

**April 1, 2020-March 31, 2020**  
**Integrated HIV Prevention and Patient Care Plan, Area 15 Partnership:**  
**Martin, Okeechobee, Indian River, and St. Lucie Counties**

Goal 1: Reduce new HIV infections.				
Objectives/Action Steps What will be done?	Activities to accomplish objectives	Responsible Parties Who should do it?	Resources Needed Funding/Time/People/ Materials	Due Date By When?
<p><b>Objective 1.1:</b> Increase the proportion of HIV-infected persons who know their sero-status by December 31, 2021, from 87.2% to at least 90%.</p>		<p>Routine testing coordinator, Area 15 HIV Surveillance, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics</p>	<p>HIV Counseling Testing, PrEP, PEP, pamphlets, linkage referral resource information, print materials i.e. flyers, brochures, etc</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>
<p><b>Action Step 1:</b> <i>Expand routine HIV screening in health care settings (e.g., private medical providers, hospital emergency Departments, community health centers, walk-in clinics, non-traditional providers, etc.) as part of routine medical care.</i></p>	<p><b>Okeechobee CHD:</b> --Monthly screenings at drug rehab facilities  <b>Martin CHD:</b> --Walk-in HIV testing Monday-Thursdays from 8:30-11am and 1:00-3:00pm  <b>St. Lucie CHD:</b> --Sept. 29, 2020 9-11am &amp; 1-3pm: Drive-Thru Free HIV Testing @ 714 Avenue C, Fort Pierce  <b>WFHC Indian River &amp; St. Lucie:</b> --HIV and STD walk-in testing are being conducted at both Whole Family Health Center sites  <b>Midway Specialty Care Center:</b> --Free walk-in HIV &amp; Hep C rapid testing Monday-Thursday 8:30-5pm and Friday 8:30-3:30pm at 356 East Midway Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34982 location  <b>Project Response:</b> --Oct. 15, 2020 9am-6pm: HIV Testing for National Latino AIDS Awareness Day</p>	<p>Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics, Case Management</p>	<p>Marketing materials i.e. billboards, radio, TV infomercials, social media; print materials i.e. flyers, brochures, etc</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>

<b>Action Step 2:</b> <i>Effectively identify and test individuals in populations at highest risk.</i>		Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics, Case Management	-Resources for community screenings -Linkage, case management and medical referrals -Test & Treat, PrEP, and PEP; -Maximize resources through partnerships and collaborations with other providers	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 3:</b> <i>Reduce stigma in communities and among providers around HIV testing to increase test acceptance and build social norms in high-risk populations to increase health care seeking behavior.</i>		HAPC, Minority AIDS Coordinator (MAC), and Prevention Supervisor	Time allocated for medical provider training, continue to work with AETC and medical providers to provide stigma workshops and other training opportunities → should try to be offered twice a year	December 31, 2021
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<b>Objective 1.2:</b> By December 31, 2021, reduce the annual		Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV	Medical Mobile Units for Services, space for drive thru testing	December 31, 2021

<p>number of newly diagnosed HIV infections in Florida from 4,613 (2014) to 4,004. Area 15 will reduce the number from 74 (2014) to 64 (a 13% reduction).</p>		<p>Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics</p>		
<p><b>Action Step 1: Ensure universal access to and availability of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and increase awareness of non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPrEP).</b></p>	<p><b>Quarter: July 2020</b>  <b>PrEP #s:</b>  Indian River: 3  St. Lucie: <i>no # given</i>  Martin: 3  Okeechobee: <i>no # given</i>  <b>PEP #s:</b>  Indian River: 0  St. Lucie: <i>no # given</i>  Martin: 1  Okeechobee: <i>no # given</i>  <b>August 2020</b>  <b>PrEP #s:</b>  Indian River: 2  St. Lucie: 2  Martin: 1  Okeechobee: 0  <b>PEP #s:</b>  Indian River: 0  St. Lucie: 0  Martin: 0  Okeechobee: 0  <b>September 2020</b>  <b>PrEP #s:</b>  Indian River: 27  St. Lucie: 24  Martin: 4  Okeechobee: 1  <b>PEP #s:</b>  Indian River: 2  St. Lucie: 2  Martin: <i>no # given</i>  Okeechobee: <i>no # given</i></p>	<p>Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics</p>	<p>-Linkage and referrals to ensure access  -Marketing Materials to increase awareness for PrEP and nPrEP  -Webinars</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>

