

A Brief Overview of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

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Presentation Overview

- Review Noted Facts and Figures
- Review NHAS Vision
- Review Primary Goals and Steps of the Strategy
- Itemize Relevant Websites
- Review Associated Documents and Related Efforts



“Right now, we are experiencing a domestic epidemic that demands a renewed commitment, increased public attention, and leadership.”

“I look forward to working with Congress, State, tribal and local governments, and other stakeholders to support the implementation of a Strategy that is innovative, grounded in the best science, focuses on the areas of greatest need, and that provides a clear direction for moving forward together.

-- President Obama



Key NHAS Figures

- 575,000 American lives lost
- 56,000 new U.S. infections per year
- 1,100,000 Americans living with HIV
- 50% of people in U.S. know someone with HIV
- 375,000 HIV infections averted
- A new HIV infection every 9 ½ minutes
- \$19.2 billion annual domestic investment
- 1 in 5 PLWH are unaware of their status



Key NHAS Figures

- 75% of cases are among men; majority are gay and bisexual men
- 25% of cases are among women, and disease disproportionately impacts women of color
- HIV diagnosis rate for Black women is 19 times the rate for White women
- 25% of new infections among 13-29 year olds
- 24% of PLWH are 50 years or older; 15% of new cases among this group



Vision for the NHAS

The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination.



Three Primary Goals

1. Reduce New HIV Infections
2. Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for People Living with HIV
3. Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

To accomplish these goals, we must achieve a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic in the United States



Two Parallel Formats

Goal

- Plan To Achieve Goal At-A-Glance
- Anticipated Results by 2015
- To Achieve Goal, our Nation Must...

Goal

- The Opportunity
- Steps To Be Taken
- Anticipated Results
- Recommended Actions



Reduce New HIV Infections

Plan At-A-Glance

- Intensify HIV prevention efforts in communities where HIV is most heavily concentrated
- Expand targeted efforts to prevent HIV infection using a combination of effective, evidence-based approaches
- Educate all Americans about the threat of HIV and how to prevent it



Reduce New HIV Infections

Anticipated Results

- By 2015, lower the annual number of new infections by 25 percent (~42,000)

To achieve goal, our Nation must:

- Reduce the HIV transmission rate by 30%
- Increase from 79% to 90%, the percentage of people living with HIV who know their status



Reduce New HIV Infections

The Opportunity

- HIV testing
- Effective screening of blood supply
- Screening and treating of expectant mothers during pregnancy
- Minimizing infections from injection drug use
- Advances in HIV therapies



Reduce New HIV Infections

Steps To Be Taken

- See Plan At-A-Glance

Anticipated Results

- Reduce infections by 25% by 2015
- Reduce transmission rate by 30%
- Increase proportion of PLWH who know status from 79% to 90%



Reduce New HIV Infections

Recommended Actions (Plan-At-A-Glance)

Step 1: Intensify efforts where HIV is most concentrated

1.1 Allocate public funding to geographic areas consistent with the epidemic



Reduce New HIV Infections

Recommended Actions (Plan-At-A-Glance)

Step 1: Intensify efforts where HIV is most concentrated

1.2 Target high risk populations

- 1.2.1 Prevent HIV among gay and bisexual men and transgender individuals
- 1.2.2 Prevent HIV among Black Americans
- 1.2.3 Prevent HIV among Latino Americans
- 1.2.4 Prevent HIV among substance users



Reduce New HIV Infections

Recommended Actions (Plan-At-A-Glance)

Step 1: Intensify efforts where HIV is most concentrated

1.3 Address HIV prevention in Asian American, PI, AI and AN populations

1.4 Enhance program accountability



Reduce New HIV Infections

Recommended Actions (Plan-At-A-Glance)

Step 2: Expand targeted efforts to prevent HIV infection using a combination of effective, evidence-based approaches

2.1 Design and evaluate innovative prevention strategies and combination approaches for preventing HIV in high risk communities

2.2 Support and strengthen HIV screening and surveillance activities



Reduce New HIV Infections

Recommended Actions (Plan-At-A-Glance)

Step 2: Expand targeted efforts to prevent HIV infection using a combination of effective, evidence-based approaches

2.3 Expand access to effective prevention services

2.4 Expand prevention with HIV-positive individuals



Reduce New HIV Infections

Recommended Actions (Plan-At-A-Glance)

Step 3: Educate all Americans about the threat of HIV and how to prevent it

- 3.1 Utilize evidence-based social marketing and education campaigns
- 3.2 Promote age-appropriate HIV and STI prevention education for all Americans



Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for PLWH

Plan At-A-Glance

- Establish a seamless system to immediately link people to continuous and coordinated quality care when they are diagnosed with HIV
- Take deliberate steps to increase the number and diversity of available providers of clinical care and related services for people living with HIV



Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for PLWH

Plan At-A-Glance

- Support people living with HIV with co-occurring health conditions and those who have challenges meeting their basic needs, such as housing



Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for PLWH

Anticipated Results (By 2015)

- Increase the proportion of newly diagnosed patients linked to clinical care within 3 months of their HIV diagnosis from 65% to 85%
- Increase the proportion of RW clients who are in continuous care* from 73% to 80%
- Increase the proportion of RW clients with permanent housing from 82% to 86%



Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for PLWH

The Opportunity

- *The Affordable Care Act*
 - High risk pools available immediately
 - Medicaid expansion (133% FPL)
 - Federal tax credits for uninsured (400% FPL)
 - Ending discrimination based on health conditions
- Ryan White Program and other Federal and State HIV-focused programs



Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for PLWH

Steps to be Taken

- See Plan At-A-Glance

Anticipated Results (By 2015)

- Same as Previously Mentioned



Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for PLWH

Recommended Actions (Plan At-A-Glance)

Step 1: Establish a seamless system to immediately link people to continuous and coordinated quality care when they are diagnosed with HIV

- 1.1 Facilitate linkages to care
- 1.2 Promote collaboration among providers
- 1.3 Maintain PLWH in care



Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for PLWH

Recommended Actions (Plan At-A-Glance)

Step 2: Take deliberate steps to increase the number and diversity of available providers of clinical care and related services for PLWH

- 2.1 Increase the number of providers of HIV care
- 2.2 Strengthen the provider workforce to improve quality of care and health outcomes for PLWH



Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for PLWH

Recommended Actions (Plan At-A-Glance)

Step 3: Support PLWH with co-occurring health conditions and those who have challenges meeting their basic needs, such as housing

3.1 Enhance client assessment tools and measurement of health outcomes

3.2 Address policies to promote access to housing and supportive services for PLWH



Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

Plan At-A-Glance

- Reduce HIV-related mortality in communities at high risk for HIV infection
- Adopt community-level approaches to reduce HIV infection in high-risk communities
- Reduce stigma and discrimination against PLWH



Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

Anticipated Results (By 2015)

- Increase the proportion of HIV diagnosed gay and bisexual men with undetectable VL by 20%
- Increase the proportion of HIV diagnosed Blacks with undetectable VL by 20%
- Increase the proportion of HIV diagnosed Latinos with undetectable VL by 20%



Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

The Opportunity

- *The Affordable Care Act*
- Steps to support treatment adherence
- Research on the causes of differences in health outcomes
- Refocusing our prevention efforts on strategies targeted to high-risk communities



Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

Steps to be Taken

- See Plan At-A-Glance

Anticipated Results (By 2015)

- Same as Previously Mentioned



Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

Recommended Actions (Plan At-A-Glance)

*Step 1: Reduce HIV-related mortality in communities
at high risk for HIV infection*

1.1 Ensure that high-risk groups have access to
regular viral load and CD4 tests



Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

Recommended Actions (Plan At-A-Glance)

*Step 2: Adopt community-level approaches to
reduce HIV infection in high-risk communities*

- 2.1 Establish pilot programs that utilize community models
- 2.2 Measure and utilize community viral load
- 2.3 Promote a more holistic approach to health



Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

Recommended Actions (Plan At-A-Glance)

Step 3: Reduce stigma and discrimination against PLWH

- 3.1 Engage communities to affirm support for PLWH
- 3.2 Promote public leadership of PLWH
- 2.3 Promote PH approach to prevention and care
- 3.4 Strengthen enforcement of civil rights laws



Achieve a More Coordinated National Response to the HIV Epidemic

Plan At-A-Glance

- Increase the coordination of HIV programs across the Federal Government and between Federal agencies and State, territorial, local and tribal governments
- Develop improved mechanisms to monitor and report on progress toward achieving national goals



Achieve a More Coordinated National Response to the HIV Epidemic

The Opportunity

- Enhanced focus on coordinating efforts
 - Across Federal agencies
 - Across all levels of government
 - With external partners
 - Throughout the healthcare system
- Prioritizing enhanced collaboration and accountability



Achieve a More Coordinated National Response to the HIV Epidemic

Steps to be Taken

- See Plan-At-A-Glance



Achieve a More Coordinated National Response to the HIV Epidemic

Recommended Actions

Step 1: Increase the coordination of HIV programs across the Federal Government and between Federal agencies and State, territorial, tribal and local governments

- 1.1 Ensure coordinated program administration
- 1.2 Promote equitable resource allocation
- 1.3 Streamline and standardize data collection



Achieve a More Coordinated National Response to the HIV Epidemic

Recommended Actions

Step 2: Develop improved mechanisms to monitor and report progress toward national goals

- 2.1 Provide rigorous evaluation of programs and redirect resources to the most effective programs
- 2.2 Provide regular public reporting
- 2.3 Encourage State to provide regular progress reports



Conclusion

1. Resources will always be tight, and we will have to make tough choices about the use of funds
2. PLWH have unique experiences that should be valued and relied upon
3. Communities themselves are best equipped to make difficult trade-offs, priority-setting and resource allocation
4. Continued investment in research is needed
5. A commitment to innovation is needed



Websites

www.lapublichealth.lacounty.gov/aids

www.WhiteHouse.gov/ONAP

[www.WhiteHouse.gov/Presidential-AIDS-Memo.](http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/Presidential-AIDS-Memo)

<http://www.pacha.gov>

<http://cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/incidence.htm>

<http://cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/factsheets/transmission.htm>



Associated Documents and Related Efforts

- *National HIV/AIDS Strategy Federal Implementation Plan*
- *President's Memorandum to Federal Agencies*
- *Community Ideas for Improving the Response to the Domestic HIV Epidemic*
- *President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)*
- *The Affordable Care Act*



Associated Documents and Related Efforts

- *President's National Drug Control Strategy*
- *Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*
- *Americans with Disabilities Act*
- *Fair Housing Act*
- *Rehabilitation Act*



Thank You!

This presentation is available at:
www.ph.lacounty.gov/aids

