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 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

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
**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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