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,

On behalf of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) and Fast-Track Cities Institute (FTCI), welcome to one of the 19 workshops we 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 convene local stakeholders today to focus on the progress made and challenges left to overcome as Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge 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 Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge 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 Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, including from Mayor Sharon Weston Broome, who is demonstrating the important role political determinants of health can play in improving the health and well-being of her 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
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8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Registration

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM
Welcome Remarks

Welcome from IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities Institute

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

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

Mayor Sharon Broome
Mayor
East Baton Rouge

Welcome on Behalf of US HHS Region 6

CDR Luz Rivera
PACE Program Director
DHHS Region 6

Welcome from EHE Jurisdiction (East Baton Rouge)

Eric Johnson
Ending the HIV Epidemic Coordinator,
Ryan White Office
City of Baton Rouge

Welcome from Community Speaker

Sharon DeCuir
Patient Navigator
Open Healthcare Clinic

Welcome on behalf of Viiv Healthcare

Ramon Gardenhire
Government Affairs Director
Viiv Healthcare US

SESSION 1: OVERVIEW OF LOCAL EHE PLAN STATUS

9:45 AM – 10:55 AM
Presentations

Increasing Access to Testing and Rapid ART

Shalonda Bradley
Ryan White Part A Program Supervisor
Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge

Increasing Access to Biomedical Prevention

Jamie Roques
Director of Special Projects
Open Health Care Clinic

Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes

Kristen Collins
Medical Director
Metro Health

Reducing Stigma in Clinical Settings

Sonya Milliman
Harm Reduction and Prevention Coordinator
Capitol Areal REENTRY Program & L=U Ambassador
Prevention Access Campaign

Discussion

10:55 AM – 11:15 AM
Break
SESSION 2: IDENTIFYING CROSS-CUTTING CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING EHE AND FTC OBJECTIVES

11:15 AM – 11:55 AM
Presentations

Prevention Policy and Implementation
Jeramesha Warner
Community Organizer
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast
Prevention Co-Chair

Treatment Policy and Implementation
Erika Sugimori
HIV Services Program Manager
LA Department of Health STD/HIV/HEP Program

County and State Policy Alignment
Anthony James
Deputy Director of Program
LA Department of Health STD/HIV/HEP Program

Community Access to HIV Services
Dr. Catherine O’Neal
Medical Director
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center

11:55 AM – 12:40 PM
Lunch Break

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM
Discussion

SESSION 3: MODERATED DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR EHE AND FTC

1:25 PM – 1:55 PM
Addressing Criminalization as a Barrier to Ending HIV

MODERATOR
Jimmy Gale
Capacity Building Community Mobilization Manager
LA Department of Health STD/HIV/HEP Program

PANELISTS
Dietz
Coordinator
Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health

Ranie Thompson
Director of Legal Services
CrescentCare

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

MODERATOR
Marvin Anderson
Black GBM Community Advocate and Public Speaker

PANELISTS
Eric Johnson
Ending the HIV Epidemic Coordinator, Ryan White Office
City of Baton Rouge

Milan Jackson
Program Manager at Project P.E.E.R
Southern University

Tommy Franklin
PrEP Outreach Coordinator
Open Healthcare Clinic
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2:25 PM – 2:45 PM
Break

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

MODERATOR
Alexis Powell
Volunteers of America
4 Colored Girls Coordinator at CARP

PANELISTS
Millicent Foster
SME, Advocate
PWN-La. Chapter Co-Chair

Kevin Krejci
Chief Capitalization Officer
Gulf Coast Housing Partnership

Marlee Pittman
Director, Community Revitalization
City of Baton Rouge

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

MODERATOR
Dr. Joyce Turner Keller
Founder and CEO
ASPIRATIONS

PANELISTS
Katrina Dunn
Eligibility and Rapid Start Navigator
CareSouth Medical and Dental

Velanie Orange
Prevention Director
Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge

Meta Smith Davis
Peer Educator
Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana

RAPPORTEUR SESSION AND WRAP UP

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Identified Challenges and Opportunities to EHE in East Baton Rouge Parish

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

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

Dashiell 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

Cletis Tucker
Advocate and Patient Navigator
CareSouth Medical and Dental

4:30 PM
Adjourn
**Workshop Location**
East Baton Rouge Public Library  
7711 Goodwood Blvd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**Public Parking**
The East Baton Rouge Public Library has available parking in front of the main building, located at 7711 Goodwood Blvd between Lobdell Avenue and East Airport Blvd.

From I-10, take exit 158 for College Drive. Keep right and merge onto College Drive. Take a right on Corporate Blvd for 3.6 miles. Make a left on Jefferson Highway then a slight right on Lobdell Ave. Make a right onto Goodwood Blvd. The library will be on your left at 7711 Goodwood Blvd.

From Route 61, exit the highway heading west on Goodwood Blvd. Library will be on your right at 7711 past East Airport Ave.

**Taxicabs/Rideshare**
Baton Rouge taxicabs are another great option to get you where you need to go, with flat rates available between areas like downtown, Highlands/Perkins, Scotlandville, and Broadmoor/Sherwood Forest.

**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 the library.

**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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