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EVOLVING HIV TESTING AS THE ENTRY POINT TO HIV PREVENTION

Date: March 30, 2021

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## WORKSHOP

REDEFINING “RISK” - BEST PRACTICE SHARING FOR ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PREVENTION DIALOGUE

Date: March 30, 2021

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This is not how we hoped this year’s Summit would be. I never thought that, one year after we first heard the words “COVID-19” and “coronavirus,” we’d still be in a position where we had to stay distanced from each other. Fortunately, it does appear that there is some light at the end of this tunnel and we may start to slowly regain some of our normal lives as the year progresses.

That is why I’m particularly grateful that you are attending this virtual Summit. As we learned from USCHA last year, we can provide a meaningful, educational, and empowering experience online. I know it’s not quite the same as meeting in person so I’m very grateful that you have still chosen to join us.

I also want to thank our meeting sponsors, particularly our presenting sponsor Gilead. All of our sponsors have stuck by us through a very difficult year and we appreciate their continued support.

This Summit is the first NMAC conference under the Biden-Harris administration and their commitment to end the HIV epidemic by 2025. It’s a lofty goal and one that we at NMAC fully support. Our programming for the Summit is designed to help our community partners fulfill that goal in their local areas in keeping with the federal plan’s strategy. NMAC is committed to being a resource for local communities to help them reach the plan’s goal not just at the Summit but throughout all of our programming.

I hope that these two days will be informative and uplifting for all our attendees. But I also hope that the Summit will be a much-needed opportunity to reconnect. We have now spent a full year largely separated from our family, friends, and colleagues and it has been difficult for all of us.

While we cannot yet meet in person, I hope this virtual gathering will help to ease the isolation of the last year and fulfill some of that need to socialize and interact with others.

Although we are very hopeful that we can start to return to normal in the next few months, we know that there is still a long way to go. Now is not the time to be complacent. Keep staying safe and get vaccinated as soon as you can.

And, once we can safely gather again, we will have a celebration like no other!

Yours in the struggle,

Paul Kawata



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Tuesday, March 30

Times listed are in Eastern Standard Time Zone (EST)

10:00 am – 6:30 pm	Conference Platform Open
Noon – 1:00 pm	<b>OPENING PLENARY - I Want Your Sex- PrEP and Claiming Power &amp; Pleasure Among GBMSM</b>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Community Corner
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall – Live Representative Hours
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Community Corner
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>SESSION 1 WORKSHOPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>PrEP's Getting a Makeover: Shots, Rings, &amp; Other Splendid Things</i></li><li>• <i>Factors Associated with Black MSM's Participation in Biomedical HIV Research</i></li><li>• <i>Engaging People of Trans Experience into PrEP Care</i></li><li>• <i>TelePrEP: Expanding Access &amp; Adherence to PrEP through Telemedicine</i></li><li>• <i>Sex Work Decriminalization Is Critical for Ending the HIV Epidemic</i></li><li>• <i>Collaborative Partnerships for Optimizing PrEP Navigation in San Diego County</i></li><li>• <i>Jotería bien PreParada</i></li><li>• <i>Mujeres Transgénero - Disparidades y soluciones eficaces en el sur</i></li><li>• <i>Virtual impressions to PrEP retention, and the steps in between!</i></li><li>• <i>Correctional Health is Community Health: The Indiana Peer Education Program</i></li><li>• <i>Motivational Interviewing for PrEP Adherence in PWID</i></li></ul>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Revisiting "Risk" - Best practice sharing for engaging young people in the prevention dialogue</i></li><li>• <i>Engaging Black Women during an emergency department visit to debunk myths on HIV and STI risks</i></li><li>• <i>Taking It To The Screen: Creating A Virtual Community</i></li><li>• <i>Remote Patient Navigation and Advocacy During COVID-19: Successes and Challenges</i></li><li>• <i>PrEP Access and Future Horizons: Drug Market and Coverage Changes</i></li><li>• <i>Mentoring Researchers and Care Providers to Address Disparities</i></li><li>• <i>Expanding Pharmacists' Role for Providing PrEP/PEP</i></li><li>• <i>Texting lost-to-follow-up PrEP patients from a San Francisco STD clinic</i></li><li>• <i>Expanding Our Legacy: Engaging Black HIV Advocates in Clinical Research</i></li><li>• <i>NIH Center Ending the HIV Epidemic Projects: Community Partnerships in the South to Address Needs and Advance Implementation Science</i></li></ul>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>PLENARY - Evolving HIV Testing as the Entry Point to HIV Prevention</b> Sponsored by Gilead Sciences, Inc.



Wednesday, March 31

10:00 am – 6:30 pm	Platform Open
Noon – 1:00 pm	<b>PLENARY – Pink Table Talk: Women’s Engagement and Inclusion with Biomedical Prevention Research</b>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Community Corner
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall – Live Representative Hours
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Community Corner
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>SESSION 3 WORKSHOPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>HIV Prevention: Out of the Specialty Clinics and into the EDs and SSPs – a framework forward</i></li><li><i>Molecular HIV Surveillance and Latino/a/x Immigrant Communities</i></li><li><i>Pivoting HIV Prevention Services to Meet Community Needs During COVID-19</i></li><li><i>Increasing PrEP Uptake: When a Clinic Feels Like a “Casita”</i></li><li><i>Transgender Women of Color: Disparities and solutions in the South</i></li><li><i>TelePrEP and COVID: Implementing a TelePrEP Program/Enhancing testing during COVID-19: Lessons learned from HIV self-testing programs</i></li><li><i>Promoting Equitable Access to PrEP, TelePrEP, and Long-Acting PrEP</i></li><li><i>A Tale of 3 Cities: PrEP Navigation in Tennessee</i></li><li><i>Meet Me Where I Am: Medical Mentorship of Young People</i></li><li><i>Estrategias para el fin de la epidemia del VIH en poblaciones Latinas de hombres minorías sexuales y mujeres transgénero</i></li><li><i>Fuerte y PrEPorada: Research and community perspectives on factors impacting PrEP uptake among cisgender Latina women</i></li></ul>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>SESSION 4 WORKSHOPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Increasing Choice: Innovation and Biomedical HIV Prevention Research among Women</i></li><li><i>Participation of Racial/Ethnic Minorities in Clinical Research</i></li><li><i>Prevention and Retention in Care for Chem Sex Using MSM</i></li><li><i>From Innovation to Implementation: Using Adherence Testing to Optimize PrEP</i></li><li><i>Retos para la prevención de VIH entre las Comunidades Hispanas (HHS)</i></li><li><i>Workforce Development for Latinx Gay/Bi Men and People with HIV</i></li><li><i>Undetectable = Untransmittable, Walking the Walk, Talking the Talk</i></li><li><i>Get It Get It Presents...Sexual Healing Goes Virtual!</i></li><li><i>Success Stories and Challenges Implementing PrEP in Indian Country</i></li><li><i>Expanding HIV Prevention Through HRSA Health Centers</i></li></ul>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>CLOSING PLENARY - Biomedical HIV Prevention Technologies. Are Our Systems Ready?</b>

Federal

The Federal track of workshops will showcase aspects of the Plan to End the Epidemic in America. Topics such as implementation research to PrEP availability through HRSA’s Community Health Centers will be discussed. There will be an opportunity to connect with the National Institutes of Health, CDC, HRSA, HHS and the IHS and ask questions about their role in ending the HIV epidemic.

