# **Washington State HIV Planning System**



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**Vision:** End the HIV epidemic in Washington State

Mission: Engage a broad spectrum of HIV stakeholders to add value to the Washington Strategic

Plan (Plan).

**Goals:** The Plan describes a strategic HIV prevention, care and treatment continuum that:

A. Prevents the maximum number of new HIV infections in Washington State; and,

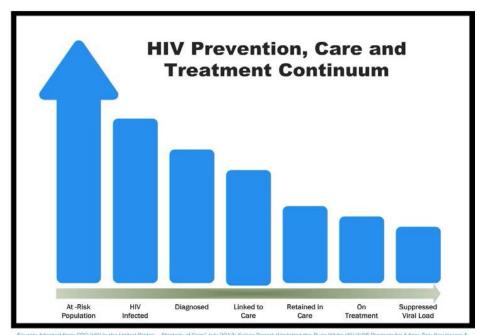
B. Assures individual level and core public health outcomes for all persons living with HIV regardless of health care coverage or geographic location in Washington State.

**Guides:** 

- The National HIV / AIDS Strategy
- End AIDS Washington
- Healthier Washington
- Affordable Care Act

Scope:

HIV planning activities focus on improving, adding insight and value to the HIV prevention, care and treatment continuum in order to assure optimal healthoutcomes for HIV negative at-risk populations and HIV infected persons.



Source: Adapted from CDC. His in the United States - Strategy of Care. July 2012; Naiser Report: Updating the Ryan Writte His/Alica Program for a New Era: Ney issues & Questions from the Future" April 2013; Service Report

### **Stakeholder Groups:**

DOH consistently provides information to, and elicits input from, three primary stakeholder groups on current and proposed Plan interventions and strategies. Stakeholder group membership:

- A. Is open to the public;
- B. Embodies the desired planner qualities of: openness, collaborative, learning, integrity, humility, creativity, courageous, savvy, dedication, forward-thinking;
- C. Strives for parity, inclusion and representation of Washington State residents infected and affected by HIV;
- D. Understands and enhances the value of interventions and strategies that prevent the maximum number of new HIV infections and assures the individual level health outcomes of all persons living with HIV regardless of health care coverage or geographic location in Washington State.
- E. Recognizes and embraces the inherent tension between population and individual level HIV responses.



#### 1. HIV Planning Steering Group

### **Big Picture**

- The HIV Planning Steering Group (HPSG) is a 21 member, formal, standing, advisory committee that works collaboratively with DOH in the development of the Plan.
- The HPSG adds value to the prevention, care and treatment continuum by emphasizing high impact prevention, care and treatment approaches that are rooted in evidenced based, cost effective and scalable interventions and strategies.
- The HPSG assists DOH in assuring the delivery and evaluation of high impact prevention, care and treatment approaches that serve the highest risk populations.
- The HPSG advises DOH on current and proposed interventions and strategies necessary to *end* the HIV epidemic.
- HPSG meetings are held quarterly, in person, and are facilitated by a DOH
  designated HIV planner who assists the HIV prevention and care program
  managers to staffthe HPSG and committees, create agenda and meeting
  materials, and other HPSG related duties as assigned.



#### 2. HIV Stakeholder Village

#### **Broad**

- The HIV Stakeholder Village (Village) has no formal membership and serves the dual purpose of educating a broad range of stakeholders on the current and proposed HIV interventions and strategies in the Plan as well as eliciting input to enhance HIV service delivery. The Village meets in person and via web interface in town hall stylemeetings held within various communities in Washington State in coordination with local service delivery providers. The communities where meetings are held in person represent the diversity of individuals affected and infected by HIV.
- The Village consists of attendees at any given meeting and is open to all persons interested in HIV prevention, care and treatment planning and service delivery.
- Village meetings provide an opportunity for DOH to be accountable to the Washington State public by sharing current and proposed information in the Plan and by eliciting broad stakeholder input on current and proposed prevention, care and treatment interventions and strategies.
- Village meetings are opportunities to cultivate community mobilization around HIV issues and develop leaders interested in serving on the HPSG.
- The frequency of Village meetings is similar in number to HPSG meeting cycle.

#### 3. HIV Special Emphasis Workgroups

#### **Small Picture**

- HIV Special Emphasis Workgroups (Workgroups) are informal, ad-hoc, and advisory bodies that are convened by DOH to identify specific and effective implementation strategies that add operational value to prevention, care and treatment continuum activities.
- Workgroup membership is chosen by DOH based on the value added potential ofselect subject matter experts.
- Workgroups focus on DOH selected Plan related projects, issues and concerns to ensure successful and effective implementation.
- Workgroups meet in person, by phone and via web on an as needed basis.
- Workgroup meetings are convened and facilitated by the staff person directly responsible for the implementation of the HIV project, issue or concern with assistance from the DOH designated planner.

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