

Ending the Epidemic Summit Agenda 2017



No Population Left Behind

December 5, 2017
5:00pm to 7:00pm

December 6, 2017
8:30am to 5:00pm

Empire State Plaza Convention Center
Albany, New York

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Registration for the event will open at 2:00pm on December 5, 2017 outside of Meeting Room 6

Empire State Plaza Convention Center

2:30pm – 3:30pm *World AIDS Day Commissioner's Special Recognition Awards Ceremony*

An event to recognize individuals and organizations for their commitment, contribution, and response to improve and promote the health and well-being of all New Yorkers.

Meeting Room 6 and "Base of the Egg"

3:45pm – 5:00pm *Networking Reception*

5:00pm – 7:00pm *Summit Opening Remarks and "Halfway to ETE/U=U" Celebration*

Speakers:

Johanne E. Morne, MS, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute

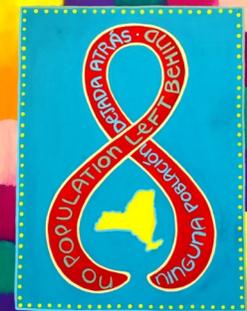
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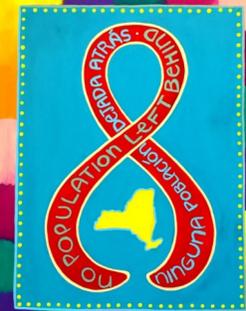
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Meeting Room 6

8:30am – 9:00am *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

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9:00am – 9:45am *Welcome and Keynote Remarks*

Speakers: Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul

Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried, Chair, Assembly Health Committee

Brad Hutton, MPH, Deputy Commissioner of Public Health, New York State Department of Health

Masters of Ceremonies: Marjorie J. Hill, PhD, Joseph Addabbo Health Center

Charles King, Housing Works, Inc.

New York State AIDS Advisory Council Ending the Epidemic Subcommittee Co-Chairs

9:45am – 10:45am *Ending the Epidemic: City and State Perspectives*

Speakers: Johanne E. Morne, MS, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute

Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

11:00am – 11:45am *ETE Advisory Group Panel*

In order to change the trajectory of the epidemic, an effective plan of action must continuously identify and address the needs of key populations that are most disadvantaged by the systemic health, economic and racial inequities that result in poor health outcomes. Last year, we heard from community members who served on several advisory bodies to develop implementation strategies in support of the ETE Blueprint. This year, the work continued with several new advisory groups. Members will discuss their processes and how they propose to overcome barriers to effective care for vulnerable persons.

Moderator: Karen Bovell, New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute

Panel: Drug User Health Advisory Group – Katrina Balovlenkov, LCSW, LCSW-C, Montefiore Medical Center

Women Advisory Group – Carine Jocelyn, Diaspora Community Services

Employment Advisory Group – Josh McClain, Evergreen Health Services

Non-English Speaking, Migrant Workers, New Immigrants Advisory Group – Wilfredo V. Morel,

Hudson River Healthcare Services, Inc.

Latino MSM and Bisexual Men Advisory Group – Luis Scaccabarozzi, MPH, Latino Commission on AIDS

11:45pm - 12:00pm Break

Break Out Session 1 | Meeting Rooms 1-7

Boxed lunches will be provided in each of the breakout session meeting rooms

12:00pm – 1:00pm Providing Culturally Competent Care to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Meeting Room 1 (LGBT) Clients in Health and Human Service Settings

This workshop will be an introduction to providing culturally competent care to LGBT patients and clients in health and human service settings. Most providers intend to offer welcoming and respectful care but are unaware of how current practices (e.g., intake forms, office environment and patient/provider interactions) may send the wrong message. The well-intentioned idea that “I treat all people the same” does not consider the specific needs and histories of LGBT people that make them wary of engaging honestly with the health care and social service systems. This workshop will address the relationship between discrimination and health disparities, explaining how LGBT people are more vulnerable to multiple illnesses and mental health struggles, creating a greater need for engagement with the health care system. The workshop will discuss the differences between different LGBT subpopulations and how intersecting identities influence the experience of health care. It will also offer concrete information and action steps that participants can take to provide safe, welcoming and culturally competent care to LGBT patients which, in keeping with the three-point ETE plan, will increase LGBT people’s willingness to engage with the health care system. Opportunities for future learning will also be described.

