

**INTRA-JURISDICTIONAL**

# EHE ↔ FTC ALIGNMENT

**2023 WORKSHOPS**



Phoenix | August 17, 2023

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# WELCOME



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

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  
President/CEO  
IAPAC and FTCI



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

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## OVERVIEW OF LOCAL EHE PLAN STATUS

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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

# PROGRAM | THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023

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  
Valleywise 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



Dashiell 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  
Adjourn

# 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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