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, 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 Washington, DC, 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 Washington, DC, 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 Washington, DC, including from Mayor Muriel Bowser, 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 2024 conference, which will take place October 13-15, 2024, in Paris, France. 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 550-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
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024  |  PROGRAM

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Registration

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM
Welcome Remarks

Welcome and Workshop Overview

Dashiel Sears
Regional Director, North America
Fast-Track Cities Institute

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. José M. Zuniga
President/CEO
IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities Institute

Dr. Ayanna Bennett
Director
DC Health

Welcome on Behalf of UNAIDS

Vinay Saldanha
Director, U.S. Liaison Office
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

Welcome on Behalf of US Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Marissa Robinson
Health Equity Specialist Lead
Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy

Welcome on Behalf of District of Columbia EHE

Clover Barnes
Senior Deputy Director
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration

Welcome on Behalf of Community

George S. Kerr, III
Community Coordinator
District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research (DC CFAR)
Chair
National CFAR CAB Coalition

Welcome on Behalf of ViiV Healthcare

J. Maurice McCants-Pearsall
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

Jason Beverly
STD & TB Control Division Chief
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration

Increasing Engagement to Biomedical Prevention

Dr. Rachel Harold
Supervisory Medical Officer
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration

Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes

Dr. Ashley Elliott
Clinical Psychologist & Consultant
Vivid Wellness Collective, LLC

Reducing Stigma in Clinical and Community Settings

Dr. Maranda Ward
Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Research and Leadership
George Washington University

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
Kenya Hutton
Deputy Director
Center for Black Equity

Treatment Policy and Implementation
Dr. Susan Shepard
Executive Director
Terrific, Inc.

County and State Policy Alignment
Gregorio Millett
Vice President and Director
DC Policy Office
amfAR

Community Access to Holistic HIV Services
Dr. DeMarc Hickson
Executive Director
Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.

MODERATED DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR EHE AND FTC

1:25 PM – 1:55 PM
Addressing Criminalization as a Barrier

MODERATOR
Dr. Kim Blankenship
Distinguished Professor, Sociology
American University

PANELISTS
Leslie Demus
Manager, Substance Use Disorders
Unity Healthcare
Jona Tanguay
Medical Program Lead, Substance Use Disorders
Whitman-Walker Health
Dr. Monica Ruiz
Associate Professor
Dept. of Prevention and Community Health
Milken Institute School of Public Health
George Washington University

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

MODERATOR
Dr. David Fessler
Director of Clinical Practice
Whitman-Walker Health

PANELISTS
Martha Sichone-Cameron
Regional Coordinator, International Community of Women Living with HIV - North America
Georgetown University
Camilla Stanley
Investigator
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration
Brian Hujdich
Executive Director
HealthHIV and National Coalition for LGBT Health
2:25 PM – 2:45 PM
Break

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM
Optimizing Social Determinants for U=U
MODERATOR
George S. Kerr, III
Community Coordinator
District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research (DC CFAR)
Chair
National CFAR CAB Coalition

PANELISTS
Anthony Fox
Division Chief
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration

Dr. DeMarc Hickson
Executive Director
Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.

Dr. Leah Varga
Assistant Research Professor
Milken Institute of Public Health
George Washington University
Health Literacy Program Manager
DC Health Office of Health Equity

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM
Implementing HIV Status Neutrality in Practice
MODERATOR
Abby Charles
Program Manager
Institute for Public Health Innovation

PANELISTS
Dr. Suyanna Barker
Chief of Programs and Community Services
La Clinica del Pueblo

Michael Shankle
Chief Operating Officer
Washington Health Institute

Clover Barnes
Senior Deputy Director
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration

RAPPORTEUR SESSION AND WRAP UP

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Identified Challenges and Opportunities to EHE in Washington, DC

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

Dr. José M. Zuniga
President/CEO
IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities Institute

Dr. Colton Nguyen
Executive Director
360Healthx Corp.

4:30 PM
Adjourn
GENERAL INFORMATION

**Workshop Location**
DC Health Headquarters
2201 Shannon PL SE
Washington, DC, 20020

**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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