Ending the HIV Epidemic Pennsylvania: A Statewide Initiative

Goal: Secure a contract and funding from the PA Department of Health to establish a statewide ending the HIV epidemic initiative. This initiative, rooted in the collective impact model approach, is being proposed by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation on behalf of AIDS Free Pittsburgh.

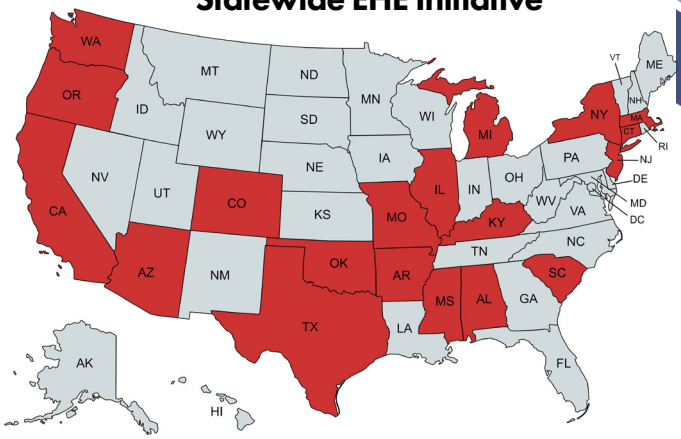
Current State of the Epidemic

Progress has been made to end the HIV epidemic but decline in new diagnoses has slowed.

In 2019

- 34% of PLWH had at least one unmet need
- 18% of PLWH were in care but did not obtain viral suppression

Pennsylvania has NO Statewide EHE Initiative



Ending the Epidemic Pennsylvania Four Pillars

Pillar 1 Diagnose → Identify PLWH who remain undiagnosed and link them to care

- Develop opportunities for sharing best practices
- Establish statewide physician standing orders for testing
- Facilitate provider trainings for how to identity who to test
- Enhance contract tracing via community health worker model

Pillar 2 Treat → Link/retain PLWH in care to maximize viral suppression and prevent further transmission

- Establish statewide, online resource center for providers and community
- Enhance RAPID linkage to care
- Facilitate learning sessions

Pillar 3 Prevent → Increase education about and access to PrEP and PEP

- Educate providers on PrEP and PEP
- Expand telehealth
- Combat barriers to access
- Conduct outreach to priority population

Pillar 4 Respond → Address stigma, make treatment/prevention more accessible, and reduce transmission

- Consider evolving needs of those impacted by HIV
- Reduce stigma in policy, language, and images
- Statewide marketing campaigns

Intention is to coordinate with and enhance current activities across the state.

The Structure of Ending the Epidemic PA

Advisory Group
Comprised of an HPG Subcommittee

Advisory Meetings will include regional managers, key partners, PADOH, and JHF staff

Executive Team
JHF staff, PADOH staff, regional representatives, HPG subcommittee chair, other key leaders

Community Advisory Board
*Structure to be determined by Advisory Group once formed

- PrEP and Prevention Subcommittee
- Testing & Linkage Subcommittee
- Data & Evaluation Subcommittee
- Outreach & Stigma Reduction Subcommittee