	<b>October 2020</b> <b>PrEP #s:</b> Indian River: 1 St. Lucie: 3 Martin: 0 Okeechobee: 0 <b>PEP #s:</b> Indian River: 0 St. Lucie: 0 Martin: 0 Okeechobee: 0			
<b>Action Step 2:</b> Ensure access to and availability of HIV prevention efforts for at-risk communities.		Area 15 HIV Prevention, Contracted Providers, STD, and CHDs	-Resource information i.e Literature, Stats, and Reports -Test site locations for testing, PrEP, PEP and Test & Treat	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 3:</b> Increase HIV awareness for the public, community leaders, and policy makers. <i>**Community outreach is proven to be effective. This is a 'boots on the ground' method of meeting the needs of people where they live, work, play, learn, and worship.**</i>	<b>*Community Outreach Activities listed in chronological order in separate table below*</b>	Area 15 Lead Agency, Area 15 HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Planning Network, HAPC, MAC, Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics	AETC, Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee	December 31, 2021
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<b>Objective 1.3:</b> By December 31, 2021, reduce the annual number of HIV-infected		TOPWA, Hug Me, Perinatal Group, Prevention, STD	AETC, Perinatal information packet	December 31, 2021

babies born in Florida from 6 (2014) to less than 4. Area 15 will reduce the number to less than 1.				
<b>Action Step 1:</b> Ensure health care providers are complying with the opt-out HIV/STI screening law for pregnant women.		TOPWA, HIV Prevention, STD, Hug Me nurse, CHDs	Counseling and Testing Guidelines	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 2:</b> Increase awareness among women of childbearing age about HIV testing and perinatal prevention strategies.		Hug Me, TOPWA, Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics	HIV Prevention materials, Counseling & Testing information, PrEP, PEP, perinatal information packet	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 3:</b> Ensure access to the Baby Rx program for HIV exposed infants.		Hug Me Nurse	Baby RX vouchers for hospitals	December 31, 2021
<b>Goal 2: Increase access to care and improving health outcomes for persons living with HIV (PLWH)</b>				
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<b>Objective 2.1:</b> By December 31, 2021, reduce the number of HIV-related resident deaths from 878 (2014) to 762.		A joint team effort with HIV Prevention, STD, Hug Me, TOPWA, CHDs, Contracted Prevention/Medical Providers, Community/Faith Based Organizations, Care Connection, HOPWA, Ryan White Case	HIV Testing and Care Resource Materials	December 31, 2020

		Management, hospitals		
<b>Action Step 1:</b> Reduce barriers for linkage to and retention in care.		Care Connection Care Coordinators, Ryan White Case Managers, providers, CHD clinics, support groups	Needs assessments (focus groups, key informant interviews, etc), client surveys	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 2:</b> Increase the number of PLWH on antiretroviral therapy (ART).		Care Connection Care Coordinators, Ryan White <del>Part B</del> Case Managers, providers, CHD clinics, support groups	Needs assessments (focus groups, key informant interviews, etc), client surveys (Will come back to)	December 31, 2021
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<b>Objective 2.2:</b> By December 31, 2021, increase the proportion of PLWHs linked to care (ever in care) from 90% (2014) to 96%.	<b>August 2020:</b> St. Lucie County had 8 clients linked to care. 2 were new positives, linked to care within appropriate timeframe (90%) <b>September 2020:</b> St. Lucie County had 12 intakes linked into care and at 95% for linkage <b>October 2020:</b> St. Lucie County had 8 previously positive clients enroll, 2 newly diagnosed enrolled, and 9 total enrolled in RW	Care Connection Care Coordinator, STD Team, and Ryan White Case Managers, CHD Clinics, and medical providers	Automatic linkage referral system	December 31, 2020
<b>Action Step 1:</b> Create approaches to locate and link PLWHs not in care.	-Recruitment of medical specialty providers -Training and educating DOH DIS -Collab between DIS and LTC coordinator -Use of data-to-Care	HIV Prevention Supervisor, Care Connection Care Coordinator, STD, DIS, and DOH Tallahassee	-Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee will provide training to DIS. -Strengthen collaboration between DIS and linkage staff at the local level. -Expand the use of Data-to-Care to identify, link and re-engage clients into care	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 2:</b> Ensure all newly diagnosed persons have immediate	<b>Quarter: July 2020</b> Indian River: 5 St. Lucie: no # given	Care Connection Care Coordinators, Ryan White Case Managers,	-Provide education and training to health departments staff,	December 31, 2021

