Fulton County Board of Health
Strategy to End the HIV Epidemic in Fulton County

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FCBOH HIV Strategy Overview

- Increase Testing and Supplies availability
- Focus on status neutral linkage to care
- Provide clinical services regardless of ability to pay
- Provide and promote PrEP
- Reduce stigma through media, education, and community engagement
Increase Testing and Supplies
The Role of HIV Testing in Reducing Infections

It is estimated that more than 90 percent of new HIV infections in the United States could be averted by diagnosing people living with HIV and ensuring they receive prompt, ongoing care and treatment. (Skarbinski, 2015)
New Funding from the State

- Released RFP in December
- Close to $2.4 million dollars in applications were received for $950,000 in funding available
- Focused on testing and linkage to care (treatment and PrEP) services for priority populations
- 6 new positives for every $50,000 given in grant funding
# Funding Decision: Cis-Gender Black MSM

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Funded Agencies Outreach and Testing Locations

- Aniz
- Positive Impact
- AID Atlanta
- NAESM
- Vision Community Foundation
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- Someone Cares
- Center for Black Women’s Wellness
FCBOH HIV Testing Services

- Routine opt-out testing at the FCBOH Sexual Health Clinic
- Expansion of routine HIV testing at other FCBOH clinics
  - College Park
  - Oak Hill
  - North Annex
  - Adamsville
  - North Fulton
- Mobile HIV testing unit
- Promotion of routine HIV testing throughout Fulton county
Focus on Status Neutral Linkage to Care
Status Neutral Linkage

Treatment as Prevention
- Studies have found that people with HIV who have sustained viral suppression do not transmit the virus

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- One pill (Truvada) once a day regimen that is 96% effective in preventing infections
Status Neutral Linkage to Care

HIV Testing Event

Results Given

Test Negative

Screen for PrEP and link those eligible within 30 days

Test Positive

Linkage to HIV treatment
Funded CBO-Based Linkage to Care

- Linkage to HIV specialty treatment for those newly diagnosed
- Linkage to PrEP for those who test HIV negative but who are assessed to engage in behaviors that place them at risk for HIV
Clinic Linkage to Care

- Linkage to care of persons newly diagnosed at the Sexual Health Clinic by trained Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS)
- Partner Services interviews to track patient contacts which likewise may be infected
- DIS provide linkage to PrEP for those assessed eligible
Rapid Mobile Linkage to Care

- Recently received grant starting March 1
- Provide immediate linkage to care for persons diagnosed HIV positive on the mobile HIV testing unit
- All subcontract providers required to use the mobile unit twice per quarter
- Work with other providers requesting mobile unit
Provide clinical services without regard to ability to pay
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Core Services Offered:
- Medical Services
  - 10 Park Place
  - Adamsville
- Medications
- Oral Health
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Medical Case Management (AID Atlanta)
- Medical Nutrition Therapy (Open Hand)

Support Services Offered:
- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Meal Assistance
- Medical Transportation
- Patient Navigator
Total number of active clients: 1195
New clients: 284
Clients with viral <200: 893 or 77.9%
Provide and Promote PrEP
FCBOH PrEP Clinic: Funding and staffing

- Funded from current STD Program budget
  - Mostly lab costs
  - Gilead Patient Assistance Program covers cost of meds for uninsured

- Current staff:
  - Full-time nurse (vacant)
  - One volunteer physician from CDC
  - One public health educator
Gender and Orientation

- 79% Male heterosexual
- 14% Female
- 6% Trans
- 1% MSM

Race/Ethnicity

- 68% Black
- 22% Hispanic, White
- 8% Non-Hispanic, White
- 2% Asian

401 persons enrolled to date
48% black MSM overall
Expansion of PrEP Providers

- Training FCBOH family planning clinics on PrEP assessment, prescription of medication, and ongoing PrEP care
- Promotion of PrEP education among physicians in Fulton County
Reducing Stigma through media, education, and community engagement
HIV Education

- Frontline HIV Certification Program: 2 day intensive and interactive HIV101 training
- Test and Linkage to Care: Skills building based training to HIV testing staff
- Cultural Competence Trainings
- Community Training: 1 hour, 3 hour, and full day training will be available to all community groups seeking HIV training
In March we initiated a Community Advisory Board (CAB) in partnership with DeKalb County. Close to 40 persons were in attendance at the first meeting. CAB will meet every other month in locations throughout Fulton and DeKalb counties. Several sub-committees were created to ensure that the CAB gets input from various high priority sub-groups.
National HIV Testing Day – June 27

- June 23: Pre-Testing Day “Mall Crawl”
- June 27: Small HIV testing festival tentatively scheduled to be in Woodruff Park in coordination with City of Atlanta
World AIDS Day - December 1

- Releasing an annual report card on efforts to end the epidemic
- We will also be honoring civic and community partners who have distinguished themselves in helping us stop the HIV epidemic in Fulton County
In order to reach priority populations, particularly younger members of priority populations, FCBOH is developing a hashtag campaign #StopHIVATL.

- Empower individuals in the community about their role in ending the HIV epidemic in the Atlanta metropolitan area.
- Reduce stigma related to HIV prevention activities.
The Campaign Message

Together we can Stop the Clock on the HIV epidemic in 3 steps:

1. Everyone get an HIV test at least once a year.
2. If you test positive, get on treatment to become virally suppressed so that you can be healthy and not infect others.
3. If you test negative but are engaged in activities that put you at risk for HIV, get on PrEP which is one pill once a day to prevent HIV infection.
Questions