Finance and Access Models

We must develop and test finance and access models to increase the uptake of PrEP among those with less or no resources to access it. It is essential to understand that one model will not address the needs of all the groups that might benefit from PrEP. For that reason, we look forward to including workshops from diverse perspectives and populations focusing on the gender, race, and sexuality spectrum. Examples of these models are drug and co-pays financing programs, clinical care, monitoring, adherence support, and initiatives that address social determinants and health disparities. These workshops will also engage attendees in the conversation about funding for community and clinical institutions around models proven to be effective in the implementation of biomedical prevention efforts. Overall, this track looks at the implementation and evaluation of finance and access models and how they impact community uptake.

PrEP and Ending the HIV Epidemic

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) is the federal plan to end the HIV epidemic in the United States by 2025. Such an initiative will require national-level coordination across federal agencies, community organizations, clinical providers, health departments, and other key stakeholders. Biomedical prevention, including PrEP, TasP, and PEP, will be critical to lowering the rates of infections to 90%. On this track, we will discuss the challenges and opportunities as the targeted jurisdictions develop their local plans, and the federal government roll out their own initiatives like “Ready, Set, PrEP”. Workshops will focus on the essential role of biomedical HIV prevention in ending the HIV epidemic. Track content will include a focus on populations affected disproportionately including, but not limited to, people of color, MSM, and individuals of trans experience.

Training and Education Models

Training programs and educational models must include the spectrum of stakeholders involved in ensuring biomedical HIV prevention is understood and accessed by the populations in need. All parts involved require education; from those looking for PrEP or viral suppression, to the community-based care and service providers, health clinic employees, doctors, and nurses. Education modalities might include peer-education, curriculum development, capacity building, collaborative learning, medical education, and online professional programs. This track will explore evidence-based training and educational models that are culturally competent and available to all stakeholders involved in biomedical HIV prevention, including finance, psychosocial services, and clinical care.

PrEP en Español

El acceso de las comunidades hispanoparlantes a estrategias biomédicas para prevenir el VIH, depende del acceso que estas poseen a la información y al cuidado médico. Es por esto que hemos diseñado esta área temática en español. Aquí se discutirán avances en las modalidades de PrEP, PEP y tratamiento como prevención (“TasP”, por sus siglas en inglés), a la vez que se incluirán las barreras encontradas al implementar programas durante COVID-19, el rol de la movilización comunitaria y el efecto desproporcional de la epidemia en estas comunidades. Además, se apunta a profundizar sobre los efectos del racismo, el estatus migratorio y las inequidades en el acceso a la prevención biomédica, incluyendo, pero no limitado a, HSH, personas de experiencia trans y aquellas que utilizan drogas intravenosas.

Community Mobilization

In order to be successful in the implementation of biomedical HIV prevention, it is essential to mobilize the communities most impacted by HIV. Community mobilization is critical in putting the interests of its members to the fronts. Whether it is through protest, demanding representation in clinical trials, or lobbying for fair policies, community mobilization has proven to be effective in promoting change. We should not underestimate the power of community and how it affects health outcomes. Engaged communities add a layer of care and trust not always achieved by mainstream health care. Also, reaching increased



health literacy around biomedical HIV prevention, is only effective when peer and community support is available. Also, mobilizing communities statistically overrepresented including, but not limited to, people of color, MSM, individuals of trans experience is essential for their self-empowerment and mobilization.

COVID 19 and PrEP

We are at a historic juncture. We not only continue fighting to end the HIV epidemic, but also of COVID-19. Our experience with HIV, and the management of the COVID-19 pandemic, reminds us that ignoring or denying such public health threats puts disadvantaged populations in an even worst position. It is not about prioritizing one over the other, but about identifying how in-place health systems serve to continue HIV prevention while addressing the crisis caused by COVID-19. Therefore, this track seeks to identify the barriers and opportunities to continue providing prevention services during the pandemic. Presenters will discuss how organizations have adapted to continue offering services while showing qualitative and quantitative data on the populations that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and HIV, including, but not limited to, people of color, individuals of trans experience, MSM and people who inject drugs. It will also inform how health systems developed around HIV could facilitate COVID-19 testing and its long-awaited treatment and vaccination.

Cisgender Women and PrEP

There is little clinical information about the use of current biomedical HIV prevention methods on cisgender women. However, according to the CDC, cisgender women comprise 19% of the new cases reported in the United States for 2018. This track seeks to center the discussion around qualitative and

quantitative data on cisgender women and biomedical HIV prevention. The track will also discuss the barriers and facilitators for implementing programs and access to biomedical HIV prevention modalities.

Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP

Data has continually shown that HIV does not affect all populations equally. Instead, a more impactful effect is observed on those who lack access to medical treatment and quality care. That is why, for example, the limited uptake and access to PrEP among Black and Latino gay men, compared to white gay men, is a matter of health disparities and social justice. On this track, we will deepen into the barriers and facilitators that affect awareness and uptake on these and other populations including, but not limited to, people of color, individuals of trans experience, and people who inject drugs. The discussion will also focus on how the social determinants of health impact access to biomedical HIV prevention and medical monitoring, PrEP stigma, and cultural values around sexuality.

Implementation Research, Evaluation, and PrEP

This track will discuss current approaches to implementation science and evaluation related to biomedical HIV prevention and how they inform interventions to increase PrEP awareness and uptake.

The PrEP Continuum of Care

There is no doubt that PrEP is an effective method to prevent HIV transmission. But, for it to be impactful, it must successfully follow the PrEP continuum of care that builds upon awareness and uptake to adherence and retention. This track seeks to shed light on how to overcome the challenges that prevent the sustainability of a PrEP continuum of care while identifying facilitators that might be replicated elsewhere.

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**Tuesday, March 30**

Noon - 1:00 pm EST

**OPENING PLENARY**

**I Want Your Sex- PrEP and Claiming Power & Pleasure among GBMSM**

PrEP has been a game-changer since its introduction in 2012. Although it has not been accessible for those who need it the most, particularly communities of color, it has certainly changed the way GBMSM relate sexually with each other. For this plenary, we will explore how PrEP has impacted sexual communication and behavior in an open and real conversation about sex. From academic and community perspectives, panelists will share their thoughts on the perceptions of risk, negotiation, and practices as they deepen into the liberating yet highly stigmatized aspects of PrEP. Panelists will also discuss the transmasculine experience and its impact on not only its users but also on those who are living with HIV.

*Host*



Ken Williams, Ken Like Barbie

*Presenter*



David Pantalone, PhD, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, MA

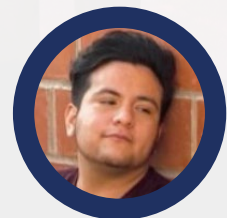
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Jacen Zhu, U=U Ambassador, Prevention Access Campaign, and "Undetectable Man"

**Session 1: March 30, 2:30pm - 3:30 pm EST**

**WORKSHOPS**

***Correctional Health is Community Health: The Indiana Peer Education Program***

Track: Training and Education Models

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Abigail Abram, MPH, Indiana Peer Education Program Manager, Step-Up, Inc., Indianapolis, IN

John P. Cocco, MSW, LCSW, Director of Reentry, Step-Up, Inc., Indianapolis, IN

Deborah Nichols, MPH, MS, Viral Hepatitis Program Director, Indiana Department of Health, Indianapolis, IN

Facilitated in the Indiana Department of Correction, the Indiana Peer Education Program (INPEP) ECHO aims to educate people who are incarcerated to be peer health educators. Peer educators use their training to prevent infectious diseases, reduce transmission, and improve health.

