Supported through an unrestricted grant from ViiV Healthcare, which had no input regarding the participants who will attend and/or the presentations that will be delivered at this alignment workshop.
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first of 19 workshops the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) and Fast-Track Cities Institute (FTCI) are coordinating across the country to align efforts between the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) and Fast-Track Cities (FTC) initiatives. We are delighted to start this series of workshops in Atlanta and to focus on the progress made and challenges left to overcome as Fulton County and the City of Atlanta strive to attain EHE and FTC objectives.

During this EHE-FTC Alignment Workshop, you will engage in discussions about efforts to ensure equitable access to HIV testing, prevention, care, treatment, and social support services within the context of an environment enabled to respect every person’s dignity. You will also hear from peers at the city, county, and state about cross-cutting challenges to prevention and treatment policy implementation, county-state policy alignment, and community access to HIV services; and will participate in moderated discussions about criminalization as a barrier to ending HIV, equitably scaling up PrEP access and utilization, and implementing HIV status neutrality in practice. While our goals may seem ambitious for a one-day workshop, I view today as an important first step in leveraging the power of partnership between the EHE and FTC initiatives.

Thank you to our colleagues from the City of Atlanta and Fulton County who advised us on the workshop program and faculty selection. We also express our gratitude to our panelists and presenters for sharing their expertise around various aspects of the HIV response that are critical to our collective success. We appreciate ViiV Healthcare for supporting this series of EHE-FTC Alignment Workshops as part of their longstanding corporate partnership with Fast-Track Cities. Ultimately, I recognize the multistakeholder HIV leadership on display in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County, including from Mayor Andre Dickens and Chairman Robb Pitts, who are demonstrating the important role political determinants of health can play in improving the health and well-being of their constituents.

In closing, I take this opportunity to invite you to join us at the Fast-Track Cities 2023 conference, which will take place September 25-27, 2023, in Amsterdam. Our aim is to highlight success across the Fast-Track Cities network and share best practices in accelerating urban HIV, tuberculosis, and viral hepatitis responses. I encourage you to submit abstracts featuring your hard work and take advantage of an opportunity to learn from the other 500-plus cities and municipalities worldwide that are committed to ending their urban HIV epidemics by 2030.

I wish you continued success as you strive to attain EHE and FTC objectives on a trajectory towards getting to zero new HIV infections, zero AIDS-related deaths, and zero HIV-related stigma.

Warmest regards,

Dr. José M. Zuniga
President/CEO
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 | PROGRAM

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Registration

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM
Welcome Remarks

Welcome on Behalf of IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities Institute
Sindhu Ravishankar
Vice President, Program and Research
Fast-Track Cities Institute

Welcome on Behalf of US HHS Region 4
CAPT John Oguntomilade
PACE Program Director
DHHS Region 4

Signing Ceremony - Paris Declaration 4.0 and Seville Declaration on the Centrality of Community in the HIV, TB, and Viral Hepatitis Responses and Mayoral Remarks

Dr. José M. Zuniga
President/CEO
IAPAC and FTCI

Andre Dickens
Mayor
City of Atlanta

Welcome from Fulton County
Bridget Harris
Deputy Director, Department of HIV Elimination
Fulton County

Welcome from Community Speaker
Masonia Traylor
Mom, HIV Activist, Executive Director of Lady BurgAndy

Welcome on behalf of Viiv Healthcare
Ramon Gardenhire
Director, Government Affairs
Viiv Healthcare US

OVERVIEW OF LOCAL EHE PLAN STATUS

9:45 AM – 10:55 AM
Presentations

Increasing Access to Testing and Treatment
Joshua O’Neal
Director of Sexual Health
Fulton County Board of Health

Increasing Access to Biomedical Prevention
Dr. Zandraetta Tims-Cook
Clinical Associate Professor
Wellstar Health System

Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes
Justin Smith
Director, Campaign to End AIDS
Positive Impact Health Center
Behavioral Scientist
Rollins School of Public Health
Emory University

Reducing Stigma in Clinical Settings
Dr. Carlos del Rio
Interim Dean
Emory University School of Medicine

Discussion

10:55 AM – 11:15 AM
Break
IDENTIFYING CROSS-CUTTING CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING EHE AND FTC OBJECTIVES

11:15 AM – 11:55 AM
Presentations

Prevention Policy and Implementation
Hermeyone Bell
Nurse Practitioner
Bell Primary Care, LLC.

