

**California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS
Monthly Report
May 2018**

This report is organized to align the updates with Strategies from the *Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero: California’s Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan* (Integrated Plan). The Integrated Plan is available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP_2016_Final.pdf.

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

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)

- On March 26, OA reached out to 79 enrollment sites that met the implementation criteria communicated in Management Memo 2018-01, to communicate April 9, 2018, as their PrEP-AP go-live date. OA has since reached out to an additional 26 enrollment sites to communicate April 30, 2018, as their PrEP-AP go-live date. These enrollment sites began enrolling uninsured clients in the PrEP-AP on their respective go-live dates. Sites were provided with a PrEP-AP Enrollment Site Approval Letter and resources to assist the enrollment site in enrolling applicants.

The Management Memo is available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/2018-01%20PrEP-AP%20Implementation%20Plan.pdf.

- OA has executed contracts with 18 clinical providers who currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider Network.

Provider with Executed Contract	County	Number of clinics on contract
Primary Care At Home, Inc.	Alameda	1
Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo	Imperial	4
Dignity Health - St. Mary's Medical Center	Los Angeles	1
Desert AIDS Project, Inc.	Riverside	1
APLA Health & Wellness	Los Angeles	2
One Community Health	Sacramento	1
San Ysidro Health - San Ysidro Health Center	San Diego	2

San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco	1
Santa Rosa Community Health Center	Sonoma	1
West County Health Centers	Sonoma	4

- The OA webpage has been updated to include tools to assist enrollment workers with enrolling clients in the PrEP-AP and to help identify the closest clinical provider in the PrEP-AP Provider Network when making client referrals. These resources, along with job aids, have also been uploaded to the Enrollment Worker SharePoint site, which will house training materials available to enrollment workers.
- OA is working diligently on Phase II implementation, which will expand PrEP-AP benefits to individuals with insurance and Medicare. OA will be disseminating a management memo in mid-May with training dates and an official go-live date.

Strategy E: Improve Retention in Care

Access, Adherence, and Navigation Program

- Phase II of the ADAP Access, Adherence, and Navigation Program is currently underway and focuses on providing ADAP clients who are not virally suppressed with resources to help achieve and maintain viral suppression.
- On April 25, 2 new Access and Adherence Navigators received the Access, Adherence, and Navigation Program Policy Training and ADAP Enrollment System (AES) Training.
- Bi-weekly check-in meetings are being held with the Access and Adherence Navigators to provide programmatic updates and answer questions.

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

- Dr. Karen Mark, Chief of the Office of AIDS, recently addressed a Town Hall meeting on the opioid crisis and efforts underway to address its impact in Humboldt County. Hosted by Senator Mike McGuire and Humboldt County Supervisor Virginia Bass, the meeting included panelists from local syringe exchange and substance use disorder treatment programs, as well as police, health, and social services. Dr. Mark spoke on the link between the opioid crisis and infectious disease, particularly HIV and hepatitis C, and the important role that syringe services and harm reduction strategies can play in disease prevention and providing a bridge to other services. CDPH Office of AIDS provides supplies to three of the four syringe exchange programs in the county, and funds other HIV care, prevention and surveillance activities.

One of those programs, the Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR), has applied to CDPH, OA to authorize a new syringe exchange program. Their application is now open for public comment. HACHR proposes to increase their current service hours in Eureka and Arcata and establish mobile syringe services in underserved areas throughout Humboldt County. The 90-day public comment period was initiated on April 5, 2018, through a posting on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_prev_secpapp.aspx. Public comments may be sent to SEPAApplication@cdph.ca.gov. Comments must be in writing and submitted to CDPH no later than 11:59 p.m. on July 4, 2018.

- Members of the OA harm reduction and drug user health team traveled to San Diego to attend the fifth of six statewide listening sessions coordinated by Harm Reduction Coalition. Hearing firsthand from providers and participants of syringe exchange and naloxone distribution programs helps the OA team shape policy and define program and training priorities. Details for the San Diego listening session are included in the current issue of *Morning Coffee*, a weekly newsletter produced by Harm Reduction Coalition. The newsletter provides updates about webinars and other training resources, funding opportunities, and general harm reduction news. An upcoming issue will include details about the sixth and last listening session to be held in the Central Valley. For those interested in being added to the subscription list for the *Morning Coffee* newsletter, visit the following link: <http://harmreduction.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=902a267c624a31780f2479ee0&id=f14d0ac822>.

Strategy M: Improve Usability of Collected Data

- The HIV/AIDS adult case report form (ACRF) in the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) has completed testing in the CalREDIE testing environment, and testing procedures for database extraction and importation has begun. This phase is expected to take approximately six weeks. When this process is complete, the ACRF will be transitioned to the CalREDIE production environment and the rollout phase will begin. The rollout will occur in phases over an approximately five-month period. OA is currently developing the rollout schedule along with the training materials required. More detailed information will be shared as it is available.
- The California HIV Surveillance Report 2016 and the Supplemental Tables to the California Surveillance Report 2016 have been released and are available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_case_surveillance_reports.aspx. These reports contain tables with information about 2016 new diagnoses,

living cases and deaths by race/ethnicity, age, transmission category, and local health jurisdiction.

- New fact sheets, “Viral Suppression Rates of Medi-Cal Enrollees with HIV” for 2013, 2014, and 2015 are now available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_case_surveillance_reports.aspx. These fact sheets describe the continuum of care, including viral suppression rates, for people living with diagnosed HIV who are enrolled in Medi-Cal.

Strategy N: Enhance Collaborations and Community Involvement

- On May 30, 2018, OA will convene a *Getting to Zero* meeting in Berkeley, California to bring together key state, local, and community stakeholders to share progress on California’s *Getting to Zero* plan and obtain input on potential strategies to address challenges. The meeting is open to the public. A preliminary agenda for the meeting is available on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OAmain.aspx, under Guiding Documents. Questions regarding the meeting may be sent to Kevin Sitter at kevin.sitter@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 449-5814.
- On May 31-June 1, 2018, OA will host a California Planning Group (CPG) meeting in Berkeley, California. This meeting will provide OA staff and CPG members an opportunity to share updates, provide feedback, and conduct CPG business. The meeting is open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comment. Information about the meeting is posted on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_CPG.aspx.

General OA Updates

Deadline for submission of final 2017-18 X07 HIV Care Program (HCP)/Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Invoices and HCP/MAI Year-End Progress Reports is May 15, 2018.

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