INPEP is comprised of four main components. The first, the 40-hr workshop, involves training selected individuals to be peer health educators. Once trained, peer educators provide 10-hour health education workshops on disease prevention and harm reduction to the general population within their facility. Monthly site visits allow the INPEP team to connect with the peer educators and audit information presented in 10-hr workshops. Finally, teleECHO sessions create the opportunity for peer educators at participating facilities to connect via videoconference for case-based learning and continuing education opportunities. This session will give attendees an overview of INPEP and the opportunity to hear from INEPP peer educators.

***Sex Work Decriminalization Is Critical for Ending the HIV Epidemic***

Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Sean Bland, JD, Senior Associate, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law,

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Tamika Spellman, Policy and Advocacy Director,

HIPS, Washington, DC

Benjamin Brooks, JD, MPH, Assistant Director of Policy, Whitman-Walker Institute, Washington, DC

Meeting the HIV and health needs of sex workers must be part of efforts to end the HIV epidemic. Sex workers are disproportionately impacted by HIV. Due to social and economic discrimination, LGBTQ people, people of color, and women, especially Black and Latinx transgender women, are over represented in the sex worker population and often face arrest and incarceration. Criminalization of sex work creates barriers to HIV treatment and prevention, including PrEP, and contributes to stigma, discrimination, and violence against sex workers. The workshop will discuss advocacy efforts around sex work decriminalization and present findings and policy recommendations from a research project on the impact of laws and policies on sex workers in Washington, DC and their access to health care and social services. This research identifies the importance of sex work decriminalization, along with affordable housing, employment programs, and LGBTQ protections, for improving HIV and health outcomes among sex workers.

***Factors Associated with Black MSM's Participation in Biomedical HIV Research***

Track: Community Mobilization

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Cheriko Boone, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Several promising biomedical advances are in the pipeline, including HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), successful HIV cure in two people to date, and other preventive and potentially curative strategies (e.g., injectable PrEP; broadly neutralizing antibodies, or bNAbs). Clinical trials evaluating safety and efficacy of such therapies require diverse volunteer participation, particularly by disproportionately impacted populations (e.g., Black men who have sex with men [MSM]). Yet Black people's underrepresentation in clinical trials is a persistent challenge. Medical research mistrust is a commonly cited barrier to participation, but other individual-level factors may influence participation decisions, including personal relatedness to HIV, racial/ethnic salience, and altruism. Many Black



people express altruistic motivations for HIV vaccine trial participation. Less examined are factors influencing Black MSM's clinical trial participation. We examined whether racial/ethnic salience among Black MSM, social activist identification, and medical research mistrust were associated with participation intentions or interest in injectable PrEP and bNAb trials.

***TelePrEP: Expanding Access & Adherence to PrEP through Telemedicine***

Track: Finance and Access Models

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Rene Cotto-Lewis, Affiliate Relations, 26Health, Orlando, FL

Tristan Schukraft, CEO, Mistr, Miami, FL

Daniel Soto, REACH LA, Los Angeles, CA

PrEP is a vital component of the prevention strategy that's part of America's *Ending the HIV Epidemic* Plan. PrEP has been FDA approved since 2012, but uptake and adherence remains extremely low. One key barrier to PrEP uptake is accessibility, and thus PrEP has remained out-of-reach to many individuals, in both rural and urban areas. TelePrEP (telemedicine) can remove this main barrier to access by eliminating the need for in-person provider visits every three months. This workshop will allow the audience to hear from multiple organizations that have implemented TelePrEP in different parts of the country. The audience will learn how their organization can start or expand their current PrEP programs utilizing telemedicine, while also leveraging their 340B status to create a sustainable program of offering free online PrEP and STI testing within their community.

***Virtual impressions to PrEP retention, and the steps in between!***

Track: The PrEP Continuum of Care

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Aviva Joffe, Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, PA

Participants will learn about the 2020 digital outreach campaign of Let's Stop HIV, the HIV

prevention program at Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia. The program serves a mostly Black/African American community with low levels of PrEP uptake and wanted to determine if digital marketing was an efficient and cost-effective method to reach people for HIV testing and prevention services. The campaign aimed to provide trusted information and low barrier access to young MSM in local zip codes with high HIV prevalence. The campaign was comprised of digital advertisements on multiple platforms, a landing page, and linkage to a PrEP Navigator. Rates of success with each platform will be shared as well as data on the campaign's continuum - from virtual impressions to PrEP retention, and all steps in between. Costs, campaign design, challenges, and lessons learned will be shared to inform others considering a PrEP digital outreach campaign.

***Collaborative Partnerships for Optimizing PrEP Navigation in San Diego County***

Track: PrEP and Ending the HIV Epidemic

Level: Beginner

Presenters:

Nicholas Lagunas, San Ysidro Health, San Diego, CA

San Ysidro Health joined forces with four agencies in San Diego County (Family Health Centers of San Diego, Vista Community Clinic, the LGBT Center of San Diego, and San Diego State University which assists with data evaluation) and formed the San Diego PrEP Collaborative for a PrEP Navigation proposal. The San Diego Collaborative was awarded the PrEP Navigation contract focusing on increasing PrEP prescribing providers as well as providing PrEP Navigation to Black/African American and Latinx individuals across the county. In this session, we will discuss how four competing agencies in different regions of San Diego county have come together to successfully provide necessary PrEP navigation services and community/provider education as a united front. We will discuss the challenges and successes that have arisen during the first year of implementation as well as lessons learned that might help other cities/regions develop similar coalitions to provide HIV prevention services.

***Jotería bien PreParada***

Track: PrEP en español

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Jorge Díaz, MSW, Director of Prevention Programs and Services, Bienestar Human Services

Julio E. Frausto, Prevention Counselor | Health Educator, Bienestar Human Services

Luis Alberto Borge Duarte, Health Educator, Bienestar Human Services

Tres hombres gay latinos/latinx viviendo con VIH discutirán los factores culturales dentro de la experiencia Queer Latinx, la continua lucha de la autoidentidad, la aceptación y el manejo de la inteligencia emocional. La discusión, que también incluirá la creación de programas sociales para la experiencia Queer Latinx en Estados Unidos, partirá desde sus experiencias como inmigrantes y descendientes de inmigrantes. Los presentadores apuntan a problematizar cómo estos factores y programas impactan las crecientes infecciones de VIH y la utilización de PrEP a la vez que tienen una conversación profunda sobre las barreras al acceso.

***Mujeres Transgeneros - Disparidades y soluciones eficaz en el Sur***

Track: PrEP en Español

Level: Beginner

Presenters:

Arianna Lint, Arianna's Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Las mujeres transgeneros que radican en el sur continúan sufriendo los saldos mas altos en nuevas diagnosis de VIH en los Estados Unidos. Los estudios mas recientes sugieren que mas de 44% de mujeres negras transgeneros y 23% de mujeres latinx transgeneros viven con VIH en el Sur de la Florida. Tambien siguen las disparidades en el acceso a cuidado de salud, empleo, y discriminación en las viviendas y el stigma todos contribuyen a la crisis masiva en esta comunidad. En este taller, exploraremos los temas que afectan a las mujeres transgeneros de color (Incluyendo a las inmigrantes) en el sur y buscar soluciones para terminar con la epidemia en estas comunidades que incluyen, abogacia, uniones estratégicas y trabajo en la comunidad.

