



# National HIV/AIDS Strategy Update: Challenges and Opportunities

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# Estimates of New HIV Infections in the U.S., 2007–2010

- “relatively stable,” approx. 50,000 annual infections
- 63% MSM, 26% heterosexual, 8% IDU
- Blacks: 44% new HIV infections vs. 14% of population
- Hispanics: 21% of new HIV infections vs. 16% of population
- Black women (20X) and Hispanic women (4X) HIV infection rates compared to white women
- Comparing 2008 to 2010, the number of new HIV infections among:
  - MSM ↑ 12%
  - Heterosexual women ↓ 18%

*(CDC HIV Surveillance Supplemental Report 2012, vol. 17 (4))*



# Reducing New Infections: Implementation

- ▶ New Health Department FOAs aligning resources for maximum impact (CDC)
- ▶ Enhanced HIV testing among racial/ethnic minority Young MSM and Transgender (CDC)
- ▶ Advances in HIV prevention science (e.g., HPTN 052)
- ▶ Integration of Rapid HIV testing in substance abuse facilities (SAMHSA)
- ▶ Inclusion of HIV/STI/testing in Women's Preventive Health Services Guidelines (HHS)
- ▶ Healthy People 2020 measuring HIV indicator (HHS)



# Increasing Access to Quality Care: Implementation

- ▶ Improving access to Medicaid Coverage for persons living with HIV (CMS)
- ▶ Administering provisions of the Affordable Care Act (HHS)
- ▶ Expanding availability of HIV care in community health centers (HRSA)
- ▶ Strengthening provider capacity to deliver quality HIV care (HRSA)
- ▶ Updating new treatment and adherence guidelines (NIH)
- ▶ Enhancing culturally competent HIV care in community health centers (HRSA)



# Reducing HIV-related Disparities: Implementation

- ▶ Strengthening efforts to measure community viral load (CDC)
- ▶ Funding new tele-health training centers to improve access to hard-to-reach persons (HRSA)
- ▶ Realigning the Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative Fund (HHS)
- ▶ Assisting HDs to scale up HIV testing among African American and Hispanic MSM (CDC)
- ▶ Awarding new research grants to address the prevention needs of racial/ethnic minorities at increased risk of HIV infection (NIH)



# Coordinated National Response: Implementation

- 12 Cities Project
- Standardized Core HIV Indicators
- Federal Leads Work Group
- Care and Prevention of HIV in the US or CAPUS Demonstration Initiative
- Regional Resource Network Program



Regional Resource Network Program  
Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy  
(OHAIDP)

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)

**Goal:**

The RRNP program, within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), is focused on promoting the NHAS to regional stakeholders, both governmental and nongovernmental, and to foster or facilitate opportunities among stakeholders for better local coordination in HIV/AIDS planning and service delivery in each of the 10 Public Health Service (PHS) regions.





# Regional Resource Network Program/OASH – Region I

- ▶ **NHAS Awareness and Education**
  - Educational presentations in various settings including academic, government and community
- ▶ **Technical Assistance and Capacity Building**
  - Black Ministerial Alliance – training and programming for faith based leadership
  - National Urban League/Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts – prioritizing public health and HIV/AIDS
  - New England Gay and Bisexual Men’s Health Alliance – organizational development
  - RI State Health Department – HIV/AIDS Treatment Cascade
- ▶ **Webinars**
  - Viral Hepatitis – regional and national
- ▶ **Large Scale HIV Testing Initiatives**
  - Take The Test Boston





# Coordinated National Response: Challenges and Opportunities

- ▶ Address the disconnect between systems and vertical programs
- ▶ Foster collaboration, coordination and integration
- ▶ Build sustainability in a changing environment
- ▶ Understand reimbursement and payment structures
- ▶ Prepare healthcare workforce
- ▶ Deploy navigators and community health workers
- ▶ Stem ongoing HIV stigma and discrimination
- ▶ Implement electronic medical records and building connection between public health and clinical care



# Future Directions

- ▶ Improve and sustain federal and local coordination
- ▶ Engage and strengthen relationships with partners
- ▶ Scale-up optimized prevention strategies
- ▶ Build capacity and provide technical assistance
- Utilize the Affordable Care Act and Ryan White to maintain complete package of services
- (Re)-Define role of CBOs for the new ACA/Ryan White era



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