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 Tampa and Hillsborough County 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 from the city and county 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 Tampa and Hillsborough 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 Tampa Bay area, including from Mayor Jane Castor, who has demonstrated 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 by June 16, 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 – 9:30 AM
Welcome Remarks

Welcome on Behalf of IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities
Dr. José M. Zuniga
President/CEO
IAPAC and FTCI

Welcome on Behalf of the City of Tampa
Ian Whitney
Associate Director, Office of Government Affairs
City of Tampa

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

Welcome on Behalf of Hillsborough County EHE
Dr. Douglas Holt
Health Officer
Florida Dept. of Health, Hillsborough County

Welcome on Behalf of Community
Sean McIntosh
Research Coordinator
The AIDS Institute

Gwendolyn Reese
President
African-American Heritage Association

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

Review of Workshop Objectives
Dashiell Sears
Regional Director, North America
Fast-Track Cities Institute

OVERVIEW OF LOCAL EHE PLAN STATUS

9:30 AM – 10:10 AM
Presentations

Increasing Access to Testing and Rapid START
Malik Waters
Project Lead, Ending the HIV Epidemic
Metro Inclusive Health

E.S. Myles
EIS Program Coordinator
Metro Inclusive Health

Increasing Access to Biomedical Prevention
Precshard Williams
HIV Prevention Manager
CAN Community Health
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Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes

Teriko Perkins
Tampa Bay Region Outreach Coordinator
Midway Specialty Care Center

Reducing Stigma in Clinical Settings

Anelize Wessler
Nurse Practitioner
CAN Community Health

10:10 AM – 10:30 AM
Discussion

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM
Break

IDENTIFYING CROSS-CUTTING CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING EHE AND FTC OBJECTIVES

10:45 AM – 11:25 AM
Presentations

Prevention Policy and Implementation

Carlos A. Mercado
Division Director, Disease Control
Florida Dept. of Health, Hillsborough

Treatment Policy and Implementation

Dr. Charurut Somboonwit
Associate Director, Division of Infectious Diseases
Morsani College of Medicine
University of South Florida
Director, Clinical Research
Director, Communicable Diseases
Florida Dept. of Health, Hillsborough County

County and State Policy Alignment

Michael Ruppal
Executive Director
The AIDS Institute

Community Access to HIV Services

Keayea Lee
Prevention and Outreach Coordinator
Empath Partners in Care (EPIC)

11:25 AM – 12:45 PM
Lunch Break and Discussion

MODERATED DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR EHE AND FTC

12:45 PM – 1:15 PM
Addressing Criminalization as a Barrier

MODERATOR

Sean McIntosh
Research Coordinator
The AIDS Institute

PANELISTS

Tyrone Singletary
Prevention Programs Coordinator
Metro Inclusive Health

Rose Hornedo
Prevention Team Lead, Region 5
CAN Community Health

Michael Ruppal
Executive Director
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1:15 PM – 1:45 PM
Scaling Up PrEP Access and Utilization

MODERATOR
Carlos A. Mercado
Division Director, Disease Control
Florida Dept. of Health, Hillsborough

PANELISTS
Jeffrey Lluberes
Program Supervisor
Empath Partners in Care (EPIC)

Malik Waters
Project Lead, Ending the HIV Epidemic
Metro Inclusive Health

Keayea Lee
Prevention and Outreach Coordinator
Empath Partners in Care (EPIC)

1:45 PM – 2:05 PM
Break

2:05 PM – 2:35 PM
Optimizing Social Determinants for U=U

MODERATOR
E.S. Myles
EIS Program Coordinator
Metro Inclusive Health

PANELISTS
Kayon Henderson
Manager, Housing and Community Development
City of Tampa

Kiala Dureke
Outreach Prevention Specialist,
Midway Specialty Care Center
Director, Inclusive Services,
Diversity+ Train

2:35 PM – 3:05 PM
Implementing HIV Status Neutrality in Practice

MODERATOR
Anelize Wessler
Nurse Practitioner
CAN Community Health

PANELISTS
Dr. Heather Henderson
Director, Social Medicine Section
Tampa General Hospital

3:05 PM – 3:15 PM
Break

RAPPORTEUR SESSION AND WRAP UP

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM
Identified Challenges and Opportunities for EHE
and FTC in Tampa and Hillsborough County

Scott Lyles
EHE-FTC Alignment Consultant
Fast-Track Cities Institute

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM
Actionable EHE and FTC Implementation Steps

Dashiell Sears
Regional Director, North America
Fast-Track Cities Institute
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3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Closing Remarks and Call for Solidarity

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

Dr. J. Carl DeVine
CEO
Banyan Tree, Inc.

4:00 PM
Adjourn

GENERAL INFORMATION

Workshop Location
Hillsborough County Public Library, North Tampa Branch
8916 North Blvd., Tampa, FL 33604

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, and/or need assistance during the workshop, please contact FTCI’s North American Regional Director, Dashiell Sears. Phone: (215) 218-8842; Email: dsears@ftcinstitute.org