***PrEP's Getting a Makeover: Shots, Rings, & Other Splendid Things***

Track: Cisgender Women and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Clare Collins, MA, MEd, Microbicide Trials Network, Pittsburgh, PA

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PrEP has been available as a daily pill for nearly a decade, but it's not meeting the needs of cisgender women. About 7,000 cis women are still diagnosed with HIV in the US every year, and Black, Indigenous, and Latina women bear the greatest burden. While the CDC estimates that nearly 500,000 women in the US could benefit from taking oral PrEP, less than 1% of those eligible actually adopt PrEP. Let us be clear: women are not the problem. What could we change about PrEP to make it work for cis women? This workshop builds on a program developed by the Women's HIV Research Collaborative (WHRC) to raise awareness of biomedical HIV prevention for women: current options and future possibilities. Spend an hour with the WHRC to fortify your knowledge of injectable PrEP, vaginal rings, and other major advancements in HIV prevention research among cis women.

***Engaging People of Trans Experience into PrEP Care***

Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Rebecca Nessen, VP of Strategic Initiatives, Metro Inclusive Health, St. Petersburg, FL

Kiala Emmons Dureke, Trans Services Program Coordinator, Metro Inclusive Health, St. Petersburg, FL

Christian Klimas, PrEP Navigation Team Lead, Metro Inclusive Health, St. Petersburg, FL

METRO provides PrEP Navigation and PrEP medical care services to over 1,000 patients in the Tampa Bay Area. With a robust PrEP Navigation Program and the ability to engage with and provide care to patients



via telehealth, METRO has continued this important service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, METRO's Trans Services Division provides high quality linkage and navigation services to those of trans experience, engaging individuals into services and care that speak to the unique needs of the trans community. With the goal to break down the barriers to care for trans individuals, Trans Navigators work as peers providing health education and risk reduction counseling, building rapport, establishing trust, and engaging individuals into care. What is uniquely impactful is the fact that Trans Care Navigators are cross-trained in PrEP Navigation and therefore able to provide PrEP services to trans individuals and walk them through the entire continuum of care. This model of care and service delivery, which supports both the patients and the medical providers, provides a best practice approach to serving those who may otherwise not engage with PrEP care. This workshop will share best practices gleaned from experience providing PrEP Navigation and Trans Care Navigation Services to the community and highlight challenges and gaps that still exist as well as a path forward to addressing these common barriers.

***Motivational Interviewing for PrEP Adherence in PWID***

Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP  
Level: Intermediate  
Presenters:  
Elizabeth Sherman, Cherokee Health Systems,  
Knoxville, TN

Despite the provider's best intentions, HIV risk is often a secondary concern for people in treatment for substance use. Usually, the patient's main concern is their sobriety. When these patients do take up PrEP, adherence is often inconsistent, fluctuating with their perceived control over their cravings. Additionally, since HIV remains connected to the queer community, many patients will forgo PrEP because of its associations with LGBTQ+ identity. How are we then to recommend PrEP to our patients while avoiding paternalism and preserving their autonomy? Further, how are we to encourage adherence when perceived risk changes so frequently? In this workshop, we examine cases with participants from Cherokee Health Systems' experience of combined Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and PrEP services. After an explanation of motivational interviewing and a case example, participants will go through a case together, collaborating on the best care plan for the patient.

**Session 2: March 30, 5:00 - 6:00 pm EST**

**WORKSHOPS**

***Revisiting "Risk" - Best practice sharing for engaging young people in the prevention dialogue***

Presented by Gilead Sciences, Inc.  **GILEAD**

Track: Training and Education Models  
Level: Beginner  
Facilitated by Gilead Community Liaisons:

- Blake Rowley
- Kate O'Connor
- Michael Barajas
- Oscar Mairena

Engaging young people (18-25) in the HIV prevention conversation means expanding our toolkit (and our vocabulary). This workshop will examine the unique challenges that young people face, present a framework for engaging with cultural competency, and facilitate best practice sharing around HIV prevention conversations from around the country.

***Mentoring Researchers and Care Providers to Address Disparities***

Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP  
Level: Intermediate  
Presenters:  
Darrell P. Wheeler, PhD, MPH, ACSW, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Iona College, New Rochelle, NY  
Allysha C. Maragh-Bass, PhD, MPH, Scientist I, BECS, Global Health Population and Nutrition, FHI 360, Durham, NC  
Russell Campbell, MA, Deputy Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA

A social justice framework is essential when addressing health disparities, specifically for Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC). BIPOC providers and scientists have a unique understanding of the physical, cultural, and mental health needs of BIPOC communities, and this understanding has proven to be effective at addressing biomedical, socio-behavioral, and structural determinants of healthcare engagement.

This workshop will highlight the importance of recruiting, mentoring, and nurturing BIPOC researchers and providers and reducing implicit bias in healthcare and science. Presenters will highlight how application of a social justice framework is critical when discussing how racism in research and medicine impacts access to biomedical HIV prevention and medical monitoring, PrEP stigma, and cultural values around sexuality.

***Taking It To The Screen: Creating A Virtual Community***

Track: Community Mobilization  
Level: Beginner  
Presenters:  
Steven Cano, Valley AIDS Council, Harlingen, TX


The Valley AIDS Council Community Mobilization shares insight on how to navigate the Latinx LGBTQ Community during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic to include but not limited to: shelter in place activities, mental and physical health, sexual health, and community based learning workshops featuring local organizations and MSM focus/support groups done via the coordination of virtual events. The facilitator will provide specifics on virtual event planning using social media, video conferencing platforms, and in-person events following local/state/national COVID-19 guidelines towards continuing community mobilization efforts.

***PrEP Access and Future Horizons: Drug Market and Coverage Changes***

Track: Finance and Access Models  
Level: Intermediate  
Presenters:  
Edwin Corbin-Gutierrez, NASTAD, Washington, DC  
Nicole Elinoff, NASTAD, Washington, DC

The HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) landscape is rapidly changing. With the introduction of new drugs approved for PrEP and generic options becoming available, many changes are underway or on the horizon. This presentation provides current information on the introduction of PrEP generics, potential coverage changes related to the changing PrEP drug market, covering PrEP as an essential health benefit, and the impact on PrEP access.





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***Engaging Black Women during an emergency department visit to debunk myths on HIV and STI risks***

Track: Training and Education Models

Level: Advanced

Presenters:

Mandy Hill, DrPH, MPH, UTHealth McGovern Medical School, Houston, TX

Sandra Coker, MD, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

We will share information regarding HIV prevention for Black women. Black women in the US are more at risk of contracting HIV or STIs than other women. Disparate rates in HIV/STI risks warrants innovative prevention models. Our study team developed the first video log (VLOG)-based HIV prevention intervention for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)-eligible Black women who acknowledge recent condom-less sex during an emergency department (ED) visit. The intervention leverages vlogs as a novel way to provide HIV prevention messages to Black women. We discovered potential myths on HIV transmission in two HIV prevention projects that enrolled Black women. We will describe a warm hands-off strategy from the ED to community clinic partners, discuss utility of a survey as an intervention aimed at building awareness and knowledge, and compare the HIV risk of Black women to all other women. Target audiences for this workshop includes health care providers, prevention specialists, and researchers.

***Expanding Our Legacy: Engaging Black HIV Advocates in Clinical Research***

Track: Training and Education Models

Level: Beginner

Presenters:

Myriam Johnstone, BS, Black AIDS Institute, Los Angeles, CA

Maximillian Boykin, Black AIDS Institute, Atlanta, GA  
Louis Shackelford, BS, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA

Abraham Johnston, MPH, Treatment Action Group, Durham, NC

David “Jax” Kelly, JD, MBA, Let’s Kick ASS (AIDS Survivor Syndrome), Palm Springs, CA

The devastating effects of HIV upon historically marginalized populations and their underrepresentation in clinical trial development

has led to ongoing controversies around HIV prevention research. The lack of minority group representation within research protocol development and participation has been a longstanding issue, signaling a crucial need for the development of HIV advocacy training centering the needs of Black people. The COVID-19 pandemic and its socio-political impact further heightened the visibility of the structural and systemic factors that contribute to both COVID-19 and HIV burden in marginalized communities, exposing an urgent need for increased leadership from community-based advocates in infectious disease research. In a collaborative effort to address the rapidly evolving conversations around HIV prevention trial designs, the Black AIDS Institute (BAI), the HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN), and the Treatment Action Group (TAG) have developed a curriculum, recruited HIV advocates, and trained 30 individuals in research advocacy over a 16-week certification program, entitled the We The People Research Cohort (WTPRC).

