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 Birmingham and Jefferson 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 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 Birmingham and Jefferson 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 Birmingham, including from Mayor Randall Woodfin, who is demonstrating the important role political determinants of health can play in improving the health and well-being of his 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 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 on Behalf of IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities

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

Mayoral Remarks and Signing of the Paris Declaration 4.0 and Sevilla Declaration on the Centrality of Communities in the Urban HIV, TB, and Viral Hepatitis Responses

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

Mayor Randall Woodfin
City of Birmingham

Welcome on Behalf of US HHS Region 6

CAPT. John Oguntomilade
National Ending the HIV Epidemic Coordination Lead
Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy

Welcome on Behalf of Alabama EHE

Jora White
Director, HIV Prevention Division
Alabama Department of Public Health

Welcome on Behalf of Community

Lisa Johnson-Lett
Peer Support Specialist
AIDS Alabama Living Well Center

Welcome on Behalf of ViiV Healthcare

Ramon Gardenhire
Director, Government Relations
ViiV Healthcare US

OVERVIEW OF LOCAL EHE PLAN STATUS

9:45 AM – 10:25 AM
Presentations

Increasing Access to Testing and Rapid START

Dr. Marguerite Barber-Owens
Physician
Five Horizons

Increasing Access to Biomedical Prevention

Trevis Smith
Director, Prevention and Living Well Clinic
AIDS Alabama

Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes

Dr. Latesha Elopre
Associate Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases
Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, Medical Education
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Reducing Stigma in Clinical Settings

Dr. Ronnie Gravett
Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases
University of Alabama at Birmingham
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

Dr. Wesly Willeford
Medical Director of Disease Control
Jefferson County Health Department

Treatment Policy and Implementation

Kathy Gaddis
Director of Social Services and Community Engagement
Director of Mental Health
UAB 1917 Clinic

County and State Policy Alignment

Derrick Steverson
Director of Community Partnerships
Five Horizons Healthcare

Community Access to HIV Services

Josh Bruce
Director of New Initiatives
Birmingham AIDS Outreach

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

Vanessa Tate Finney
Director of Policy and Advocacy
AIDS Alabama, Inc.

PANELISTS

Sinneriti Banks
T-CHIP Social Networking Manager
Birmingham AIDS Outreach

Morgan Farrington
Managing Director
Good Works: North AL Harm Reduction

Carmarion D. Anderson-Harvey
Alabama State Director
Human Rights Campaign

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

MODERATOR

Warren Dates
Founder and CEO
The 6:52 Project Foundation

PANELISTS

Kendall Lawson
El Centro/The Hub
AIDS Alabama

Karina Harris
El Centro/The Hub
AIDS Alabama

Christa Mayfield
Director
Magic City Wellness
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2:25 PM – 2:45 PM
Break

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

Kathie Hiers
Executive Director
AIDS Alabama

PANELISTS

Tonya Jackson
Administrative Director of Programs
AIDS Alabama

Carmarion D. Anderson-Harvey
Alabama State Director
Human Rights Campaign Alabama

Marco Mays
Program Developer
Montgomery Pride United

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

Trevis Smith
Director, Prevention and Living Well Clinic
AIDS Alabama

PANELISTS

Dr. Kre Johnson
Medical Director, Living Well PrEP Clinic
Brownstown Healthcare and Aesthetics

Harriett Reed-Pickens
Community Engagement Coordinator
University of Alabama-Birmingham CFAR and UAB 1917 Clinic

Amanda Preston
Director of Education
Birmingham AIDS Outreach

RAPPORTEUR SESSION AND WRAP UP

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

Scott Lyles
EHE-FTC Alignment Consultant
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

Tommy Williams
Sr. Linkage Coordinator
UAB 1917 Clinic Dewberry Specialty Care

4:30 PM
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Workshop Location
United Way of Central Alabama
Alice Williams Building
3620 8th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35222

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 @IAPAC and @FastTrackCities handles.

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

Questions
If you have any questions, please contact FTCI’s North American Regional Director, Dashiell Sears.

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