

Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Care and Treatment Committee Meeting
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Where Do We Need To Be

TOP AREAS/THEMES OF DISCUSSION: Prevent Disease Progression, Increase Knowledge of HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment, Increase Access to Care, Increase Support to Mental Health and AOD, Reduce Stigma Associated with Accessing Care, Improve Insurance Access, Housing First, Access to Basic Needs, Friendlier Health System

- All who test positive are linked to care.
- Develop more effective strategies to keep people in care.
- Develop more geographically accessible care.
- More holistic care – the whole person.
- How to “customize care” for complex people such as sex offenders, domestic violence with other PWA, and people who are unsafe.
- Make entitlement programs easier to navigate (i.e. insurance).
- Find effective ways to stop disease progression.
- Make system less intimidating.
- Expand expertise of MD’s in community clinics in remote areas.
- Specialty clinics in metro areas.
- Improve transition from institutions to medical home (from ER, hospital, incarceration)
- Improve follow up from initial HIV+ test.
- Invest in QUALITY case management (case managers who are not “tapped” out, more case managers).
- Increase support to people with mental health and AOD issues which can keep them in care (improve the mental health and AOD services).
- Increase technical expertise in remote areas (rural, cultural, or community remoteness).
- Utilize funding to support the service of transition to care.
- Increase collaboration of services.
- Eliminate the stigmas associated with accessing care (location, cultural, community ignorance, status)