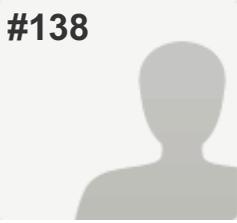


# Ending the Epidemic Task Force Recommendation Form

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**Q1: OPTIONAL: This recommendation was submitted by (please provide your first and last name, affiliation, and email address)**

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**Q2: Title of your recommendation**

Addressing HIV prevention and treatment needs of PWID in Puerto Rico

**Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation**

Incidence and prevalence of HIV/AIDS in New York State is influenced by PWID (people who inject drugs) who immigrate from Puerto Rico (where there are fewer HIV prevention resources such as SEP and drug treatment) to New York. Efforts to monitor and address the need for services in Puerto Rico, including engagement in HIV care, should be undertaken as part of the goal of Ending the Epidemic in New York.

**Q4: For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? (Select all that apply)**

Other (please specify)  
reducing HIV prevalence and incidence in NY

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**Q5: This recommendation should be considered by the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force Committee (Select all that apply)**

Prevention Committee: Develop recommendations for ensuring the effective implementation of biomedical advances in the prevention of HIV, (such as the use of Truvada as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)); for ensuring access for those most in need to keep them negative; and for expansion of syringe exchange, expanded partner services, and streamlined HIV testing by further implementing the universal offer of HIV testing in primary care, among others. The Committee will focus on continuing innovative and comprehensive prevention and harm reduction services targeted at key high risk populations, as well as grant-funded services that engage in both secondary and primary prevention.

Data Committee: Develop recommendations for metrics and identify data sources to assess the comprehensive statewide HIV strategy. The Committee will determine metrics that will measure effective community engagement/ownership, political leadership, and supportive services. It will also determine metrics that will measure quality of care, impact of interventions and outcomes across all populations, particularly identified sub populations such as transgender men and women, women of color, men who have sex with men and youth. In addition, the Committee will evaluate to determine optimal strategies for using data to identify infected persons who have not achieved viral suppression and address their support service, behavioral health, and adherence needs.

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**Q6: Does this recommendation require a change to an existing policy or program, or the creation of a new policy or program?**

Unknown

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**Q7: Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?**

Unknown

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**Q8: Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?**

Within the next year

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**Q9: What are the perceived benefits of implementing this recommendation?**

Would potentially reduce HIV in Puerto Rico, thus helping to reduce it in NYS.

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**Q10: Are there any concerns with implementing this recommendation that should be considered?**

An inter-region cooperative agreement would be needed, between Puerto Rico and New York State, perhaps undertaken with federal assistance

**Q11: What is the estimated cost of implementing this recommendation and how was this estimate calculated?**

unknown

**Q12: What is the estimated return on investment (ROI) for this recommendation and how was the ROI calculated?**

unknown

**Q13: Who are the key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this recommendation?**

Puerto Rican PWID

**Q14: Are there suggested measures to accompany this recommendation that would assist in monitoring its impact?**

Availability and adequacy of NEP services and drug treatment, and access to ART in Puerto Rico. It would be useful to make comparisons with similar data from NYS.

**Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following** Ending the Epidemic Task Force member