

This newsletter 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](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP_2016_Final.pdf) is available on the Office of AIDS' (OA) website at: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP_2016_Final.pdf.

Staff Highlight:

OA is cultivating many new exciting changes to streamline processes, work more resourcefully and better serve the community. In an effort to effectively work with our community, we are restructuring the California Planning Group (CPG). Our intent is to better engage and empower our community stakeholders while establishing a more cohesive working relationship between the community and OA.

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OA-Based CPG Steering Committee Members (L-R): Chioko Grevious, Committee Co-Chair; Tiffany Woods; Kevin Sitter; Chelsea Carney, Committee Co-Chair; Yesenia Corona; Angelique Skinner; Sharisse Kemp, Committee Manager; Chris Paular; and Ivan Mendoza-Manzo.

With a stronger partnership, together we will be able to help ensure HIV prevention and care activities are responsive to the needs of people living with and disproportionately affected by HIV. Additionally, we have included the Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch (STDCB) to foster their mission to reduce the transmission and impact of sexually transmitted diseases and viral hepatitis. Collaboratively, we can all work towards reaching the goals of the statewide Integrated Plan and meet the needs of the community. We look forward to this new venture with the CPG!

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



STDCB-Based CPG Steering Committee Members (L-R): Carlos DeLeon and Jessica Frasure-Williams.

- A poster called, "Prepping Providers for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Implementation: Findings from California Office of AIDS' (OA) Local Site Evaluation of Project PRIDE PrEP Training Activities" was presented at the National HIV Prevention Conference on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.
- An oral presentation called, "Understanding Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Uptake

Among Trans Women, Trans Men, and Gender Non-Binary Persons: California Office of AIDS' (OA) Local Specific Evaluation of Project PrIDE PrEP Activities” will be presented at the National Transgender Health Summit on April 13, 2019 or April 14, 2019 (TBD).

PrEP Assistance Program (PrEP-AP):

- Effective January 30, Hcpilisav-B (Hepatitis B Vaccine (Recombinant), Adjuvanted), a two-dose hepatitis B virus vaccine, was added to the PrEP-AP formulary. The management memorandum containing [additional information](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ADAP%20MM%20Addition%20of%20HBV%20Vaccine%20to%20the%20PrEP-AP%20Formulary.pdf) can be found at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ADAP%20MM%20Addition%20of%20HBV%20Vaccine%20to%20the%20PrEP-AP%20Formulary.pdf>.

- Effective March 1, PrEP-AP clients insured by Kaiser are able to access PrEP at Kaiser pharmacies without using their Gilead co-payment coupon card or paying any money out of pocket. PrEP-AP enrollment workers are still required to enroll clients in the Gilead Co-Payment Assistance Program. The management memorandum containing [additional information](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ADAP%20MM%202019-03%20Update%20to%20PrEP%20Access%20at%20Kaiser%20Pharmacies.pdf) can be found at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ADAP%20MM%202019-03%20Update%20to%20PrEP%20Access%20at%20Kaiser%20Pharmacies.pdf>.
- As of March 19, there are 152 PrEP-AP enrollment sites covering 63 clinics that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider Network. As of March 26, there are 1,475 clients enrolled in the PrEP-AP. See the chart below and continued on page 3.

Clinical Provider Name	County	Number of Clinics on Contract
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Alameda and San Francisco	2
Lifelong Medical Care	Alameda	2
Alameda Health System - Highland Hospital	Alameda	1
Asian Health Services	Alameda	1
East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC)	Alameda	1
Primary Care at Home, Inc.	Alameda	1
Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo	Imperial	4
Kern County Department of Public Health	Kern	1
Banj Health Center, Inc.	Los Angeles	4
Children Hospital Los Angeles	Los Angeles	1
Saban Community Clinic	Los Angeles	1
Planned Parenthood	Los Angeles	4
El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc. - Esperanza Clinic	Los Angeles	1
City of Long Beach	Los Angeles	1
Men's Health Foundation	Los Angeles	1
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Los Angeles	1
Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center	Los Angeles	1
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	Los Angeles	1

