



# MIAMI-DADE COUNTY “GETTING TO ZERO” HIV/AIDS REPORT

MAKE HIV HISTORY!

KNOW THE FACTS □ GET TESTED □ GET TREATED

IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2017-2018



## The Initiative



The Miami-Dade County "Getting to Zero" HIV/AIDS initiative established a set of recommendations focusing on prevention, treatment, and systems change. The process enhanced services, built partnerships, and established collaborations. In the time period, since ratification of the Task Force report, the responsible champions have been working to expand successful strategies and implement new practices.

In moving forward, the HIV response is still confronted by a number of challenges and it will take the collective impact of our elected officials and our community to identify solutions for the achievement of getting to zero. To save the greatest number of lives possible and prevent further HIV transmission, we must know our local epidemic and focus our efforts on key populations at greater risk.

### HELP US GET 2 ZERO



#### Know the Facts *Protect Yourself*

To educate the community about HIV/AIDS prevention and de-stigmatize persons living with HIV/AIDS.



#### Get Tested *Know Your Status*

Encourage Miami-Dade County residents to know their status and expand routine testing in the health care system.



#### Get Treated *Stay Healthy*

Create a seamless network of care and ensuring high quality of care throughout the county for people living with HIV/AIDS to achieve viral suppression.



## MAKE HIV HISTORY



**Progress on the “Getting to Zero”: Goals**

	2015 (Baseline)	2016	2020 Goal
<b>Goal 1: Know the Facts:</b> 90% of all Miami-Dade County residents living with HIV will know their status.	86%	Data Pending	90%
<b>Goal 2: Get Tested:</b> Reduce the number of new diagnosis by at least 25%.	1,344	1,270	1,008
<b>Goal 3: Get Treated:</b> 90% of Miami-Dade County residents living with HIV who are in treatment reach viral load suppression	55.7%	57%	90%

**Goal 1: Know the Facts:** 90% of all Miami-Dade County residents living with HIV will know their status.

The first step of HIV treatment is timely diagnosis. The recommendations call for increased and targeted HIV testing, as well as expansion of rapid access treatment sites. In 2015, Florida Department of Health (FDOH) estimated that 86% of HIV-positive individuals were aware of their HIV status. The 2016 epidemiological report is pending an updated estimate of the percentage of HIV-positive individuals who know their status.

**Goal 2: Get Tested:** Reduce the number of new diagnosis by at least 25%.

There is a goal to achieve a 25% reduction in new HIV cases by 2020. The plan details recommendations that will enhance prevention efforts through increased access to PrEP and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), improve youth education, and identify root causes of stigma. In 2015, there were 1,344 new cases of HIV diagnosis. The 2016 data shows 1,270 new infections, a 5.5% reduction from the 2015 number. To reduce new diagnosis by at least 25% in 2020, means 1,008 new cases.

**Goal 3: Get Treated:** 90% of Miami-Dade County residents living with HIV who are in treatment reach viral load suppression

Successful ART treatment leads to viral suppression, or an undetectable level of the HIV virus in the body. This improves health outcomes for people living with HIV (PLWH) and reduces the risk of transmitting the virus. To assure 90% of Miami-Dade County residents in treatment reach viral suppression, the recommendations envisioned enhanced support for patients, and examined ways to provide services more effectively. FDOH estimated that in 2015, 55.7% of those in treatment were maintaining viral suppression. In 2016, the percentage slightly increased to 57%, due to a number of clients transitioning to the Health Exchange marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. It is predicted this percentage will increase in 2017.



## IMPLEMENTATION

The Champions of the “Getting to Zero” HIV/AIDS report recognizes the serious public health problems associated with the HIV epidemic occurring in Miami-Dade County. Task Force Members created an action plan with 16 recommendations that are charged with invoking sustained population-wide health improvements. The participating agencies understand that combining community efforts can achieve a lasting social change and are committed to implementing or facilitating these recommendations to the extent that resources and legal authority allow. The Champions strongly encourage that all other organizations and individuals do the same.