Presenter: Karen Naimool, National LGBT Cancer Network

12:00pm – 1:00pm The Importance of Using a Trauma-Informed Approach in the Service Delivery Meeting Room 2 Continuum

This workshop aims to raise awareness of trauma within all populations including under-represented communities, such as Native Americans and people who identify as transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC). The workshop will review accomplishments, approaches and best practices in implementing trauma-sensitive strategies within agencies, including a focus on trauma-informed care (TIC) fundamentals explored by agency staff who have participated in the AI “TIC Champions” capacity building initiative. This workshop will explore and explain how trauma is perceived and experienced, share lessons learned from members of the TIC Response in building TIC Agency Champions, identify specific strategies to help make agencies welcoming environments, while avoiding re-traumatization, and support the TIC philosophy of exploring, “What’s happened to you?” versus “What’s wrong with you?”

Moderator: Rev. Moonhawk River Stone, Riverstone Consulting

Panel: Ed Fox, Project SafePoint/Catholic Charities Care Coordination

Rhonda Harris, MPA, PHR, Gay Men’s Health Crisis

Roxanne Ramlall, VNS Home Health

Valerie M. Staats, Independent Consultant

12:00pm – 1:00pm ***Exploring Approaches to Reducing Stigma: A Critical Component of Ending the Epidemic***
Meeting Room 3

New York State's Ending the Epidemic Blueprint highlights the importance of enhancing a patient's health care experience by expanding quality indicators to include stigma and discrimination. However, stigma and discrimination remain a barrier to care for people living with HIV (PLWH) in New York State. Fears of stigmatization and discrimination can dissuade PLWH from seeking care and disclosing their HIV status. This workshop will focus on HIV-related and key population-related stigma and discrimination, the negative health effects of stigma and discrimination, and how to measure stigma and discrimination in a clinical setting. Sites providing medical care to people living with HIV from across New York State will present on their own stigma reduction work to illustrate how stigma reduction can be incorporated into daily practice.

*Panel: Rebekah Glushefski, LMSW, The Institute for Family Health
Kelly Hancock, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute
Andrew Kiener, Evergreen Health
Lisa Reid, LCSW, Hudson River Healthcare*

12:00pm – 1:00pm ***Learning from New York State: Mental Health HIV Service Integration is Essential to Ending the Epidemic***
Meeting Room 4

This workshop will include multiple perspectives on why and how mental health and HIV service integration is key to identifying and linking undiagnosed people living with HIV (PLWH), retaining individuals in care, and facilitating access to PrEP. The workshop will begin with a personal and advocacy view on why these services are needed, followed by a discussion of the predominant models of care integration strengths and limitations in practice. This will be followed by a snapshot of NYS data from both medical and mental health care settings showing the array of HIV mental health service integration and gaps, provider training needs, geographic and other disparities, and initiatives underway to integrate behavioral health into HIV care. The goal of this discussion will be to better understand linkages between service settings in both rural areas and cities; patterns of mental health and HIV service integration throughout the state and identified successes have been seen. The workshop will culminate in a set of recommendations from all participants about next steps toward service integration best practices for reaching ending the epidemic goals.

*Moderator: Robert Remien, PhD, New York State Psychiatric Institute & Columbia University
Panel: Francine Cournos, MD, Northeast Caribbean AETC at Columbia University
Antoine B. Craigwell, DBG, Inc
Karen McKinnon, MA, New York State Psychiatric Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
James Satriano, PhD, New York State Office of Mental Health & Columbia Department of Psychiatry*

12:00pm – 1:00pm *Know Your Legal Rights to be Free from Discrimination*
Meeting Room 5

The New York State Human Rights Law prohibits discrimination against persons because of their HIV status. The NYS Division of Human Rights enforces these protections. This workshop is presented by the Division's Director of Disability Rights and will detail protections afforded to persons living with HIV/AIDS to be free from discrimination in the workplace, access to housing and places of public accommodation. The workshop will also review how to file a complaint with the Division and the enforcement process for the NYS Human Rights Law.

Presenter: John P. Herrion, New York State Division of Human Rights

12:00pm – 1:00pm *Networking Lunch*
Meeting Room 6

An opportunity to network with colleagues and fellow ETE stakeholders, if not attending a workshop.

