

Welcome

Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS Care & Prevention

Care and Treatment Committee



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Meeting #1 Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Explanation of the Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
- Introduction to Care and Treatment
- Where Do We Need To Be?
- Next Steps For Next Meeting



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Welcome & Introductions

As we go around the room, please introduce yourself and what you do in the community.



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Ground Rules

- 1. Start On Time / End On Time**
- 2. Let Everyone Have a Voice**
- 3. Respect All Points of View**
- 4. Be Mindful of Our Strategic Focus**
- 5. Cell Phones on Silent or Off**



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How This Works

**Explanation of the
*Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS
Care and Prevention,*
the Steering Committee, and
the five committees.**



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Structure of the Initiative

Five Committees

Testing - Knowing Your Status

Prevention - Reducing New Infections

Care & Treatment - Improving Outcomes

Community Awareness - Reducing Stigma

Funding - Insuring Sustainability



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Important Dates

- **Draft Work Plans from Committees - April 17th**
- **Submitted to Steering Committee - May 1st**
- **Steering Committee Approval - May 15th**
- **Public Distribution of Plan - June 4th**
- **Are You The Difference? Launch - June 4th**



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How This Works

Meeting 1 – Where We Are vs.
Where We Want to Be

Meeting 2 – How Do We Get There

Meeting 3 – Draft the Work Plan



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Upcoming Meetings

2nd Meeting:

Friday, March 6th

3rd Meeting:

Friday, April 17th



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Scope of Committee

How can we improve health outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS?

- How can we make certain everyone who knows they are positive gets in care and stays in care?
- What are the barriers to effective treatment and how can they be reduced? Is it mental illness/substance abuse? Lack of adherence to treatment regimen? Incarceration?
- Is the level of care currently provided adequate? Is it well coordinated between providers/agencies? How can it improve?



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Scope of Committee

**Why should we focus on
improving health outcomes for
people with HIV/AIDS?**



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Scope of Committee

HIV care is not the same for everyone. Racial disparities exist and some people die needlessly.

Researchers have published numerous studies that highlight racial, ethnic, and age differences within the HIV/AIDS epidemic.



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Most Pressing Barriers to Accessing Care

- **Low health literacy**
- **Stigma**
- **Drug use, poverty & homelessness**
- **Feeling no symptoms**
- **Immigration status**
- **Incarceration**
- **Childcare**
- **Transportation**
- **Geography**
- **Inability to manage healthcare system**
- **Competing life priorities**
- **Distrust of doctors**
- **Aversion to HIV treatment**
- **Lack of social support**



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Brainstorming

Small Group Exercise:

How can we improve health outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS?



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Brainstorming

Small Group Exercise

1st Step:

Where do we need to be?
(30 minutes)



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Brainstorming

Small Group Exercise

2nd Step:

Report back to co-chairs
the Top 5 ideas from
each of the small groups



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Brainstorming

Small Group Exercise

3rd Step:

Develop a group consensus on
where we need to be.



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Next Steps For Next Meeting

**What needs to be
done to get there?**

Who needs to be involved?



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Next Meeting

Friday, March 6th

10:00 AM – 12 Noon

CARES, 2nd Floor Conf. Room D



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**Thank you for helping
us change the definition
of impossible!**



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