

Welcome

Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS Care & Prevention

Testing Committee



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Testing Committee

Meeting #1 Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Explanation of the Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
- Introduction to Testing
- 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:

Monday, March 2nd

3rd Meeting:

Monday, April 13th



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Scope of Committee

- 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?



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Scope of Committee

Why should we focus on HIV testing?

- *Testing saves lives.* Getting diagnosed early can make HIV easier to treat and easier for a person to stay healthy. A late diagnosis can limit the ways that HIV/AIDS can be treated and can lead to unnecessary death. Testing shouldn't be put off; the sooner HIV is diagnosed, the better.



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Scope of Committee

Why should we focus on HIV testing?

• *HIV is not a death sentence.* Living and living well with HIV requires that a person work closely with a healthcare provider to monitor the effects the virus is having on their body. Many people have been living with HIV for a long time and continue to do well with the help and support of care providers, family, and friends.



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Scope of Committee

Why should we focus on HIV testing?

- *Knowledge of HIV status lets people protect their partners. When people know they have HIV, they can protect others from becoming infected. Knowing makes all the difference.*



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CDC Recommendations

The CDC recommends that HIV testing become a routine part of medical care, like testing for other common ailments. In 2006, the CDC revised its recommendations to include:

- HIV screenings for patients ages 13 to 64 in all healthcare settings after the patient is notified that testing will be performed unless the patient declines (opt-out screening).**
- HIV testing of people at high risk for HIV infection at least once a year.**
- Screening should be incorporated into the general consent for medical care; separate written consent is not recommended.**
- Prevention counseling should not be required with HIV diagnostic testing or as part of HIV screening programs in Healthcare settings.**

Brainstorming

Small Group Exercise:

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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

Monday, March 2nd

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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