***Texting lost-to-follow-up PrEP patients from a San Francisco STD clinic***

Track: The PrEP Continuum of Care

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Montica Levy, MPH, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA

Hannah Brosnan, MPH, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA

Stephanie Cohen, MD, MPH, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA  
Kelly Johnson, MD, MPH, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Retention remains a barrier to the real-world effectiveness of PrEP. At San Francisco’s municipal STD clinic (City Clinic), six-month PrEP retention rates declined from 66% to 51% (p<0.05) from 2015-2019. As we seek to evaluate and improve our PrEP program and retention rates, it is critical to better understand why patients chose to start or stop PrEP and to better characterize what happens when our patients are lost to follow-up (LTFU). Our objectives with this evaluation study were to address unanswered questions regarding whether our patients (1) remained on PrEP through a different provider; or (2) had specific reasons for

discontinuing PrEP. Using a text message-based platform, we surveyed City Clinic patients who initiated PrEP from January 2015-October 2019 and were LTFU as of October 1, 2020, in order to gain answers to these questions. This presentation will review methods, results, and conclusions from this text-based survey.

***Expanding Pharmacists’ Role for Providing PrEP/ PEP***

Track: PrEP and Ending the HIV Epidemic

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Lee Storrow (he/him/his), Executive Director, NC AIDS Action Network, Raleigh, NC

Arianna Fischer (she/her/hers), Master of Public Policy Candidate, Duke University, Durham, NC

Matt Martin (he/they), Grassroots Advocacy Manager, NC AIDS Action Network, Raleigh, NC

Though they have been on the market since 2012 (prior for PEP), uptake for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) has been extremely slow, especially for the communities who need it the most. As we continue to advocate for equitable and accessible PrEP and PEP services throughout the South, many jurisdictions across the country have started to advance policy measures for increased uptake via pharmacy distributed PrEP and PEP. Join NC AIDS Action Network staff as they discuss the current landscape of PrEP and PEP services in North Carolina, outline current policy efforts (successful, failed, and in-the-works)

around pharmacy distributed PrEP/PEP, and policy recommendations and actions happening around the fight here in North Carolina. Staff will also highlight current advocacy strategies and updates happening directly in North Carolina around pharmacist distribution and legislative policy change.

***Remote Patient Navigation and Advocacy During COVID-19: Successes and Challenges***

Track: COVID 19 and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Sarah Palmer, Texas Health Action - Kind Clinic, Austin, TX

For many organizations that provide PrEP, PEP and ART, COVID-19 dramatically changed barriers to HIV biomedical prevention access--creating new barriers and exacerbating existing barriers. This session will discuss the barriers COVID-19 created, the interventions Kind Clinic’s Patient Advocate (navigation and referral) team implemented to address those barriers, and the changes in patient needs. Interventions discussed include use of telehealth tools to virtually meet with patients, creative methods in medication assistance navigation, and grocery assistance. Successes and challenges of remote patient advocacy will also be discussed, including patient case examples and feedback from staff. Following the presentation, attendees will be invited to share successes and challenges from their own organizations and compare experiences of advocacy/navigation staff.



**NIH Center Ending the HIV Epidemic Projects: Community Partnerships in the South to Address Needs and Advance Implementation Science**

Track: Federal

Level: Intermediate

As part of the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has funded 65 projects in 46 EHE-priority areas, focusing on how to best implement HIV evidence-based HIV interventions in local health care and public health settings through partnerships between community, local partners, and academic collaborators. This session will highlight three projects in the South funded by the NIH Centers for AIDS Research and National Institute of Mental Health's AIDS Research Centers; each project relies on strong community collaboration and is designed to advance implementation science for improved HIV prevention and care outcomes. Speakers include academic and community partners from 1) FINISHING HIV: An HIV Protection, Diagnosis and Treatment Network for Latinos (Miami-Dade County); 2) PrOTECT: PrEP Optimization through Enhanced Capture of Treatment (Alabama); and 3) Getting to [NO]ne in New Orleans: Enhancing PrEP Uptake in Black Women to End the Epidemic (Orleans Parish).

*Presenters*



Mariano Kanamori, University of Miami Developmental HIV/AIDS Mental Health Research Center



Stephen J. Fallon, Latinos Salud



F. Latesha Eloppe, University of Alabama Center for AIDS Research



Ashley Tarrant, Alabama Quality Management Group



Jitesh Parmar, Alabama Quality Management Group



Amy Corneli, Duke University CFAR



Meredith Clement, Louisiana State University School of Medicine



Jacquelyn Bickham, Louisiana Department of Health and Black Women and PrEP Task Force



Casmè Carter, Black Women and PrEP Task Force

5:00 – 6:00 PM EST

**PLENARY**

**Evolving HIV Testing as the Entry Point to HIV Prevention**

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This one-hour plenary session will focus on “Evolving HIV Testing as the Entry Point to HIV Prevention.” Key topics to be explored include the current landscape of HIV testing, which includes the Ending the Epidemic plan and other initiatives, barriers, and gaps, as well as best practices highlighted through case studies. It will feature a presentation, a panel discussion, and an audience Q&A.

**Learning objectives:**

- o Describe opportunities to help strengthen the entry point to the care continuum through customizing HIV testing initiatives for priority populations
- o Understand the importance of sustaining urgency for HIV testing, given the barriers/gaps and the impact of COVID-19
- o Learn about current HIV testing initiatives at the federal, state, and local levels
- o Highlight best practices for HIV testing based on successful models from Washington, DC and the South

*Moderator:*



Marlene McNeese, Assistant Director, Division of Disease Prevention and Control, Houston Health Department, Houston, TX

*Panelists:*



Clover Barnes, RN, BSN, MBA  
Bureau Chief, Integrated HIV Services Division  
DC Department of Health, Washington, DC



Leandro Mena, MD, MPH, Professor of Infectious Diseases, Director, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, Center for HIV/AIDS Research, Education and Policy



Noon EST – 1:00 pm EST

**PLENARY**  
**Pink Table Talk: Women’s Engagement and Inclusion with Biomedical Prevention Research**

Women of color constitute the majority of new HIV new diagnoses among all women in the US and dependent areas in 2018. Nearly a decade after the approval of the first oral biomedical HIV prevention strategy, cisgender women’s options for prevention remain limited and participation in prevention research trials face challenges. As a matter of health equity and justice, biomedical HIV prevention research must meaningfully include all women. This critical discussion will address what the field can do to close these continued gaps.

*Host*



Ken Williams, Ken Like Barbie

*Moderator*

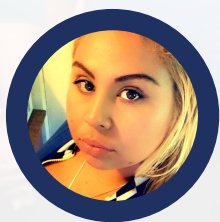


Danielle M. Campbell, MPH,  
ATAC, Los Angeles, CA

*Panelists*



Moupali Das, MD, MPH, Executive Director, Virology Therapeutic Area, Gilead Sciences



Ms. Marissa Mercado



Kimberly Smith, MD, MPH, Head of Research and Development, ViiV Healthcare



Celeste Watkins-Hayes, PhD, Professor of University Diversity and Social Transformation, Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Sociology at The University of Michigan

**Session 3: March 31, 2:30 - 3:30 pm EST**

**WORKSHOPS**

***HIV Prevention: Out of the Specialty Clinics and into the EDs and SSPs – a framework forward***

Presented by Gilead Sciences, Inc.



Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Participants:

Derek Spencer, MS, CRNP, Executive Director, FOCUS, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Hansel Tookes, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Miami

Kris Lyon, MD, Public Health Officer, Kern County Public Health Services Department; Assistant Medical Director; EMS Medical Director

Anu Hazra, MD, Assistant Professor, Section of Infectious Diseases and Global Health; Medical Director, DCAM Sexual Wellness Clinic; Director of STI Services, Chicago Center of HIV Elimination; Department of Medicine, University of Chicago

Steven McDonald, BS, HIV/AIDS Program Supervisor and Case Manager, The John G. Bartlett Specialty Practice, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD  
 Yu-Hsiang Hsieh, M.S., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital  
 Monique Rucker, MPH, Director, FOCUS, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Angelique Griffin, MPH, Director, FOCUS, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

René Bennett, JD, Director, FOCUS, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Jackie Escobar, MBA, Director, FOCUS, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

This session will feature leaders of Health Departments, Emergency Departments and Syringe Service Programs from around the country to discuss how they have integrated HIV prevention services for their patient populations. These settings are often the only access need to reach populations have to health care. We’ve seen health disparities widen in the global pandemic, especially for our most marginalized communities. The future of

health care must remove the stigma and barriers from getting need to reach populations what they need to keep them healthy and thriving. As such, HIV prevention is moving out of specialty clinics and meeting clients where they are. We hope you join us for an informative session on how these leaders are connecting individuals to the preventive services they need.

Objectives:

- Introduce the FOCUS program and its support for screening persons for high risk of acquiring HIV and linkage to comprehensive prevention services.
- Describe how routine screening for HIV can connect at-risk individuals to comprehensive prevention services.
- Discuss how linkage to HIV prevention is being implemented in multiple setting types.
- Identify how populations at risk for HIV are identified through the electronic medical records.

***Increasing PrEP Uptake: When a Clinic Feels Like a “Casita”***

Track: Finance and Access Models

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Stephen Fallon, Latinos Salud, Wilton Manors, FL

Latinos Salud, a gay, minority-based agency serving the South Florida region with the highest new HIV rates in the nation, sought to increase PrEP uptake by Latino and other MSM of color. Between 2016 and 2018, we staged PrEP town halls and educational galas, and created social media campaigns, pamphlets, and videos. PrEP awareness in our population more than doubled, but PrEP uptake did not increase as significantly amongst local Latino and other MSM of color. Beginning in 2019, we identified several access barriers to PrEP uptake. Too often, clients were lost in the hand-off process to external PrEP providers. We hypothesized that implementing wrap-around services with a prescribing clinic in house would reduce barriers. This workshop reviews the processes and challenges in launching the clinic, and the outcomes in PrEP uptake that resulted. We will also describe the ways that other CBOs can create similar local impacts.

***Molecular HIV Surveillance and Latino/a/x Immigrant Communities***

Track: Community Mobilization

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Moctezuma Garcia, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

Molecular HIV Surveillance (MHS) is an integral strategy for Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) to identify HIV outbreaks and ensure people have access to biomedical interventions. Public health departments collect HIV genetic sequences from HIV drug resistance tests to identify, monitor, and investigate people associated with HIV transmission networks. However, the use of MHS data presents several risks and challenges, including stigma, marginalization of groups, ethical challenges and legal issues. Issues related to confidentiality, documentation status, and informed consent are relevant for Latino/a/x immigrants. Strategies will be discussed to ensure equitable participation of highly vulnerable populations to enhance culturally responsive EHE endeavors and address concerns related to MHS activities for Latino/a/x immigrant communities.

***Transgender Women of Color: Disparities and solutions in the South***

Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP

Level: Beginner

Presenters:

Arianna Lint, Arianna's Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Transgender women of color in the south continue to experience the highest rates of new HIV diagnosis in the United States. The most recent needs assessments suggest that up to 44% of black transgender women and 23% of Latinx transgender women are living with HIV in South Florida. Continued disparities in access to healthcare, employment, and housing discrimination and stigma all contribute to the crisis within this community. In this workshop we will delve deeper into the issues affecting transgender women of color (including those of immigrant experience) in the South and look at solutions to help end the epidemic in these communities that include, outreach, advocacy, and partnerships.

***Promoting Equitable Access to PrEP, TelePrEP, and Long-Acting PrEP***

Track: PrEP and Ending the HIV Epidemic

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Landon Myers, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Washington, DC

PrEP is not adequately reaching people who could most benefit from it, including Black and Latinx gay and bisexual men, Black women, and transgender individuals who are disproportionately impacted by HIV. Expanded use of PrEP is central to ending the HIV epidemic. Financing PrEP medication and services and making PrEP initiation, adherence, and retention easier are critical issues. This workshop will explore inequities in PrEP use and opportunities to promote equitable access to PrEP. Attention will be given to the no cost-sharing requirement for PrEP based on the US Preventive Services Task Force recommendation and continued work that is needed. Additional attention will be given to the recent surge in telehealth adoption and opportunities and challenges for the equitable delivery of telePrEP, as well as the development of long-acting HIV products that do not require daily pill-taking and the need for education and policy action to prepare for these products.

***Meet Me Where I Am: Medical Mentorship of Young People***

Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Louie Ortiz-Fonseca, Advocates for Youth, Washington, DC

Through the art of storytelling and story of self, three youth activists living with HIV will share their experience how mentorship impacted their experience with medical providers. Participants will be provided an overview of the "Medical Mentorship Toolkit" and the importance of incorporating a mentorship framework in a medical setting to promote self-efficacy, access to care, and medical adherence of young people living with HIV.

***TelePrEP and COVID: Implementing a TelePrEP Program***

Track: COVID 19 and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Ashley Underwood, MPH, Washington University PrEP Program, St. Louis, MO

Rachel Dixon, Prime Health, Denver, CO

June Gipson, PhD, EdS, My Brother's Keeper, Ridgeland, MS

Kate Curoe, MPH, CDC Midwest Track 2B Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Staff, Division of Infectious Diseases, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

PrEP has been FDA approved since 2012 and is a core component of the Prevent Strategy of the Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan. One barrier to PrEP uptake is accessibility, as PrEP has remained out-of-reach to many individuals in both rural and urban areas. This barrier has been exacerbated by COVID-19. As we continue to fight to end the HIV epidemic, COVID-19 has pushed providers and other organizations to adapt HIV prevention through TelePrEP and HIV self-testing programs. This ensures continued linkage to PrEP and PrEP prescribing during COVID-19.

This presentation will allow the audience to hear more about the impact COVID-19 has had on HIV prevention, such as the reduction in HIV testing and disruptions in other care services, and then give an overview of two innovative solutions, TelePrEP and HIV self-testing. Attendees will learn the benefits of implementing a TelePrEP program to overcome COVID-19 barriers, the process to design and maintain a TelePrEP program, and how to use TelePrEP implementation worksheets to gauge what stage they are in the implementation process. Attendees will also learn about HIV self-testing and important HIV self-testing components to consider while developing a TelePrEP program. Then, a Community Based Organization will speak about both their HIV self-testing program and their TelePrEP program and how they were able to use these solutions to continue to enhance testing, linkage to PrEP, and PrEP care during COVID-19.