### *Shared Commitment:*

- Organizations that accept responsibility of a recommendation, agree to implement or facilitate progress to the extent that resources and legal authority allow
- The progress of the report will be reviewed quarterly, until the plan has achieved completion of the recommendations



## **IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

### Recommendation 1

**Provide comprehensive sex education throughout the Miami-Dade County Public School System (M-DCPS), recommending modifications in the M-DCPS comprehensive sex education curriculum as age appropriate.**

*Champions: Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Government of Miami-Dade County*

**Actions:**

- Resolution submitted to Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners urging Miami-Dade County Public Schools to modify the current comprehensive sex education curriculum, as age appropriate, to include HIV and sexually transmitted diseases (Resolution 11A20, Adopted 3/6/2018) <sup>NEW</sup>
- Miami Worker's Center is organizing a meeting to mobilize the community and create strategies in support of this recommendation <sup>NEW</sup>

### Recommendation 2

**Expand PrEP and nPEP capacity throughout Miami-Dade County, and increase utilization by all potential risk groups.**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County*

**Actions:**

- Created a county-wide PrEP referral system (PrEPLink) and modified testing site agreements for participation
- Developed a PrEP Cascade of Care
- Scaling up community awareness with a PrEP Speakers Bureau
- Urging for the revision of Florida Statute 348.3 to allow youth to access PrEP without parental consent
- Creating culturally inclusive PrEP promotional material
- Developing a partnership with a commercial pharmacy to establish a nPEP standing order
- Implementing linkage to PrEP for patients identified as STD positive in a hospital setting
- Funded a mobile PrEP Clinic to expand capacity <sup>NEW</sup>
- The second marketing phase of the "Know Your Status" campaign launched, focusing on PrEP <sup>NEW</sup>



### Recommendation 3

#### **Implement routine HIV/STI testing in healthcare settings.**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County*

**Actions:**

- Partnering with local hospitals and private medical facilities to implement routinized testing in emergency room settings
- Creating an awareness campaign to educate clinical providers on Florida Statute 381.004
- Staff will be attending clinical outreach training prior to educate clinical providers on routinized testing and PrEP **NEW**

### Recommendation 4

#### **Create a comprehensive HIV/AIDS communication toolbox**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health, Office of AIDS Central Office*

**Actions:**

- Expanding the marketing of Florida's "Protect Yourself" statewide minority media campaign ([www.knowyourhivstatus.com](http://www.knowyourhivstatus.com))
- Sharing approved "Protect Yourself" media graphics with all local health departments for use with any local media/marketing efforts
- Sharing Department-approved press releases with HIV/AIDS Program Coordinators statewide
- Sharing approved social media posts and images (from the "Protect Yourself") with local health departments

### Recommendation 5

#### **Convene a multi-agency consortium of public health/academic institutions/ service providers to share data/collaborate on research identifying the driving forces of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Miami-Dade County.**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

**Actions:**

- Partnered with Florida International University, College of Public Health to identify research needs and opportunities for collaboration. A 5-year strategic plan will be developed outlining Florida Department of Health and Florida International University's goals.
- Exploring feasibility and funding options for establishing a Center of Excellence in HIV/AIDS research
- Florida Consortium on the Formation of HIV/AIDS Research and Collaboration hosted a meeting to discuss statewide HIV research efforts **NEW**



- Ryan White Part A/MAI signed a data sharing agreement with Florida International University to allow scientific collaboration and analysis on health outcomes of Ryan White clients. <sup>NEW</sup>

#### Recommendation 6

### **Decrease the lag time from diagnosis to linkage to HIV/AIDS care to within 30 days or less for 1) clients newly diagnosed 2) clients returning to care 3) client's post-partum**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County*

#### *Actions:*

- Partnering with Ryan White Part A to expand the Test and Treat model to sub recipients
- Revised testing site agreements mandating linkage to be completed within 30 days
- Hired a Linkage to Care Coordinator to oversee linkage process
- Working with Ryan White Outreach Committee to address improvements in linkage process
- Plans to hire Reengagement Specialists <sup>NEW</sup>
- Reconvening the Linkage to Care Workgroup to address meeting the 30-day linkage goal with providers <sup>NEW</sup>
- Ryan White Part A Support Agency reviewing subrecipients lag time for first or repeat appointments with the goal of reducing average time by 25% <sup>NEW</sup>

#### Recommendation 7

### **Increasing system capacity to bridge the gaps in provision of treatment and medication when changes in income and/or residence create eligibility problems**

*Champions: Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

#### *Actions:*

- Ryan White Part A is working with Medicaid to ensure continuity of care for PAC Waiver clients <sup>NEW</sup>
- Coordinating educational sessions and trainings for Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) and Long Term Care providers on HIV prevention and treatment of Ryan White clients <sup>NEW</sup>
- Ryan White Needs Assessment identified a list of service gaps that general revenue could cover, including: housing assistance, food vouchers/food bank, vision care, dental care, job placement assistance, transportation, assistance with retaining government benefits, medical specialty care, mental health services, substance abuse counseling, financial assistance (rent, utility bills), health insurance, and legal services. <sup>NEW</sup>





