



Committee Scope of Work for the Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS

Getting People to Know Their HIV Status (Testing)

Knowing your HIV status is the key to reducing new infections.

- How can we increase testing among at risk populations effectively and efficiently?
- How can we realistically provide enough testing to find those infected?
- How can we get testing in emergency rooms, community clinics, and by all providers when an STD is diagnosed?

Reducing New Infections (Prevention)

Black men who have sex with men suffer among the highest HIV rates of any population in the world.

- How can we eliminate the distressing racial disparities among African Americans, Hispanics and gay men?
- How can we address the high rates of STD's in the Sacramento area?
- How can reach out and provide education to Hispanics and African Americans and gay men?

Insuring Sustainability of Services (Funding)

Funding for HIV/AIDS services is in jeopardy for the Sacramento area.

- How can we sustain the needed level of service if federal or state funding is eliminated or significantly reduced?
- What is the best way to raise funds in the HIV community? Should organizations consolidate their efforts?

Building a Compassionate Community (Community Awareness)

HIV-related stigma is a key barrier to access to HIV services and acceptance. HIV stigma fosters the spread of the disease.

- How can we combat stigma of HIV in our community?
- How can we keep HIV in public spotlight and fight complacency about the disease?
- How can we continue to influence government officials about issues?

Improving Health Outcomes for People with HIV/AIDS (Care & Treatment)

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

- 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 eliminated?
- Is the level of care currently provided adequate? How can it improve?