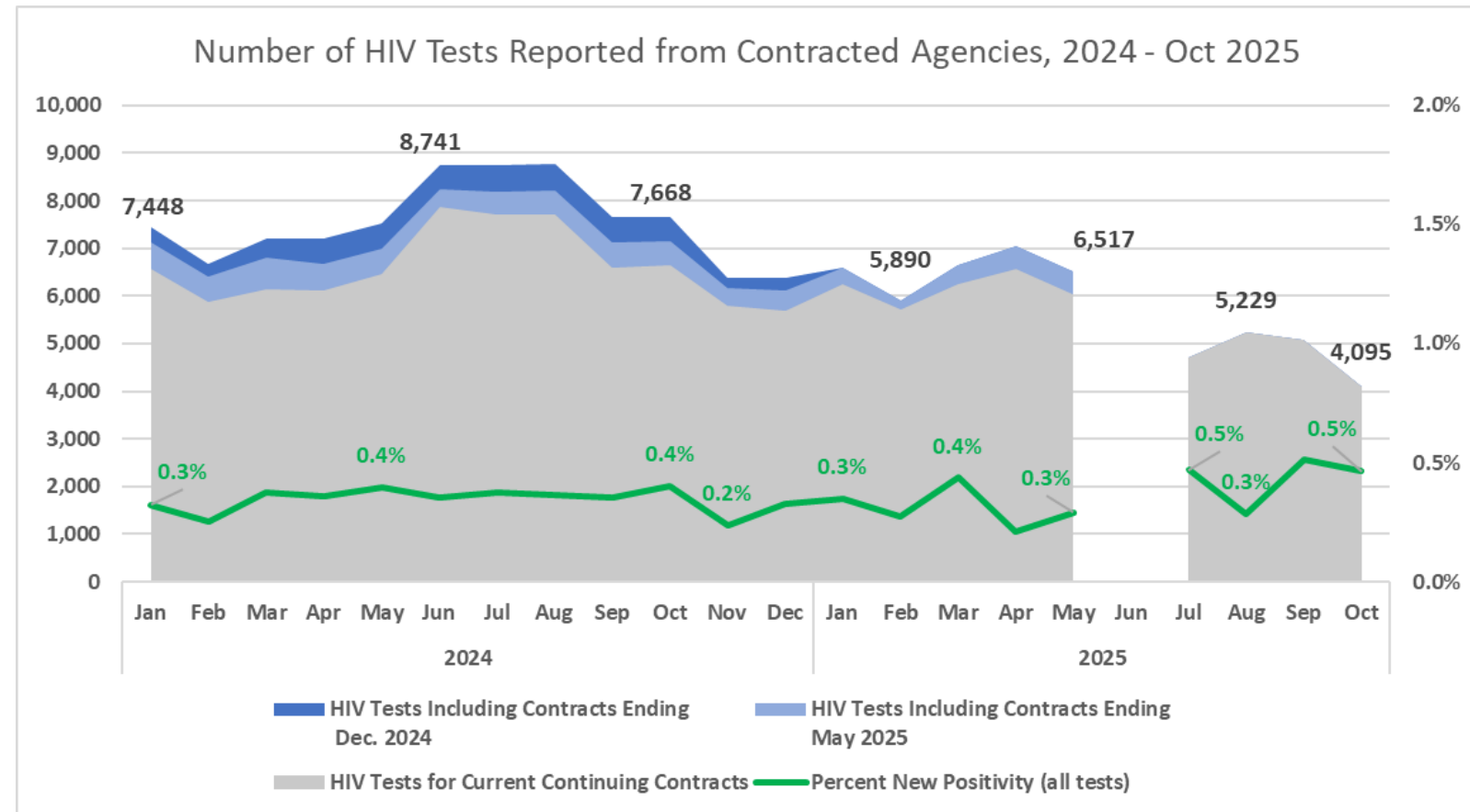
Figure 32. Percent of Positive Rapid Syphilis Tests³³ out of Tests with Results by Race/Ethnicity, Age, and Priority Population, Incarcerated Settings, 2024³⁴



