Supported through an unrestricted grant from ViV 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 New Orleans strives 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 New Orleans 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 New Orleans.

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
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

President/CEO Remarks

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

Welcome on Behalf of US HHS Region 6

CDR Rodrigo Chavez  
Deputy Director, PACE Region 6  
Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy

Welcome on Behalf of Orleans Parrish EHE

Jeanie Donovan  
Deputy Director  
New Orleans Health Department

Welcome on Behalf of Community

Morris Singletary  
Executive Director  
PoZitive2poSitive Initiative

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

Vatsana Chanthala  
Director, Ryan White Services and Resources  
New Orleans Health Department

Increasing Access to Biomedical Prevention

Ryanne Clarke  
Chief Clinical Officer  
Priority Health Care

Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes

Dr. Daniel Murdock  
EHE Manager, Ryan White Services and Resources  
New Orleans Health Department

Reducing Stigma in Clinical Settings

Mitchell Handrich  
Nurse Practitioner  
Absolute Care

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. Paula Seal
Associate Professor of Medicine
LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans
UMNCO Infectious Disease, HIV Outpatient Program

Treatment Policy and Implementation
Dr. Paula Seal
Associate Professor of Medicine
LSU School of Medicine - New Orleans
UMNCO Infectious Disease, HIV Outpatient Program

County and State Policy Alignment
Dr. Daniel Murdock
EHE Manager, Ryan White Services and Resources
New Orleans Health Department

Community Access to HIV Services
Rebecca Moses
Centralized Linkage Coordinator, Ryan White Services and Resources
New Orleans Department of Health

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

Steffani Bangel
Orleans Community Engagement Supervisor
Louisiana Department of Health

PANELISTS
Dietz
Coordinator
Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health

S. Mandisa Moore-O’Neal
Executive Director
The Center for HIV Law and Policy

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

Morris Singletary
Executive Director
PoZitive2poSitive Initiative

PANELISTS
Dr. Frederick McCall
Provider Network Coordinator
Louisiana Department of Health

Jan Mandani
TelePrEP Coordinator
Louisiana Department of Health

RyAnne Clarke
Chief Clinical Officer
Priority Health Care
2:25 PM – 2:45 PM
Break

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

Dr. Natasha Dyer Eberly
Director, Ryan White Services
Southeast Louisiana AHEC

PANELISTS

Dr. Mark Alain Déry
Chief Innovation Officer and Physician
Access Health Louisiana

Rev. Deacon Ben Nobles
St. Anna’s Episcopal Church
Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

Darlene Hargrove
Grants Administrator
City of New Orleans

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

Dr. Mark Alain Déry
Chief Innovation Officer and Physician
Access Health Louisiana

PANELISTS

Cynthia Washington
Clinical Nurse
St. Thomas Community Health Center

Dr. Tina Simpson
Professor & Chief Clinical Diversity Officer
Tulane University School of Medicine

Reginald Vicks
Chief Operations Officer
Crescent Care

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

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

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

Tatania Riley
Business Owner/Community Member

4:30 PM
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Workshop Location
University Medical Center – New Orleans
2000 Canal Street
Conference Room F
New Orleans, LA 70112

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.

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