



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Event Summary  
April 12, 2018

## Call to Action Meeting: San Fernando Valley

The Commission on HIV, in collaboration with Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP), hosted a call to action meeting on the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy, released by DHSP on World AIDS Day 2017. Key stakeholders and local community members discussed how to increase collaboration to reduce annual infections, increase diagnoses, and increase viral suppression in their Health District to end the HIV epidemic. This summary reflects recommendations proposed by attendees to promote the Strategy, and increase efforts on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. A total of 90 attendees participated in the call to action meeting.

60,946 people living  
with HIV in LA County

# 13%

live in SFV Health  
Districts

### Health District Rankings

26 total health districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

San Fernando



West Valley



East Valley



Glendale

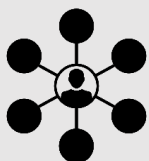


## KEY TAKEAWAYS



### Create synergy around Strategy goals

Focus on disproportionately impacted groups; build relationships to drive collaboration; increase community awareness and knowledge of the Strategy; develop and maintain partnerships in order to achieve the goals.



### Conduct meaningful outreach

Analyze and address service gaps & barriers to prevention and care; coordinate services across systems; leverage existing tools and resources; engage non-traditional partnerships, support existing programs that work, share best practices and resources across networks.



### Address stigma & other biases

Acknowledge and address racism, sexism, homophobia, and other biases; practice cultural humility; increase community input and participation

## Understanding the Strategy

### Who attended?

49 Members of the public  
29 Commissioners  
4 DHSP staff  
8 Commission staff

All respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Strategy goals

The least understood Strategy goal is increasing HIV diagnoses in communities. 45% disagreed or were neutral on understanding how to achieve this goal.

53% agreed that they understand the meaning of Health Districts, 26% strongly agreed, 5% disagreed and 16% were neutral

## TOP INSIGHTS FROM SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS



### Identify Community Assets

Create resource guide/asset map in SFV; identify all testing/PrEP sites in the community; conduct outreach to general medical providers outside of Ryan White; increase collaboration among non-traditional partners; recruit volunteers (medical students, pharmacy, nursing, etc.); plug into existing advocacy coalitions/programs; map the social determinants of health to identify community needs



### Determine Resource Needs

Host more community events and local trainings in SFV; strengthen communication network regarding meetings, linkages and referrals; collect data on youth; increase DHSP presence/participation at meetings; conduct provider education & cultural competency trainings to alleviate medical mistrust in the community; increase SPA 2 representation



### Achieve Strategy Goals

Coordinate referral systems across sectors; educate and gain neighborhood buy-in; increase HIV testing; recruit leadership that is reflective of the populations they serve; leverage social media and educational messaging; engage non-traditional partners more effectively, including: schools, neighborhood groups, consumer advisory boards, youth, faith sector, homeless service providers and others

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## Call to Action Meeting: San Gabriel Valley

Event Summary  
June 14, 2018

The Commission on HIV, in collaboration with Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP), hosted a call to action meeting on the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy, released by DHSP on World AIDS Day 2017. Key stakeholders and local community members discussed how to increase collaboration to reduce annual infections, increase diagnoses, and increase viral suppression in their Health District to end the HIV epidemic. This summary reflects recommendations proposed by attendees to promote the Strategy, and increase efforts on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. A total of 74 attendees participated in the call to action meeting.

60,946 people living  
with HIV in LA County

**7%**

live in SGV Health  
Districts

### Health District Rankings

26 total health districts. Based on HIV Rate per 100,000

Pasadena



El Monte



Foothill



Pomona



Alhambra

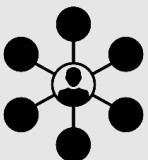


## KEY TAKEAWAYS



### Increase education & awareness

Build community awareness and knowledge of the Strategy by increasing presence at local community events (e.g. 626 Night Market); develop and maintain partnerships; focus on educating youth within the community; increase social media presence; advertise free medical care via Ryan White services



### Conduct meaningful community engagement

Shift focus to a more grassroots perspective; conduct in-depth discussion forums on how to achieve the Strategy goals; engage non-traditional partnerships (boy/girl scouts, chamber of commerce, Black Lives Matter); develop strategies for outreach to specific populations (youth, transgender folks, undocumented individuals, etc.)



### Align programming with Strategy goals

Identify opportunities to leverage existing funding streams; seek additional funding; incentivize referrals; address barriers to care by connecting organizations directly with community members; include PrEP in the California Healthy Youth Act

## Understanding the Strategy

### Who attended?

37 Members of the public  
26 Commissioners  
4 DHSP staff  
7 Commission staff

97% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Strategy goals.

The least understood Strategy goal is increasing viral suppression in the community. 17% disagreed or were neutral on understanding how to achieve this goal.

50% agreed that they understand the meaning of Health Districts, 7% strongly agreed, 6% disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 20% were neutral

## TOP INSIGHTS FROM SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS



### Identify Community Resources

Assess community readiness concerning HIV & related issues; include front line staff, non-traditional partners, providers & physicians, PrEP navigators, Medical Care Coordination teams, health educators & school districts in Strategy engagement; create a network of wrap around services and referrals; provide funding to health districts for Strategy implementation.



### Increase Collaboration

Eliminate silos; incentivize collaboration; build coalitions within health districts; focus on mental health, homeless and undocumented populations; seek multi-disciplinary/diverse funding; form peer based education discussion groups; establish quarterly meetings with providers & advocate for better reimbursement for providers.



### Achieve Strategy Goals

Utilize a modern social media approach for Strategy dissemination & education; tailor language for specific populations (e.g. youth, women); focus on social determinants of health that affect adherence; increase PrEP education & awareness; provide health districts with more information or timeline on next steps; establish accountability & align scopes of work with the Strategy; provide funding to health districts for Strategy implementation.

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