12:00pm – 1:00pm *Drug User Health Workshop: New Directions and Challenges*
Meeting Room 7

This workshop will feature drug user health initiatives proposed across the state. Last year during World AIDS Day, Governor Cuomo set a goal of zero HIV transmissions through injection drug use by the end of 2020. This workshop will highlight some of the innovative programmatic approaches that are being proposed and/or implemented to meet this goal. Participants will learn how New York State providers are addressing HIV, HCV and overdose as interconnected public health challenges through novel models such as integrated drug user health hubs, and through successful harm reduction staples such as syringe exchange programs and peer-delivered syringe services. The workshop will demonstrate that the collective activities of community-based organizations and the AIDS Institute Office of Drug User Health support multiple ending the epidemic objectives. This workshop will include a moderated panel with facilitated discussion and an opportunity for questions from the audience. The panel will be comprised of various experts and/or providers who focus on drug user health, who will demonstrate how their individual and organizational activities contribute to the overall goals of ending the epidemic.

Moderator: Emma Fabian, MSW, Evergreen Health Services

Panel: Katrina Bavlovkenov, LCSW, LCSW-C, ETE Drug User Health Advisory Group Chair

Gale Burstein, MD, MPH, Erie County Department of Health

Terrell Jones, New York Harm Reduction Educators (NYHRE)

Charles King, Housing Works, Inc.

Stephanie Lao, Project Safe Point, Drug User Health Hub

Break Out Session 2 | Meeting Rooms 1-7

1:15pm – 2:15pm *Best Practices in Spiritual Care for Transgender Patients*

Meeting Room 1

In the context of increasing recognition of the importance of access to transgender affirming health care and to gender confirmation surgeries, little has been studied or written about the spiritual care needs of transgender patients who are undergoing transition-related surgeries or are in the hospital for any other health concern. This workshop will describe themes that arose in post-surgery inpatient visits to transgender surgical patients under the auspices of the Center for Transgender Medicine and Surgery (CTMS) of Mount Sinai Health System in New York City and the subsequent development of a novel curriculum to train chaplains and chaplaincy students in the Mount Sinai Health System in best practices in the spiritual care of transgender patients. The presentation will review the existing literature on religiosity and spirituality among transgender individuals in the context of health care; the findings from the small case studies conducted with patients at Mount Sinai; and the curriculum and video cases used to educate chaplains and chaplaincy students in best practices in spiritual care for transgender patients. Participants will gain increased awareness of the impact of religiosity and spirituality on the health of transgender patients, understand and be better able to address the spiritual care needs of transgender patients who are undergoing transition-related surgeries or are in the hospital for any other health concern, and acquire and utilize a model for training hospital chaplains and chaplaincy students in best practices in spiritual care for transgender patients.

Moderator: Carol Tyrell, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute

Panel: Rev. Yunus Coldman, TransSaints

Barbara Warren, PsyD, Mount Sinai Health System

1:15pm – 2:15pm *Peer Workers: A Critical Role in Ending the Epidemic*

Meeting Room 2

This session will feature a diverse panel of peer workers talking about how their work is directly contributing to ending the epidemic. The session will discuss the value of peer workers' "shared life experience" and describe unique strategies used by peer workers to engage clients/patients. The results of a survey of NYS Certified Peer Workers will provide a springboard for a discussion about the importance of a livable wage for peer workers and the unique challenges and obstacles associated with achieving this goal. The workshop will also review the important contributions made by the full range of peer workers, including certified, non-certified, paid and volunteer peers in health care and community-based organization (CBO) settings.

Moderator: Justin LeGreci, Cicatelli Associates, Inc.

Panel: Brandon Lee, The Alliance For Positive Change

Victwan Andrew McCorkle, CPW, AMIDA Care, Inc.

James E. Quinn, CPW, Trillium Health

Yolanda Sims, CPW, Erie County Medical Center

1:15pm – 2:15pm ***PrEParing to End the AIDS Epidemic in New York State: A Focus on
Meeting Room 3 Implementation***

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) plays an important role in Governor Cuomo’s Plan to End the AIDS Epidemic. PrEP is the third point of the plan and is supported with a growing body of research that supports its effectiveness and acceptability among priority populations at risk of acquiring HIV in their lifetime. In order to fully realize PrEP’s role in ending the epidemic, there is a need for guidance, education, and training to implement, scale up, and systematize PrEP screening, provision, and management. Specific needs identified are: growing PrEP comfort and expertise, addressing insurance barriers, and folding PrEP guidelines and best practices into existing workflows. This 1-hour workshop will focus on enhancing PrEP access through a brief didactic presentation and an interactive discussion. Attendees will explore: (1) the role of the patient, provider, and organization in PrEP services; (2) the importance of a detailed PrEP policy and procedure; and (3) the best methods for addressing common challenges in implementing PrEP services. Participants attending this workshop must have a basic understanding of PrEP.