In 2025, agencies that had contracts had a decrease in HIV testing volume, with new HIV positivity has fluctuating between 0.3-0.5%



		HIV Tests Including Contracts Ending Dec. 2024	HIV Tests Including Contracts Ending May 2025	HIV Tests for Current Continuing Contracts	Percent New Positivity (all tests)
2024	Jan	7,448	7,114	6,569	0.3%
	Feb	6,660	6,411	5,875	0.3%
	Mar	7,204	6,796	6,147	0.4%
	Apr	7,202	6,660	6,109	0.4%
	May	7,528	6,985	6,467	0.4%
	Jun	8,741	8,238	7,857	0.4%
	Jul	8,745	8,192	7,696	0.4%
	Aug	8,774	8,205	7,709	0.4%
	Sep	7,651	7,113	6,592	0.4%
	Oct	7,668	7,152	6,639	0.4%
	Nov	6,375	6,159	5,802	0.2%
	Dec	6,382	6,111	5,692	0.3%
2025	Jan		6,583	6,241	0.3%
	Feb		5,890	5,707	0.3%
	Mar		6,643	6,255	0.4%
	Apr		7,044	6,563	0.2%
	May		6,517	6,040	0.3%
	Jun				
	Jul			4,693	0.5%
	Aug			5,229	0.3%
	Sep			5,080	0.5%
	Oct			4,095	0.5%



Factors Influencing Prioritization

- **Stakeholders** – funders, elected officials, affected communities, people charged with implementing interventions
- **Scale & morbidity of the problem**
- **Effectiveness and scalability of the available interventions**
 - Cost per unit of outcome
- **Essential Role of Public Health**
 - Can someone other than Public Health provide the service?
- **Equity**
- **Influence on critical infrastructure** – Strategize for longer term goals
 - Are there things or capacity we might lose that will be particularly hard to rebuild?



Framing the Prioritization Process

- 1. What will make the biggest difference as we seek to advance the public's health?**
- 2. Which core HIV/STD activities will be maintained, reduced, or terminated based on impact and cost?**
- 3. What strategies will help leverage partnerships to sustain critical services?**



Questions and Answers





Thank You!



**Multi-Year Program Directives for Ryan White Part A and MAI Funds for Program Years (PY) 35, 36, and 37
and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Funding**

(Final Draft for Executive Committee Approval 2.27.25)

Approval Dates: Approved by PP&A on 2.18.25

Purpose: These program directives approved by the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH) on March 13, 2025 articulate instructions to the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on how to meet the priorities established by the Commission on HIV. The Ryan White PY Years 35, 36, and 37 service rankings and allocations table are found in Attachment A. The Commission looks forward to receiving formal reports on the status of the directives issued by the Commission at least twice a year from DHSP.

#	DIRECTIVE
	OVERARCHING DIRECTIVE: Across all funding sources for prevention and care, prioritize investments in populations most disproportionately affected and in geographic areas with the highest disease burden and prevalence, where service gaps and needs are most severe.
	ACCESS AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS
1	Provide ongoing patient navigation support for clients as they navigate the various services available to them (whether Ryan White Program (RWP) related or not). Patient navigation services are a support system designed to help patients navigate the complexities of the healthcare system by identifying and overcoming barriers to accessing timely and appropriate care, often including assistance with scheduling appointments, understanding medical information, finding financial resources, and coordinating transportation, all with the goal of improving overall health outcomes. Patient navigation services should guide patients through the continuum of healthcare and social services process and ensure timely receipt of services.
2	Incentivize the use of long-acting injectable (LAI) antiretroviral therapy (ART) and injectable PrEP to address issues with medication adherence such as forgetting or pill fatigue, inability to store medications due to being unhoused, substance use, and other factors that hinder optimal viral suppression.

