ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH TO END THE HIV EPIDEMIC WITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

NASTAD TA Meeting
October 7, 2020
• “Without community, there is no liberation...but community must not mean a shedding of our differences, nor the pathetic pretense that these differences do not exist.”

— Audre Lorde
THE TIME IS NOW.

- Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has proposed the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* initiative to end the HIV epidemic in the United States within 10 years. This initiative will leverage critical scientific advances in HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and outbreak response by coordinating the highly successful programs, resources, and infrastructure of many HHS agencies and offices.
• A CDC analysis of HIV data found that more than 50 percent of new HIV diagnoses* occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. The analysis also found that seven states had a substantial rural burden.**

• Includes the city of Detroit, the epicenter of the virus prevalence in the State of Michigan. Although a very resilient city it should not be lost that it only emerged from bankruptcy in 2014. Despite the resurgence the downtown Detroit and adjacent areas have had many areas remain economically oppressed. It is those areas that our plan will primarily focus on serving including outer Wayne County.
• Public Sector Consultants – a neutral voice

• Community Introduction – MHAC & SEMHAC
• Planning team (MDHHS Staff, DHD Staff, PSC Staff) formed in August of 2019.

• Planning team organized Working Group consisting of SEMHAC/MHAC members, consumers, providers, CBO representatives, and government representatives. Working group had first meeting in October 2019.

• Working group and Planning team worked together to identify strengths and weaknesses in the epidemiological profile. They also determined priority groups to engage with to guide the plan.

• Once priority populations were determined the working group volunteered to run specific community forums. These forums ran from January through March of 2020.
Community Session Composition

1. Young black MSM (ages 15–17)
2. Young black MSM (ages 18–29)
3. Youth (ages 15–17)
4. Youth (ages 18–29)
5. Women of color
6. Transgender people of color
7. African American Detroit residents
8. African American Out-Wayne County residents
9. Latino/Chicano/Hispanic residents
10. PWID
11. Returning citizens
1. HIV prevention and care providers
2. Transportation
3. Housing
4. Behavioral health providers
5. School sex-education providers
6. Medical providers
The Working Group and Planning Team met in May of 2020 to review the community feedback and to develop a comprehensive workplan for the Ending the HIV Epidemic based on feedback obtained from the focus groups.

The developed plan was reviewed and approved by the Working Group in June 2020.

The plan was then submitted to SEMHAC in July for review and they provided MDHHS concurrence.

MHAC received the plan in August for review and provided MDHHS concurrence.
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