*Panel: Christopher Ferraris, LMSW, Mount Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine
Terri L. Wilder, MSW, Mount Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine*

1:15pm – 2:15pm ***Young Adult Health: Keeping it REAL – Reaching, Engaging, Accessing, Living.
Meeting Room 4 Integrating a Sex-Positive Approach to Care***

Adolescents and young adults (A/YA) are one of the populations most impacted by HIV and STDs. To ensure HIV-positive and youth who may be at risk are not “left behind” and ETE goals are met, it is critical that the unique needs of A/YA continue to be championed and addressed. This workshop aims to increase capacity and competence in several key areas specific to youth including: operationalizing NYS’s new minor consent, which allows minors to give their own informed consent for HIV testing and access to life-saving, transmission-interrupting treatment with antiretrovirals for HIV infection and PrEP/PEP for HIV prevention; incorporating routine HIV and multiple site screening for STDs; and providing compassionate and knowledgeable TGNC and LGB care as well as integrating a sex-positive approach to engage and retain these populations in care. The presenters have extensive, expert collective experience in the delivery and oversight of these services for HIV-positive and at-risk A/YA and will offer capacity building to promote the provision of competent, culturally relevant services to youth.

*Panel: Uri Belkind, MD, MS, FAAP, AAHIVS, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center
Donna Futterman, MD, Children’s Hospital at Montefiore
David Rosenthal, DO, PhD, Northwell Health*

1:15pm – 2:15pm ***HIV and the Disability Community: Advocacy, Services and Our Future
Meeting Room 5***

The New York State HIV Advisory Body (NYS HAB) will share efforts to include disability communities in HIV prevention/treatment discussions, including best practices to support sexual health conversations in a variety of settings. These communities are tightly interwoven -- we must end the false divide. The workshop will demonstrate how the rights of people with disabilities relates to HIV prevention/treatment and sexual health information and share efforts of the NYS HAB to address the needs of these communities.

*Moderator: Claire Simon, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute
Panel: Julian Brown Jr., Trillium Health
Christina Curry, MA, MPA, Harlem Independent Living Center
Daniel Fred, HIV Advisory Body (HAB) Member
Clifton Perez, MSW, Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley*

1:15pm – 2:15pm *Identifying the Undiagnosed, Linking to Care and Maximizing Viral Suppression*
Meeting Room 6

Varied, evidence-based outreach strategies to address HIV stigma and promote knowing one's HIV status must become a community norm. Ensuring access to continuous care and achieving viral load suppression is critical for reducing morbidity and mortality. This workshop will showcase a variety of programs implemented across the state to advance point two of the plan to end the epidemic: link and retain persons diagnosed with HIV in health care to maximize virus suppression so they remain healthy and prevent further transmission.

Moderator: William M. Valenti, MD, Trillium Health

Panel: Matt Baney, MS, Mount Sinai Medical Center

Ross G. Hewitt, MD, Metro Plus Health Plan

Carl Koenigsmann, MD, NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

Freddy Molano, MD, Community Healthcare Network

Terriell Peters, The Alliance for Positive Change

1:15pm – 2:15pm *Is Hepatitis C Elimination Next?*

Meeting Room 7

The approval of the new Hepatitis C (HCV) treatments makes HCV elimination a real possibility. But, are the new treatments all that is needed to eliminate HCV? Many people living with HCV remain undiagnosed and the costs of the new treatments have left many without access to a cure. The opioid epidemic has fueled an increase in new HCV cases, especially in young people who inject drugs. In February, over 200 state and national leaders assembled in Albany for the state and nation's first "Hepatitis C Elimination Summit." At the Summit, a consensus document was presented by the community that outlined a framework for eliminating hepatitis C in NYS. The idea was inspired by the success of the HIV/AIDS community in advocating for the Ending the Epidemic (ETE) Blueprint's disease control goals and targets. This session will address the tools currently available to eliminate HCV, what is still needed, and how we can work toward HCV elimination.

