

**INTRA-JURISDICTIONAL**

# EHE ↔ FTC ALIGNMENT

**2023 WORKSHOPS**



San Antonio | December 13, 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 San Antonio and Bexar 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 San Antonio and Bexar 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 San Antonio, including from Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Bexar County Judge Peter Sakai, who are demonstrating the important role political determinants of health can play in improving the health and well-being of their constituents.

In closing, I take this opportunity to invite you to join us at the Continuum 2024 conference, which will take place June 5-7, 2024, in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. 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



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



County Judge Peter Sakai  
Bexar County

Welcome on Behalf of US HHS Region 6



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

Welcome on Behalf of Bexar County EHE



Dr. Anita K. Kurian  
Deputy Director, Communicable  
Disease Division  
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

Welcome on Behalf of Community



Carlos Carmona  
Founder, LantinX+  
Member, End Stigma End HIV Alliance

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 Engagement to Testing and Rapid START



Gabe Medina  
Testing and Outreach Program Manager  
San Antonio AIDS Foundation

Increasing Engagement to Biomedical Prevention



Alberto Barragan  
Director of Prevention Programs  
Alamo Area Resource Center

Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes



Tina Rodriguez  
Assistant Clinical Director  
Corazon San Antonio

Reducing Stigma in Clinical and  
Community Settings



Greg Casillas  
Long Term Survivor  
Community Advocate

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**



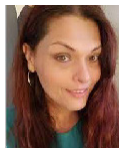
Dr. Cherise Rohr-Allegrini  
Chief Executive Officer  
San Antonio AIDS Foundation

**Treatment Policy and Implementation**



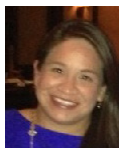
Jesse Carter  
Planning Group Manager, HIV/STD  
Prevention and Care Unit  
Texas State Department of Health and  
Human Services

**County and State Policy Alignment**



Sophia Sepulveda  
Community Engagement and Advocacy  
Manager  
Equality Texas

**Community Access to Holistic HIV Services**



Leah Meraz  
Senior Director, Ryan White Programs  
University Health



Tanya Khalfan  
Director  
University 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**



Alfred Chavira  
Senior Management Coordinator  
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

**PANELISTS**

Sophia Sepulveda  
Community Engagement and Advocacy Manager  
Equality Texas

Frank Rosas  
Community Member  
End Stigma. End HIV. Alliance

Douglas Cathy  
Medical Case Manager  
Alamo Area Resource Center

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

**MODERATOR**



Aurelio Alcocer  
Disease Intervention Specialist III  
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

**PANELISTS**

Alberto Barragan  
Director of Prevention Programs  
Alamo Area Resource Center

Yvonne Venegas  
Clinical Administrator  
Texas Health Action/Kind Clinic

Arnold Benavidez  
PrEP Navigator  
San Antonio AIDS Foundation

2:25 PM – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Optimizing Social Determinants for U=U

MODERATOR



Barbara Jardine  
Ending the HIV Epidemic Program Coordinator  
City of San Antonio Metropolitan  
Health District

PANELISTS

Jesse Carter  
Planning Group Manager, HIV/STD Prevention and Care Unit  
Texas State Department of Health and Human Resources

Jake Ledesma  
Director, Care Coordination  
Alamo Area Resource Center

Miriam Gutierrez  
Disease Intervention Specialist II  
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Implementing HIV Status Neutrality in Practice

MODERATORS



Jose Contreras  
HIV Prevention Director  
BEAT AIDS Coalition and Trust

PANELIST

Michele Durham  
Executive Director  
BEAT AIDS Coalition and Trust

Sonali Saxena  
MHS Health

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RAPPORTEUR SESSION AND WRAP UP

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3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Identified Challenges and Opportunities to EHE  
in San Antonio and Bexar 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



Tangela Lattimore Smith  
Community Member

4:30 PM

Adjourn

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Workshop Location**

Mexican American Unity Council Room 200  
2300 W Commerce St.  
San Antonio, TX 78207

## **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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