



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

Reducing New Infections (Prevention)

How do we eliminate HIV infections in the most affected populations?

- How can we reach out and provide education to African American men & women, Hispanic men & women, and gay men of all ethnicities on and individual and group level?
- How do we measure the effectiveness of prevention activities?

Insuring Sustainability of Services (Funding)

How can we insure the sustainability of services for HIV/AIDS services for the Sacramento area.

- How can we sustain the needed level of services if federal or state funding is eliminated or significantly reduced?
- What can we expect in the future from Ryan White, CMISP, Medicare, Medi-Cal, 340B, state funding through EIP, and state funding through prevention?

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 African America, Hispanic and gay communities?
- 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)

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

- How can we make certain everyone who knows they are positive gets into 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?