### Recommendation 8

**Enlist commercial pharmacies as HIV/AIDS treatment partners, from making PrEP and nPEP more available to having pharmacist's alert HIV/AIDS care clinicians and/or case managers when antiretroviral (ARV) medications are not picked up on time.**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health, Office of AIDS Central Office, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

**Actions:**

- Miami-Dade Ryan White Partnership created a Pharmacy Workgroup to explore barriers to accessing medication through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Partnership created with a commercial pharmacy that provides clinical services to prescribe PrEP and nPEP.
- Urging for the revision of Florida Statute 348.3 to allow youth to access PrEP without parental consent
- Developing a partnership with a commercial pharmacy to notify case managers when a client does not pick antiretroviral medication <sup>NEW</sup>
- Statewide "Access to Medication" Workgroup created <sup>NEW</sup>

### Recommendation 9

**Partnership with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and Medicaid for the purpose of data-matching and to allow Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to follow HIV-positive clients in managed care positions (public and private).**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health, Office of AIDS Central Office, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

**Actions:**

- Data sharing agreement has been initiated with the Agency for Healthcare Administration (ACHA) to begin obtaining health outcomes data on Medicaid clients.

### Recommendation 10

**Develop a county-wide integrated system of HIV/AIDS care, including a County-wide treatment consent form and county-wide data-sharing addressing various social service needs.**

*Champions: Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program, Florida Department of Health Central Office*

**Actions:**

- Exploring creating a statewide Ryan White Program consent form
- Planning a discussion with the local managing entity of substance abuse to reduce duplication of services <sup>NEW</sup>





### Recommendation 11

**Expand the network of housing available for PLWHA, with particular attention to pregnant women, released ex-offenders, youth and other high-risk HIV positive groups.**

*Champions: Government of Miami-Dade County, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

**Actions:**

- Resolution submitted to the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners to request Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to maintain or increase housing funds for Miami-Dade County <sup>NEW</sup>

### Recommendation 12

**Create/expand a network of internal (in-jail) and post-release HIV/AIDS service provision to inmates in the Miami-Dade County jail system**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health, Office of AIDS Miami Office, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

**Actions:**

- Correctional Health Services is working with FDOH modifying the process to provide a 30-day supply of medication to inmates upon release
- Collaborating with Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to discuss routinized testing in facilities

### Recommendation 13

**Identify root causes of HIV/AIDS stigma and reduce the stigma through educational and communication programs directed toward Miami-Dade County's multi-cultural and multi-ethnic communities and providers.**

*Champions: Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

**Actions:**

- Ryan White Support agency will be launching a plan to address stigma January 2018, including developing an indicator to measure stigma
- Ryan White Partnership signed on as a community partner for the "Untransmittable=Undetectable" (U=U) campaign
- A "Dear Colleague" letter will be sent to Ryan White sub recipients and community agencies educating on the significance of the U=U campaign



#### Recommendation 14

### **Reform and modernize Florida's current statutes criminalizing HIV non-disclosure.**

*Champions: Government of Miami-Dade County, Senator Rene Garcia's Office*

#### **Actions:**

- Senate and House bills filed for 2018 Florida Legislation to modernize current HIV statues
- Resolution submitted to Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners to support Senate Bill 546, House Bill 719 (Resolution 11A21, Pulled 3/6/2018) <sup>NEW</sup>

#### Recommendation 15

### **Build a county-wide system of HIV/AIDS program effectiveness evaluation, basing it on a common set of outcome measures across all providers.**

*Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

#### **Actions:**

- Encouraging all community partners to assess progress with local continuum of care <sup>NEW</sup>
- Updating TestMiami website to provide links to best practices for partners to raise continuum of care bars <sup>NEW</sup>

#### Recommendation 16

### **Identify barriers and improve access to existing HIV/AIDS services for HIV positive undocumented immigrants**

*Champions: Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program*

#### **Actions:**

- FDOH-MDC established a relationship with a local immigration service provider to provide monthly HIV testing and services to clients attending immigration clinics
- Ryan White Program supports all clients living with HIV and provides equal access to services <sup>NEW</sup>