** Needs identified during COH, Committee and/or Caucus meetings and align with priorities and allocations for PY35-37.*

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3	A. Expand promotion of <u>Get Protected LA The Ryan White Program</u> to foster broader community awareness of local Ryan White-funded services. B. Enhance the Get Protected LA website to include available services throughout the County and from various providers. C. Increase county-wide awareness of the I'm Positive LA website through partnerships with non-traditional and new partners outside of the HIV sphere.
4	Based on clinic capacity, geographic need and patient demand, instruct contracted providers to increase access to appointments outside of traditional business hours (i.e., evenings and weekends).
5	Expand services that address the unique needs of people living with HIV who use substances such as syringe service programs, offering free naloxone and drug testing resources, medication assisted treatment (MAT), referrals for mental/behavioral health, and support consistent antiretroviral therapy (ART) use. Additional examples include increased training for staff to avoid potential adverse drug reactions, case management services to facilitate coordinated care and timely referrals for additional services needed such as housing assistance, legal services, food assistance, Hepatitis C testing, contingency management, and peer support services to ensure ART adherence.
6	Fund a full-time staff for minimum of two years to convene and facilitate provider collaborations, cross-referrals and community - wide promotion of HIV services in the Antelope Valley. Listening sessions held by the Commission in Antelope Valley in October 2024, identified both provider and consumer lack of knowledge of existing services and the need for provider collaboration, and relationship building to ensure engagement and retention of clients.
WORKFORCE CAPACITY AND TRAINING	
7	Increase workforce capacity by providing ongoing training for frontline staff on reducing stigma in clinical settings such as creating more welcoming and inclusive physical environments. Examples include culturally, age, and gender-appropriate visuals and health education materials in waiting rooms and reception areas; text-based customer service satisfaction surveys to preserve anonymity; and offering language, reading and comprehension assistance (interpretation and translation services) to clients.

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8	Instruct core medical and support service providers to increase opportunities to hire individuals with lived experience that reflect the populations being served particularly women, people of a trans experience, Black/AA MSM, Latine/x MSM, formerly incarcerated, former substance users.
9	Increase training on Medi-Cal eligibility, enrollment, and re-enrollment process and ensure staff are periodically screening clients for Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal eligibility. Counsel clients with undocumented status, or mixed status families, to dispel Public Charge inaccuracies and encourage enrollment in Medi-Cal.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATIONS	
10	A. Instruct contracted providers to participate in Commission on HIV meetings, events and other COH-related activities, as specified in funding contracts. B. Instruct contracted providers to support their clients and/or community advisory board members to participate on the local planning process, whether formally or informally, as specified in funding contracts. Excerpt from DHSP Solicitation: <i>3.13 County's Commission on HIV - All services provided under the Contract should be in accordance with the standards of care as determined by the County of Los Angeles Commission on HIV (Commission). Contractor must actively view the Commission website (Commission on HIV lacounty.gov) and where possible, participate in the deliberations and respectful dialogue of the Commission to assist in the planning and operations of HIV prevention and care services in LAC. 3.14</i>
DIRECTIVES FROM COMMISSION CAUCUSES	
11	Transgender: A. Housing service providers must have policies in place that protect the rights of Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and Intersex (TGI) People Living with HIV (PLWH). B. Housing service providers must have staff trained in trauma-informed care strategies and practices. C. Core medical and support service providers must have staff qualified to provide gender-affirming/ appropriate services to Transgender, Gender non-conforming, and Intersex people. <i>*These transgender-specific directives are already in approved Universal service standards or care</i>

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12	Women: • Recipient to work with the Women's Caucus to develop services that meet the needs of women including, women who are pregnant or have children. Explore feasibility and process for funding at least two core medical providers that would offer comprehensive women's-centered services.
13	Older Adults/Aging: • Ensure that Benefits Specialty services are available within each Service Planning Area (SPA). Benefits Specialty services must also expand to include non-Ryan White services available for aging populations (50+) within Los Angeles County. • Develop formal partnership agreements with the local Area on Aging agencies to identify and promote services for older adults living with HIV.
14	Black/African American: • Develop pilot community engagement activities, e.g., incentivized coalition-building and ambassador programs that engage trusted influencers from diverse Black subpopulations, including transgender individuals, MSM, women, and youth. These initiatives will aim to foster connection, build trust, and raise HIV awareness by promoting available services and encouraging community-driven advocacy and support beyond traditional providers and spaces.

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