***A Tale of 3 Cities: PrEP Navigation in Tennessee***

Track: The PrEP Continuum of Care

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Allison Wilhelm, MPH, Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville, TN

Katherine Buchman, MPH, Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville, TN

The purpose of this workshop is to explore the differences between three cities in Tennessee where PrEP navigation is supported by the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) and to describe the barriers and facilitators to supporting a PrEP candidate throughout the PrEP care continuum, and how those barriers and facilitators differ based on geographic location. Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville are demographically diverse, geographically distant, and the resources each city has to offer impact its ability to support successful PrEP uptake. Additionally, this workshop will describe the impact of the addition of new, affordable PrEP clinics in each city.

During this workshop, the presenters will describe the development and evolution of the PrEP Navigation program, in each city, from 2016 to the present. Improvements have been informed by annual program evaluation and navigator input, including review of demographic data to identify priority populations served in each city, illustration of how challenges differed across the state, and documentation of how community-initiated solutions addressed those challenges.

***Pivoting HIV Prevention Services to Meet Community Needs During COVID-19***

Track: COVID 19 and PrEP

Level: Beginner

Presenters:

Ashlee Wimberly, MPH, Washington AIDS Partnership, Washington, DC

Ramatoulaye Keita, MHA, Whitman-Walker Health, Washington, DC

Tania Ruiz-Toledo, MSc in Public Health, La Clinica del Pueblo, Washington, DC/Maryland

The DC PrEP for Women initiative, which aims to increase access to comprehensive sexual health



and HIV prevention services for women, currently supports clinical services and educational activities at five health centers in the Washington region. When a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic was declared in March 2020, the project partners made significant adjustments to provide COVID-19 services and pivot existing services using CDC-recommended mitigation strategies to protect both patients and staff. Many services, including STI and HIV screening, treatment, and education, were moved to a telehealth model and all in-person outreach activities were canceled. This workshop will provide examples of how these health providers transitioned their sexual health and HIV prevention services while also meeting community needs created and exacerbated by COVID-19. After the presentation, there will be a facilitated discussion about the challenges and opportunities created by COVID-19, particularly for disproportionately impacted communities.

***Estrategias para el fin de la epidemia del VIH en poblaciones Latinas de hombres minorías sexuales y mujeres transgénero***

Track: PrEP en Español

Level: Initial

Presentadores:

Carlos E. Rodríguez-Díaz, George Washington University

Ana María del Río González, George Washington University

Para acabar con la epidemia del VIH, es imprescindible desarrollar estrategias que reconozcan e impacten de manera directa a las poblaciones afectadas desproporcionalmente. Los hombres latinos que forman parte de minorías sexuales y mujeres latinas de experiencia trans, deben estar en el centro de estos esfuerzos. En esta sesión, los panelistas abundarán sobre las siguientes tres recomendaciones para acercarse de manera efectiva a estos grupos: (1) Desarrollar programas adaptados a las poblaciones, (2) utilizar acercamientos de investigación participativa

y (3) partir desde marcos de ciencia de la implementación. Además, presentarán datos de un estudio realizado para entender las experiencias de mujeres translatinas alrededor de PrEP.

***Fuerte y PrEPorada: Research and community perspectives on factors impacting PrEP uptake among cisgender Latina women***

Track: Cisgender women's track

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Keosha T. Bond, EdD, MPH, CHES, Community Health and Social Medicine, CUNY School of Medicine, New York, NY

Jacqueline Bannon, RN, PhD, Department of Medical Social Sciences, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Alejandra Aguilar-Avelino, HIV Navigation services for women, East Los Angeles Women's Center  
Lizette Villanueva, HIV Health Navigator, East Los Angeles Women's Center

Cisgender women constitute 20% of new HIV diagnoses in the U.S., with most infections occurring in women of color. Black and Latinx women together account for 75% of newly diagnosed women nationally but represent 30% of the female population. Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is underutilized by cisgender women. Little is known about barriers & facilitators to PrEP uptake among cisgender Latinx women. For this panel, presenters will discuss findings from 12 in-depth interviews with Latinx women in New York City & Philadelphia, focusing on individual, social & structural barriers & facilitators to PrEP uptake. Also, presenters from East Los Angeles Women's Center will share successful approaches to identifying and engaging women at high vulnerability to HIV with services based on trauma-informed HIV Navigation and collaborations, including non-traditional partners. Panelists will also discuss social determinants of health, lack of partner support, and the effects of culture and stigma.

**Session 4: March 31, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm EST**

***Success Stories and Challenges Implementing PrEP in Indian Country***

This forum is an interactive panel discussion among IHS, tribal, and urban Indian (I/T/U) health representatives highlighting the implementation of PrEP in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The forum includes a Native person giving their perspective of seeking, using, and navigating the PrEP experience.

Audience members will:

1. Learn the most significant benefits of PrEP;
2. Understand the main challenges I/T/U public and clinical health staff face getting PrEP to the individuals who need it;
3. Identify the challenges Native people face when seeking, using, and navigating PrEP;
4. Become aware of ways to replicate successful PrEP program in Indian Country;
5. Learn how to implement the Ready, Set, PrEP programs in I/T/U facilities

***Moderator***



Rick Haverkate, Indian Health Service (IHS) HIV Program Director

***Panelists***



Brigg Reilley, Data/Program Consultant, IHS HIV Program



Dr. Jorge Mera, Chief of Infectious Disease, Cherokee Nation



Heather Huentelman, Chief Pharmacist, Phoenix Indian Medical Center



Anthony Hogner, Citizen, Cherokee Nation

### ***Increasing Choice: Innovation and Biomedical HIV Prevention Research among Women***

Track: Cisgender Women and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Danielle M Campbell, MPH, ATAC, Los Angeles, CA  
Leisha McKinley-Beach, National HIV/AIDS Consultant, Atlanta, GA  
Dazon Dixon-Diallo, SisterLove, Inc., Atlanta, GA  
Dawn K. Smith, MD, MS, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

To date, cisgender women have not experienced the benefit of choice in options for HIV prevention, whether due to regulatory issues or study design considerations. As such, utilization rates of HIV biomedical prevention modalities, namely PrEP, among cisgender women, and in particular Black women, often lag farther behind any other defined category of individuals at risk for HIV. This session will discuss proposed strategies necessary to bridge the gap between prevention technology and use among cisgender women at risk for HIV, including but not limited to community informed, sex-positive initiatives that aim to increase awareness and education around biomedical HIV prevention.

### ***From Innovation to Implementation: Using Adherence Testing to Optimize PrEP***

Track: Finance and Access Models

Level: Intermediate

Moderator:

Caitlin Conyngham, OraSure Technologies Inc., Bethlehem, PA

Presenters:

Harlan Shaw, Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers, Philadelphia, PA  
Terrence Spencer, Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers, Philadelphia, PA  
Jermel Wallace, Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers, Philadelphia, PA

HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) works to prevent new HIV infections; however, it only works when you take it. Available data suggests there are significant missed opportunities to prevent HIV, even among individuals currently taking PrEP. Current

PrEP guidelines rely on self-reported adherence to identify patients who have challenges taking their medication. Real-world clinical data and data from PrEP trials suggest that adherence to PrEP is sub-optimal and varies significantly from self-report. PrEP adherence testing provides an innovative tool for providers to objectively identify, without bias, individuals who may need additional support from their PrEP clinical care team. Through a conversation with Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers, this workshop provides a perspective on how to effectively implement adherence testing and use novel innovation in routine PrEP care to improve clinical decision-making and prioritize PrEP navigation resources to the most appropriate patients.