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Clinical Provider Name	County	Number of Clinics on Contract
JWHC Institute, Inc.	Los Angeles	1
East Valley Community Health Center	Los Angeles	2
St. John Well Child and Family Center	Los Angeles	1
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles	1
Watts Healthcare Corporation	Los Angeles	1
APLA Health & Wellness	Los Angeles	3
Dignity Health - St. Mary's Medical Center	Los Angeles	1
Vista Community Clinic	Los Angeles and Orange	2
Desert AIDS Project, Inc.	Riverside	1
One Community Health	Sacramento	1
Regents UC San Diego Medical Center	San Diego	1
Vista Community Clinic	San Diego	1
San Ysidro Health	San Diego	2
Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness	San Francisco	1
HealthRIGHT360	San Francisco	4
UCSF 360 Positive Care	San Francisco	1
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco	1
Community Action Partners	San Luis Obispo	2
County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department	San Luis Obispo	2
Santa Rosa Community Health	Sonoma	1
West County Health Centers	Sonoma	4

Strategy J: Increase Rates of Insurance/Benefits Coverage for PLWH or on PrEP

health plan, Medi-Cal, Medicare Part D plan, employer-based health insurance) at 9 ADAP enrollment sites.

Access, Adherence, and Navigation Program:

Since the inception of the Access, Adherence, and Navigation Program in January of 2018, 487 AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) clients have been transitioned to health coverage (Covered California health plan, off-exchange

ADAP Insurance Assistance Programs:

As of March 26, the number of ADAP clients enrolled in each respective ADAP Insurance Assistance Program are shown in the chart below and continued on page 4.

ADAP Insurance Assistance Program	Number of Clients Enrolled	Percentage Change from February
Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) Program	450	+4%

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ADAP Insurance Assistance Program	Number of Clients Enrolled	Percentage Change from February
Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Program	4,643	+1%
Medicare Part D Premium Payment (MDPP) Program	1,672	+2%
Total	6,765	+2%

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

In its most recent progress report to CDC, the Prevention Branch described the 2018 guidance OA provided to LHJs to improve capacity to deliver HIV prevention and other necessary services for people who inject drugs (PWID), as well as the responses OA received from LHJs. LHJs submitted work plans to OA throughout the last quarter of 2018, and the activities described include a host of new and expanded initiatives to prevent disease transmission and improve the overall health and wellness of PWID.

Of the 20 jurisdictions in the California Project Area, 12 reported that they plan to conduct a community assessment of readiness to provide harm reduction services and increase access to sterile syringes. Ten jurisdictions plan to strengthen infrastructure for currently-authorized SSPs, expand current services, or establish new SSPs. Six jurisdictions, including two with currently authorized SSPs, intend to initiate plans to increase the availability of Non-Prescription Sale of Syringes (NPSS) in pharmacies. To assist jurisdictions expanding syringe access through NPSS, OA provides a web page that includes an [online toolkit](#) for health departments, pharmacists, and customers at: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_prev_npss.aspx.

Strategy M: Improve Usability of Collected Data

The [2017 HIV surveillance report](#) was released March 13, and is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/California%20HIV%20Surveillance%20Report%20-%202017.pdf>.

The Office of AIDS has released new reports, “Epidemiology of HIV in California” for years 2015, 2016, and 2017. These companion reports to the previously released Surveillance Reports provide an epidemiologic profile and statewide overview of HIV in California, and help measure progress toward meeting OA’s getting to zero goals and objectives. The reports highlight areas of success and gaps that can be addressed by effectively collaborating and targeting resources. The reports are available below:

[2017](#) - https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/2017_Epi_Report.pdf.

[2016](#) - https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/2016_Epi_Report.pdf.

[2015](#) - https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/2015_Epi_Report.pdf.

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