Treatment Policy and Implementation
Jeff Graham
Executive Director
Georgia Equality

County and State Policy Alignment
Joshua O’Neal
Director of Sexual Health
Fulton County Board of Health

Community Access to HIV Services
Nicole Roebuck
Executive Director
AID Atlanta

11:55 AM – 1:25 PM
Lunch Break and Discussion

MODERATED DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR EHE AND FTC

1:25 PM – 1:55 PM
Addressing Criminalization as a Barrier

MODERATOR
Eric Paulk
Chief of Staff
ProGeorgia

PANELISTS
Malcolm Reid
Director of Programs
THRIVE SS and HIV Justice Coalition

Jeff Graham
Executive Director
Georgia Equality

Stefanie Sparks
Managing Attorney
Atlanta Legal AID Society

1:55 PM – 2:25 PM
Scaling Up PrEP Access and Utilization (Equitability)

MODERATOR
Dr. Meredith Lora
PrEP Program Medical Director
Grady Health System

PANELISTS
Leisha McKinley-Beach
National HIV Consultant

Larry L. Walker
Executive Director
THRIVE SS

Neena Smith-Bankhead
Director, EnCORE Center
Emory Centers for Public Health
Emory University
2:25 PM – 2:45 PM
Break

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM
Optimizing Social Determinants of Health to Achieve U=U

MODERATOR
Kim Moon
National HIV Education Consultant
Epic Program Coordinator

PANELISTS
Dr. Jonathon Colasanti
Medical Director – Ponce De Leon Center
Grady Health System

Dr. Terri Finkley
FUSE HIV Executive Fellow
City of Atlanta

Maryum Lewis
Executive Director
Jerusalem House

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM
Implementing HIV Status Neutrality in Practice

CO-MODERATORS
Dr. Paul Weidle
Senior Advisor – Office of the Chief Medical Officer
CDC Division of HIV Prevention

Kerian Thomas
Public Health Analyst
HRSA – Region 4

PANELISTS
Dr. Valeria Cantos
Assistant Professor
Emory University School of Medicine

Dázon Dixon Diallo
Founder/President
SisterLove, Inc.

Kennedi Lowman
Community Member Engagement Manager
THRIVE SS

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Identified Challenges and Opportunities to EHE in Fulton County/Atlanta

Sindhu Ravishankar
Vice President, Program and Research
Fast-Track Cities Institute

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM
Actionable EHE and FTC Implementation Steps

Dashiel Sears
Regional Director, North America
Fast-Track Cities Institute

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM
 Closing Remarks and Call for Solidarity

Dr. José M. Zuniga
President/CEO
IAPAC and FTCI

Dee Dee Ngozi Chamblee
Founder and Executive Director
LaGender, Inc

4:30 PM
Adjourn
Workshop Location
Atlanta City Hall
Old Council Chambers
55 Trinity Ave SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

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Taxicabs/Rideshare
Atlanta taxicabs are another great option to get you where you need to go, with flat rates available between areas like downtown, Midtown, and Buckhead.

Slide Presentations
Slide presentations will be shared with you electronically following the workshop.

Social Media
IAPAC encourages you to use social media to communicate your thoughts about the Workshop proceedings. Please use the #FastTrackCities hashtag and consider including the @IAPAC and @FastTrackCities handles.

Internet Access
Participants will have access to wireless Internet both in the workshop and throughout City Hall.

Questions
If you encounter travel delays, have questions, or are in need of assistance during the workshop, please contact FTCI’s North American Regional Director, Dashiell Sears.

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