<p>access to care and ART (Test and Treat).</p>	<p>Martin: 2 Okeechobee: no # given <b>August 2020</b> Indian River: 3 (2 new, 1 reentered into care) St. Lucie: 0 Martin: 1 Okeechobee: 0 <b>September 2020</b> Indian River: 16 St. Lucie: 4 Martin: no # given Okeechobee: no # given <b>October 2020</b> Indian River: 2 St. Lucie: 0 Martin: 2 Okeechobee: 0</p>	<p>Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics</p>	<p>medical providers, hospitals and other community partners on the Test and Treat initiative -Promote the Test and Treat initiative through 500/501 training, health fairs, community engagement activities -Appointments within 24 hours</p>	
<p><b>Action Step 3:</b> Reduce barriers to linkage (e.g., stigma, structural issues, processes).</p>		<p>Care Connection Coordinators, Ryan White Case Managers, Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics</p>	<p>-Case conferencing to formulate strategies -Stigma training (with a cultural competency component) -Guaranteed walk-in appointments for hard-to-find clients - Needs assessments (focus groups, key informant interviews, etc.), client surveys</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>
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<p><b>Objective 2.3:</b> By December 31, 2021, increase the proportion of HIV-infected persons retained in care from</p>		<p>Care Connection Care Coordinators, Ryan White Case Managers, Routine testing coordinator, contracted</p>		<p>December 31, 2021</p>

64% (2014) to 90%.		HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics		
<b>Action Step 1:</b> <i>Ensure HIV care providers have access to support and behavioral health services onsite or have MOAs with local providers to facilitate linkage to these services.</i>		Lead Agency, medical providers	-A medical referral system to mental/behavior health services -Or having mental/behavioral health staff in clinical settings.	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 2:</b> <i>Provide training and education to Ryan White case managers on their role in retaining HIV-infected clients in care.</i>		Florida DOH, AETC		December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 3:</b> <i>Increase the number of PLWH served by the State's HOPWA Program (not City HOPWA) who are in a stable housing arrangement.</i>		HOPWA staff and supervisor		
<b>Objectives/Action Steps</b> What will be done?	<b>Activities to accomplish objectives</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b> Who should do it?	<b>Resources Needed</b> Funding/Time/People/ Materials	<b>Due Date</b> By when?
<b>Objective 2.4:</b> By December 31, 2021, increase the proportion of HIV-infected persons with a suppressed viral load (<200 copies/mL)		Medical Providers, Ryan White Case Managers, Care Connection Care Coordinator	Food Vouchers and other client incentives	December 31, 2021



from 58% (2014) to 80%.				
<b>Action Step 1:</b> <i>Identify gaps and constraints that impede PLWH from achieving viral suppression.</i>	<b>Sep. 25, 2020 from 12pm-2pm:</b> AIDS Education & Training Center (AETC) Program conducting virtual educational training on Mental Health Effects and Coping with COVID-19 Pandemic → <i>COVID-19 in People Living with HIV: Staying Positive During a Pandemic</i> by Sonya Brown-Boyne, LMHC	Care Connection Care Coordinators, Ryan White Case Managers, Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics		December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 2:</b> <i>Develop and implement adherence interventions.</i>		Dawn will get with Alex for this one		
<b>Action Step 3:</b> <i>Conduct focus groups or needs assessment to determine the best ways to improve access to and utilization of treatment.</i>		Contract Provider	Contract Provider to conduct a needs assessment for Area 15	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 4:</b> <i>Interview persons who remain suppressed to understand effective strategies and approaches.</i>		Contract Provider		December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 5:</b> <i>Research the literature for models that have proven success.</i>		Dawn will go back to look at state workplan to see if this action step is in there		
<b>Action Step 6:</b> <i>Seek provider input on effective strategies.</i>		Lead Agency		December 31, 2021

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<b>Objective 2.5:</b> By December 31, 2021, increase the proportion of ADAP clients with a suppressed viral load (<200 copies/mL) from 89% (2014) to 94%.		ADAP, Ryan White Case Managers, Care Connection Care Coordinators, Medical Providers	QA measure/report, Chart reviews	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 1:</b> Address barriers that impede on the success of client compliance in the ADAP program as an approach to improve viral load suppression, for example, no shows and/or late pick-ups.		ADAP, RW Case Management, HOPWA, HugMe, Care Connection Coordinators, Ryan White Case Managers, Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics	-Conduct Comprehensive Needs Assessment for people living with HIV → - Case conferencing to formulate strategies -Stigma training (with a cultural competency component) -Guaranteed walk-in appointments for hard-to-find clients	December 31, 2021
<b>Goal 3: Reducing HIV related disparities and health inequities</b>				
Objectives/Action Steps What will be done?	Activities to accomplish objectives	Responsible Parties Who should do it?	Resources Needed Funding/Time/People/ Materials	Due Date By When?
<b>Objective 3.1:</b> By December 31, 2021, reduce the annual number of newly diagnosed HIV infections in Florida's black population from --- Need		Area 15 Minority AIDS Coordinator, Area 15 HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, HIV Prevention, STD, Community/Faith-Based Organizations, Area 15 HIV/AIDS	Venues, materials, sponsors, volunteers, media campaigns	December 31, 2021