Presenters: Colleen Flanigan, RN, MS, NYSDOH AIDS Institute

Clifton Garmon, MSW, VOCAL-NY

2:15pm – 2:30pm *Break*

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Moderator: Laura Trolio, NYSDOH AIDS Institute

2:30pm – 2:50pm Talk #1

HIV/STD Partner Services is Ending the Epidemic

Partner Services is a free and confidential health department program that assists in linking persons diagnosed with STDs including HIV and their partners to testing, treatment, medical care, prevention interventions and/or other appropriate support services in order to improve their health outcomes and reduce the risk of transmission to others. Partner Services embodies New York State’s three-point plan and is key to achieving ending the epidemic goals. This talk will share key insights into how HIV testing and technology have changed over time, while also exploring how partner services has evolved to realize ending the epidemic goals and meet the needs of stakeholders and partners in the community.

Presenters: Michael McNair, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute

Thomas Sullivan, MPH, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute

2:50pm – 3:10pm Talk #2

Housing is Health Care for ALL New Yorkers with HIV

It is time for Statewide implementation of the New York State Ending the Epidemic Blueprint recommendations to: “meet non-medical needs to ensure effective HIV care, including adequate, stable housing” (BP8) and “ensure access to stable housing as an evidence-based HIV health intervention” (BP16). In 2016, New York City became the first jurisdiction in the world to ensure access to housing supports for every extremely low-income person with HIV. Homelessness and housing instability remain a formidable barrier to retention in care and effective antiretroviral treatment. This talk will explore efforts to ensure all New Yorkers have access to housing so we can end homelessness for people with HIV throughout NYS to sustain optimal health, stop new HIV infections and end AIDS deaths.

Presenter: Byron McKinney, Evergreen Health Services

3:10pm – 3:30pm Talk #3

Sex Smart: Pathways to Health and Happiness for Black Men Who Identify as Gay, Bisexual, and “MSM”

Black American men provide a powerful cultural impact on their communities; yet, HIV infection rates and other health outcomes are worse for this population than any other human collective in the U.S. Generally speaking, sexual behaviors of these men are no different than their white counterparts, so what gives? Black men have an unprecedented opportunity to create life-changing paradigm shifts. To this end, this presentation will articulate salient ways Black men who have sex with men can better influence the national narrative and their personal health outcomes.

Presenter: Roscoe Boyd II, Prevention Access Campaign

3:30pm – 3:50pm *Talk #4*
A Native American Perspective of HIV/AIDS/Human Services & the Impact of Community-Wide Historical Trauma

Referencing the experiences and cultures of Native Americans as an example and framing the topic using the Socio-Cultural Model of HIV Prevention, this talk will address how HIV and related services may be improved through a discussion and understanding of the impact of historical trauma & related factors on the multiple health disparities that are found in many Indigenous communities. This discussion will also address issues experienced in many mainstream health and social services that may inhibit the full engagement of persons coming from other communities who have experienced historical trauma. The expansion of Trauma-Informed Care to include community-wide, historical trauma will be discussed.

Presenter: Pete Hill, Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara Counties, Inc.

3:50pm – 4:10pm *Talk #5*
How We Can Change and How We Can Heal: A Perspective from A Trans-Latina Leader

This talk will share a personal perspective on the challenging experiences transgender individuals often experience when they come into contact with providers who know very little about trans bodies and trans realities. The speaker will provide insights and ideas on how things can be changed and how the trans community can move forward.

Presenter: Cecilia Gentili, Gay Men's Health Crisis

4:10pm – 4:30pm *Talk #6*
RapidTX and JumpstART: The State and City Programs to Ensure Immediate Medication Access

Recently, New York State implemented a program that ensures rapid access to medications to ensure immediate access to treatment for persons newly diagnosed and returning to care. Preliminary results indicate that the pilot is successful, with the initial cohort of participants reaching viral suppression in 41 days. The NYC Department of Health has also launched a program to start people on ARV on the day of diagnosis at the newly re-branded Sexual Health Clinics. The talk will explore how these initiatives are advancing ETE goals through new and unique programming.

*Presenters: Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Katie Fisher, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center*

4:30pm – 5:00pm *Call to Action*

Speaker: Johanne E. Morne, MS, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute

****Close of 2017 ETE Summit****