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 Charleston and Columbia 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 Charleston and Columbia 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 Charleston and Columbia, including from Mayors John Tecklenburg and Daniel Rickenmann, 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 by May 26, 2023, 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
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Registration

9:00 AM – 9:25 AM
Welcome Remarks

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

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

Welcome on Behalf of State of South Carolina EHE
Ali Mansaray
Director, STD/HIV/Viral Hepatitis Division
Department of Health and Environmental Control

Welcome on Behalf of Community
Darius Jones
President
South Carolina Black Pride

Welcome on Behalf of Viiv Healthcare
J. Maurice McCants-Pearsall
Director, Government Relations
Viiv Healthcare US

OVERVIEW OF LOCAL EHE PLAN STATUS

9:25 AM – 10:05 AM
Presentations

Increasing Access to Testing and Rapid START
Carmen Hampton Julious
CEO
PALSS, Inc

Increasing Access to Biomedical Prevention
Dr. Kenric Ware
Chairperson, Board of Directors
Joseph H. Neal Health Collaborative
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice
South University School of Pharmacy

Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes
Dr. Michael Moxley
VP and Chief Officer for Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity
Roper St. Francis Healthcare

Dr. Tawana Philpott Brown
Program Director, Ryan White Wellness Center
Roper St. Francis Healthcare

Reducing Stigma in Clinical Settings
Sabra S. Custer
Associate Professor
College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina
Prisma Health/USC Immunology Center
Tandem Health
10:05 AM – 10:25 AM
Mayoral Remarks and Signing Ceremony – 
Paris Declaration 4.0 and Sevilla Declaration on 
the Centrality of Community in HIV, TB, and 
Viral Hepatitis Responses

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

Mayor Daniel Rickenmann
City of Columbia

Mayor John Tecklenburg
City of Charleston

10:25 AM – 10:55 AM
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
Hercules Brown
PrEP and Prevention Program Manager
Palmetto Community Care

Treatment Policy and Implementation
Megan Ohorodnyk
Nurse Manager for Ryan White
Medical University of South Carolina

County and State Policy Alignment
Ali Mansaray
Director, STD/HIV/Viral Hepatitis Division
Department of Health and Environmental Control

Community Access to HIV Services
Christine Skope
Data Coordinator
Medical University of South Carolina

11:55 AM – 1:25 PM
Lunch Break and Discussion
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MODERATED DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR EHE AND FTC

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

MODERATOR

Shanna Hastie
Preventative Health Social Worker
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

PANELISTS

Willie Simon
Community Health Worker
Family Health Center of Orangeburg

Bernard Gilliard
State Program Manager, Partner Services
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

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

MODERATOR

Adrena Harrison
Director, Education
South Carolina HIV Clinical Training Center
University of South Carolina School of Medicine

PANELISTS

Dr. Katherine Richardson
Medical Director, Lowcountry Region
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Dr. Eric Meissner
Professor of Medicine
Medical University of South Carolina

Michael “Chris” Cone
Student/PrEP Advocate
Trident College

2:25 PM – 2:45 PM
Break

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

MODERATOR

Renee Linyard-Gary
Director, Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity
Roper St. Francis Healthcare

PANELISTS

Dr. Tawana Philpott Brown
Program Director, Ryan White Wellness Center
Roper St. Francis Healthcare

LaTosha Jenkins-Fludd
Executive Director, HOPE Center
City of Charleston

Stacey Jennings-Senghor
U=U Ambassador for South Carolina

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

MODERATOR

Gloria Estrada
Latinx Coordinator, Ending the HIV Epidemic
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

PANELISTS

William Tanyi
EHE Prevention Senior Consultant, STD/HIV/Viral Hepatitis Division
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Scott Brown
Ryan White Program Manager
New Horizons Family Health Center

Jonatan Guerrero-Ramirez
Closet Case and Community Events Director
We Are Family
RAPPORTEUR SESSION AND WRAP UP

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Identified Challenges and Opportunities to EHE in Charleston and Columbia

Sindhu Ravishankar
Vice President, Program and Research
IAPAC and FTCI

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

Dr. Regina Duggins
Founder/Executive Director
Charleston Black Pride

4:30 PM
Adjourn

GENERAL INFORMATION

Workshop Location
Teddie E. Pryor Social Services Hub
3685 Rivers Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405

Public Parking
The Teddie E. Pryor Social Services Hub has available parking in front of the main building, located at 3685 Rivers Ave., North Charleston.

Public parking is available. The site is accessible via car directly off US-52

Taxicabs/Rideshare
Taxicabs are another great option to get you where you need to go. Other rideshare options are Lyft, Uber, and Empower.

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 building.

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. Phone: (215) 218-8842; Email: dsears@ftcinstitute.org