#s, Dawn will look in state report		Comprehensive Planning Network		
<b>Objectives/Action Steps</b> <b>What will be done?</b>	<b>Activities to accomplish objectives</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b> <b>Who should do it?</b>	<b>Resources Needed</b> <b>Funding/Time/People/</b> <b>Materials</b>	<b>Due Date</b> <b>By When?</b>
<b>Objective 3.2:</b> By December 31, 2021, reduce the annual number of newly diagnosed HIV infections in Florida's men who have sex with men (MSM) population from - --- Need #s		Area 15 Minority AIDS Coordinator, Area 15 HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, HIV Prevention, STD, Community/Faith-Based Organizations, Area 15 HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Planning Network	-Utilize leaders at Pride Fest and IRSC LGBTQ Committee, -Targeted MSM media campaigns and materials	December 31, 2021
<b>Objectives/Action Steps</b> <b>What will be done?</b>	<b>Activities to accomplish objectives</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b> <b>Who should do it?</b>	<b>Resources Needed</b> <b>Funding/Time/People/</b> <b>Materials</b>	<b>Due Date</b> <b>By When?</b>
<b>Objective 3.3:</b> By December 31, 2021, reduce the annual number of newly diagnosed HIV infections in Florida's Hispanic/Latino population from --- Need #s		Area 15 Minority AIDS Coordinator, Area 15 HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, HIV Prevention, STD, Community/Faith-Based Organizations, Area 15 HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Planning Network	-Utilize leaders of IRSC Latino Committee, and the Latino Chamber of Commerce, -Hispanic marketing materials for campaigns	December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 1:</b> <i>Ensure access to and availability of culturally appropriate prevention activities, for example, community engagement activities.</i>		CHD HIV Prevention Staff, Contract Providers, HAPC, Minority AIDS Coordinator		December 31, 2021
<b>Action Step 2:</b> <i>Reduce barriers to service access and address social determinants that</i>		ADAP, RW Case Management, HOPWA, HugMe, Care Connection	-Conduct Comprehensive Needs Assessment for people	December 31, 2021

<p>increase risk. --Collect information from Focus Groups and Needs Assessment about barriers to access → does this need to be there?.</p>		<p>Coordinators, Ryan White Case Managers, Routine testing coordinator, contracted HIV Providers, HIV Prevention, STD registered test sites, TOPWA, hospital EDs, CHD clinics, community/faith-based organizations, walk in clinics</p>	<p>living with HIV → - Case conferencing to formulate strategies -Stigma training (with a cultural competency component) -Guaranteed walk-in appointments for hard-to-find clients</p>	
<p><b>Action Step 3: Establish PrEP clinic.</b> --Have a PrEP/Peer navigator working with clients, ensuring compliance with follow up as well as maintaining data base and PAP profiles to ensure continuity and compliance with PrEP.</p>		<p>CHDs  Outreach Committee</p>	<p>Staff and providers</p>	<p>PrEP clinic completed 2018</p>

**Community Outreach Activities:  
Martin, Okeechobee, Indian River, & St. Lucie Counties**

<b><u>Martin County</u></b>			
<b><u>Okeechobee County</u></b>			
<p><b><u>October 10, 2020</u></b> @ Willie Alderman Field (424 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Okeechobee, FL) from 9am-3pm</p>	<p>--Blessed Hands Outreach Services Inc. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Event --Sponsored by Florida Mobile Mammography and Florida Dept. of Health in Okeechobee County</p>		

<b>Indian River County</b>		
<b>St. Lucie County</b>		
<b>February 14, 2020 @</b> Havert Fenn Center from 6-10pm	--Dance 4 Life Retreat: featuring The Dolls --Sponsored by ViiV Health Care, Area 15 Comprehensive Planning Network, and Positive Mind & Body Support Group Network	<b>**53 attendees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 were lead agency</li> <li>• 15 were enrolled in Ryan White</li> <li>• Okeechobee brought 2 new clients to event</li> </ul>
<b>February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @</b> FDOH Avenue C from 6-8:30pm	--A Black History Event in recognition of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: <u>Black Health Panel</u> --Sponsored by FDOH St. Lucie, Midway Specialty Care Center, and Sistas Organizing to Survive (SOS)	--Q&A surrounding black health disparities by black health professionals on various health topics --Free resources and testing --Free refreshments provided <b>** 92 attendees, 8 members of panel</b>
Florida Community Health Center	Walk up COVID testing Mon-Thurs from 9-11:30am for St. Lucie County residents	
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @</b> Pinewood Park (820 Sunrise Blvd, Fort Pierce, FL 34950) from 10am-2pm	--"Let's Talk Community Health" in Recognition of World AIDS Day --Sponsored by FDOH St. Lucie	--Free HIV/STD Testing --Free condoms and incentives --Educational information and more <b>*Masks must be worn at all times &amp; social distancing will be adhered*</b>