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 Phoenix and Maricopa 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 Phoenix and Maricopa 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 Phoenix, including from Mayor Kate Gallego, 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 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
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023 • PROGRAM

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

Dr. José M. Zuniga
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Mayor Kate Gallego
City of Phoenix

Welcome on Behalf of US HHS Region 9

CDR Michelle Sandoval-Rosario
PACE Program Director
Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy Region 9

Welcome on Behalf of Maricopa County EHE

Sergio Gomez
Strategic Initiatives Manager
City of Phoenix

Jeremy Hyvarinen
Ryan White Program Manager
Maricopa County Department of Health

Welcome on Behalf of Community

Victor Avila
Director of Community Relations
Positively You Campaign

Welcome on Behalf of ViiV Healthcare

Kristen Tjaden
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

Joyce Hines
HIV CDI Supervisor
Maricopa County Department of Health

Increasing Access to Biomedical Prevention

Dr. Thanes Vanig
Chief Medical Officer
Spectrum Medical

Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes

Dr. Kenja Hassan
Assistant Vice President, Office of Government and Community Engagement
Arizona State University

Reducing Stigma in Clinical Settings

Dr. Wendy Wolfersteig
Director, Office of Evaluation & Partner Contacts – Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center
Arizona State University

Rebecca Lutz
Patient Care Coordinator
CAN Community Health
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
- Eduardo Moreira-Orantes
  HIV Prevention Initiatives Manager
  Office of HIV and Hepatitis C Services
  Arizona Department of Health

Treatment Policy and Implementation
- Jeremy Hyvarinen
  Ryan White Program Manager
  Maricopa County Department of Health

County and State Policy Alignment
- Isabel Evans
  Ending the Epidemics Program Manager
  Arizona Department of Health

Community Access to HIV Services
- Jason Vail Cruz
  Senior Practice Manager
  Valleywise 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
- Alena Pittman
  Senior Epidemiologist
  Arizona Department of Health

PANELISTS
- Maxwell Short
  HIV Surveillance Epidemiology
  Arizona Department of Health
- Abner Linares
  Epidemiologist
  Arizona Department of Health
- Christopher Thomas
  Senior Trainer
  Sonoran Prevention Works

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

MODERATOR
- Erica Aeed TeKampe
  Director
  HIV Care Directions

PANELISTS
- Dr. Thanes Vanig
  Chief Medical Officer
  Spectrum Medical
- Rocko Cook
  Public Health/Academic Detailing Program Manager
  Arizona State University
- Cynthia Estrada
  PrEP Navigator
  Chicanos Por La Causa
2:25 PM – 2:45 PM
Break

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

MODERATOR

David Martinez, III
Director, Community Engagement
Vitalyst Health

PANELISTS

Eric Eason
Greater Phoenix Ryan White HIV Services Planning Council

Dr. Ann Khalsa
Clinical Medical Director
Vallewise Health

Lauren Rickles
Program Manager, Transitional Housing and Employment Services
HOPWA
Southwest Behavioral and Health Services

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

MODERATOR

Kate Thomas
Ending the HIV Epidemic Senior Health Educator
Ryan White Part A, Maricopa County Department of Public Health

PANELIST

Micaela Simon
Family Nurse Practitioner
Be Well Family Care

Deborah Reardon-Maynard
Program Improvement Manager, HIV Prevention Program
Arizona Department of Health

RAPPORTEUR SESSION AND WRAP UP

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Identified Challenges and Opportunities to EHE in Phoenix and Maricopa County

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

Landen Smith
Director of Development
Phoenix Pride

4:30 PM
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Workshop Location
Burton Barr Library
Pulliam Auditorium
1221 N Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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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