### ***Participation of Racial/Ethnic Minorities in Clinical Research***

Track: Community Mobilization

Level: Beginner

Presenters:

Michele Andrasik, PhD, Social & Behavioral Sciences and Community Engagement, HIV Vaccine Trials Network, Seattle, WA  
Pedro Goicochea, MSc, MA, Legacy Project, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
Seattle, WA

Black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) are disproportionately affected by the HIV and COVID-19 epidemics. Research efforts to find preventive, therapeutic, and curative interventions have received invaluable support from the federal government and from private initiatives. However, representation of BIPOC in research has been historically low. The “Ending the HIV Epidemic” and the “HIV National Strategic Plan for the United States 2021-2025 consider BIPOC as priority populations for the accomplishment of their objectives. A more active participation of BIPOC is essential for the generalization of research results in the pursuit of new alternatives to prevent, treat, and cure diseases. This approach aligns with the Legacy Project’s mission to increase awareness of and build support for HIV prevention and treatment and clinical and behavioral research by addressing factors that influence participation of historically underrepresented communities, including BIPOC.

### ***Prevention and Retention in Care for Chem Sex Using MSM***

Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Oscar Lopez, Poderosos, Harlingen, TX

HIV prevention efforts have long underprioritized the health and wellbeing of Latinx and Black men who have sex with men (MSM), especially those at highest risk for HIV exposure, overdoses, and transactional sex due to their use of meth and opioids for “chemsex” which allows them to have uninhibited condomless sex with multiple partners. Interventions that support drug using MSM with harm reduction strategies and addresses social determinants of health are needed nationwide but especially across Southern states where homophobia and racism are rampant, and legislators have been reluctant to enact syringe exchange legislation. Bilingual, tailored effective public health approaches developed by and for drug using Latinx and Black MSM are needed.

### ***Retos para la prevención de VIH entre las Comunidades Hispanas***

Track: PrEP en Español

Level: Beginner

Presenters:

Jose Ortiz, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Los Angeles, CA

Discusión de barreras existentes para la prevención de VIH entre las comunidades hispanas, tales como el estigma socio-económico y cultural y el alto nivel de desconfianza en los sistemas de atención médica y servicios de salud. Establecer un diálogo sobre la utilización de herramientas y métodos de prevención disponibles, tales como medicamentos de pre-exposición profiláctica conocidos como PrEP, introducidos mediante una campaña para aumentar la participación en el programa nacional conocido como “Ready Set PrEP” que es un esfuerzo para poner fin a la epidemia del VIH. Este programa facilita el acceso a medicamentos de prevención para el VIH de forma gratuita para aquellos que no tienen cobertura de salud para medicamentos recetados. Discutir las ventajas y beneficios para la creación de programas preventivos para medicamentos PrEP, y resaltar el esfuerzo realizado por centros y departamentos de

salud dirigidos a combatir las barreras de acceso y disponibilidad para medicamentos de pre-exposición “PrEP” entre las comunidades Hispanas.

### ***Undetectable = Untransmittable, Walking the Walk, Talking the Talk***

Track: Health Disparities, Social Justice and PrEP

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

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The science is definitive. Individuals who achieve and maintain viral suppression do not transmit HIV to their sexual partners. Yet, many providers are reluctant to share this information with their patients; this withholding actually perpetuates harm. The psychosocial impact of being liberated from a view of oneself as toxic cannot be understated. Knowing that Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) can be a powerful motivator for adherence, which has both personal and public health benefit.

This interactive workshop will:

- Outline the data behind U=U
- Explore factors contributing to provider discomfort
- Provide perspectives of PLWH on U=U
- Model ways providers can communicate this important information
- Separate issues related to STIs and contraception from HIV transmission

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the studies and data that led to the conclusion that U=U
- Describe why it is important to communicate U=U to their patients

- Discuss U=U with their patients and clients

While the target audience is medical and service providers, anyone can benefit from attending.

**Get It Get It Presents...Sexual Healing Goes Virtual!**

Track: Community Mobilization

Level: Intermediate

Presenters:

Gary English, Get It Get It, Inc., New York, NY

Kevin Williams, Get It Get It, Inc., New York, NY

Get It Get It - the only NYC agency under Black gay leadership - presents Sexual Healing, a three-hour, culturally-responsive in-person and virtual group sexual health intervention developed by, for, and with Black Gay Men (BGM). The intervention explores needs that extend beyond HIV prevention and uses a holistic and unconventional approach to address the intersecting social and behavioral challenges/stigma to PrEP uptake. This interactive workshop will equip attendees with a blueprint for building community partnerships/supportive networks, conducting unique and non-traditional outreach, and exploring attitudes toward PrEP and sexual well-being. The Executive Director will describe the importance of tailored services, advocating for maintenance of HIV-negative status, and challenges of obtaining funding and capacity building. Virtual adaptation of Sexual Healing was designed to mitigate challenges to in-person delivery as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

this process will be reviewed. Additionally, the lead intervention Facilitator will demonstrate tailored experiential intervention activities.

**Workforce Development for Latinx Gay/Bi Men and People with HIV**

Track: Training and Education Models

Level: Beginner

Presenters:

Pedro Alonso Serrano, MPH, CPH, CORE Center

Research Dept., Cook County Health, Chicago, IL

Latinx gay and bisexual men (LGBM) are disproportionately impacted by HIV and accounted for 21% of new HIV diagnoses in 2018. Critical to the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative in the U.S. is prioritizing professional workforce development and fostering leadership from within the communities most impacted and vulnerable to HIV. Latinx leaders' "Call to Action: Addressing the HIV Crisis among Latinx Gay and Bisexual Men" released in 2019 calls for action to meaningfully support workforce development, foster safe professional development spaces, and create leadership positions for LGBM in the HIV sector. This workshop will discuss efforts to increase interest in the HIV field among Latinx students in undergraduate and graduate programs, promote diversity and the inclusion of LGBM and Latinx people living with HIV (PLWH) at all levels of the HIV field, and utilize existing resources to educate public health professionals and encourage continued learning.

**Expanding HIV Prevention Through HRSA Health Centers**

Track: Federal

Level: Intermediate

In 2020, HRSA-funded health centers across the nation achieved significant results in HIV testing, linkage to care, and PrEP starts as partners in the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative. Last February, 195 health centers in the 57 EHE jurisdictions received \$54 million in supplemental Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) funding to: expand outreach, partnerships, and HIV testing workforce; increase PrEP access and use; and link those who test positive for HIV to treatment.

Country Doctor Community Clinic, in Seattle, Washington, is one such health center. They experienced significant successes as well as some barriers, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in implementing their PCHP project last year. Country Doctor's clinical leadership will share promising practices and lessons learned as they expand HIV prevention services within their diverse communities.



Ernia Hughes, MBA, Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS



Matthew J. Logalbo, MD, Country Doctor Community Health Centers, Seattle, WA



5:00 pm – 6:00 pm EST

**CLOSING PLENARY**

**Biomedical HIV Prevention Technologies. Are Our Systems Ready?**

More than giving an update on the latest technologies, this plenary intends to ignite a community discussion on how accessible these technologies will be to the communities that need them the most. When PrEP was approved in 2012, it was seen as a paradigm shift in preventing HIV.

We went from condoms to pills, from behavioral counseling to medical visits. Nine years later, the uptake of PrEP continues to be significantly low among Black and Latino gay men compared with their white counterparts.

Health disparities get exacerbated with new technologies. If health care systems don't prepare to deliver new modalities on HIV prevention, access to them will be limited to the privileged, worsening the health disparities that already exist.

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