SHOW UP, SPEAK OUT, FIGHT BACK!

HIV ADVOCACY NETWORK
HAN

The HIV Advocacy Network (HAN) is a grassroots group of activists in the Bay Area fighting to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic and improve the lives of communities impacted by HIV.
ISSUE AREAS

- Health Justice
  - HIV, HCV & STD Funding
  - Access to Healthcare
- Housing & Homelessness
  - HOPWA Funding
  - Prop C

- Harm Reduction
  - Safer Consumption Services
  - Meth Task Force
  - Mental Health SF
- HIV & Aging
  - Expanding programs modeled off of Golden Compass across the state
Have you ever lobbied a policy maker?
AIDSWatch
LGBT Advocacy Day
THIS BILL WILL PROHIBIT THE ARREST OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN SEX WORK WHEN THEY COME FORWARD AS A WITNESS OR A VICTIM OF SPECIFIED VIOLENT AND SERIOUS CRIMES AND CLARIFIES THAT THE POSSESSION OF CONDOMS MAY NOT BE USED AS PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST SOMEONE FOR SEX WORK.

GOVERNOR SIGNS SB 233!
EtE Day of Action
2019 Budget Scorecard

Measuring California's progress towards ending the HIV, HCV & STD epidemics.

**NEEDED $2 MILLION**

- Received $0 for an End the Epidemics Task Force

**NEEDED $20 MILLION**

- Received $5M for HIV prevention
- Received $5M for Hepatitis C prevention
- Received $5M for STD prevention
Have you ever been on TV?
Event Tabling
Group Presentations & Town Halls
CANVASSING EVENT!

HIV
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NETWORK
Community Outreach & Education

END THE EPIDEMICS

It's time to end the HIV, HCV & STD epidemics in California.

California is facing a public health crisis. HIV, HCV, and STDs are among the most serious public health issues in California.

- 5,000 new individuals are diagnosed with HIV every year in California - the highest in the country.
- Over 400,000 Californians are living with HCV - a curable disease that now kills more Americans than all other infectious diseases combined.
- STD cases reached a record high for the third year in a row, with more Californians being diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in 2017 than ever before.

With more resources available now than ever before to combat these public health crises, California leaders must act now and lead the nation in ending these interconnected epidemics.

Sign the Petition! Text RESIST to the number 52886
UNDERSTANDING INTERSECTIONALITY & BUILDING SOLIDARITY
Have you ever been to a march or rally?
Sunday Oct. 26th
2pm @ El Rio
Ande Stone
Community Mobilization Manager
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
astone@sfaf.org

GET INVOLVED!

LISTSERV - www.sfaf.org/HANBayArea
EVENTS - www.sfaf.org/HANEvents
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OVERVIEW

- HIV, HCV, and STDs in California are a major public health crisis
- California now has the tools and ability to end these epidemics
- Will require increased political will and new resource commitments
- Over 160 organizations are calling on elected officials to launch a bold public health initiative to end the HIV, HCV, and STD epidemics
KEY POINTS

- Integrated response to HIV, HCV, and STDs
- Syndemic approach also addresses social determinants of health
- Increased cross-departmental collaboration and resource commitment are key
- Impacted communities must be involved in decision-making at every level
- Ensures public health strategies are effectively integrated into primary care
# California is Facing a Public Health Crisis

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<td>New HIV diagnoses declined by less than 3% from 2013 to 2017</td>
<td>Over 400,000 people living with HCV and 55% unaware of status</td>
<td>More than 300,000 reported STD cases in California in 2017, a 45% increase since 2013</td>
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<td>Rate of new diagnoses declined 13% among Whites, while decreasing only 2% among Blacks and increasing 4% among Latinxs</td>
<td>Rates of newly reported chronic HCV increased 50% among young people (15-29 years) from 2011-2015</td>
<td>2017 rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis surpassed national average for 4th year in a row</td>
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<td>Rate of diagnosis among transgender women is among the highest of any group</td>
<td>Opioid crisis has led to dramatic increases in HCV, particularly among young people</td>
<td>Congenital syphilis rate 2nd highest in nation after Louisiana</td>
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SYNDEMIC

“an aggregation of two or more diseases that interact synergistically within a population and exacerbate poor health outcomes”

- HIV, HCV, and STDs disproportionately impact many of the same communities
- Having an STD increases the likelihood of acquiring HIV
- HCV progresses faster and more than triples the risk for liver disease among people coinfected with HIV and HCV
- Epidemics are driven by similar social and economic conditions
- Many individuals would benefit from integrated HIV, HCV, and STD services
## Opportunity to End the Epidemics

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<td>Highly effective medications lengthen and improve the quality of life for people living with HIV</td>
<td>Powerful new HCV drugs can cure the vast majority of people in as little as 8-12 weeks</td>
<td>Most STDs are curable, and efficient STD screening, rapid treatment, and enhanced partner services can dramatically reduce their further spread</td>
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<td>People living with HIV who are virally suppressed cannot transmit HIV to their partners</td>
<td>California has expanded access to HCV treatment to most who need it</td>
<td>Harm reduction services (i.e., syringe exchange, medication assisted therapy, and safe injection sites) can reduce new transmissions</td>
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<td>HIV-negative individuals can take preventive medications—known as PrEP and PEP—to nearly eliminate their risk of acquiring HIV</td>
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<td>Comprehensive prevention services can drastically reduce new transmissions</td>
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Significant Barriers

**Limited Funding**

Over $30 million cut from HIV prevention in 2009 – only $12.5 million restored

Although a leader in access to HCV treatment, limited funding provided for HCV prevention, testing, and linkage

Federal funding for STD prevention has dropped 40% over the last 15 years, while state has provided limited investments

**Siloed State Departments**

Very limited structural support for effective collaboration across key state departments:

- Health Care Services
- Public Health
- Corrections
- Covered California
- Education
- Aging
- Housing

**Social Determinants**

Social determinants of health prevent individuals from accessing services:

- Stigma and discrimination
- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Overcriminalization
- Racism
- Homophobia
- Transphobia
- Harsh immigration policies
Governor Cuomo announced a 3-point plan to end AIDS in New York State in 2014.

Governor-appointed task force developed “Blueprint” which includes 30 key recommendations.

63-member task force included public health officials, researchers, community leaders, advocates, and health care delivery leaders.

New York State committed more than $20 million in additional funding since 2014 and new diagnoses declined 20%.

Governor Cuomo announced the nation’s first state-level comprehensive HCV elimination strategy in 2018.
Community Consensus Statement

May 23, 2019

We, the undersigned organizations, call on Governor Newsom and the California Legislature to act now to end the HIV, HCV, and STD epidemics.

THE OPPORTUNITY: California is at an unprecedented moment in response to HIV, hepatitis C (HCV), and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). With highly effective treatments and proven prevention tools, California can now dramatically reduce new transmissions, improve the health of people living with these conditions, and bring these epidemics to an end.

THE CHALLENGE: Over 5,000 Californians are newly diagnosed with HIV each year—more than any other state in the nation—and over 400,000 California residents are currently living with HCV. STD cases reached a record high for the third year in a row, with more Californians being diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in 2017 than ever before.

HIV, HCV, and STDs are interrelated epidemics—also known as a syndemic—impacting many of California’s most disadvantaged communities, including people of color, gay and bisexual men, transgender individuals, women, people experiencing homelessness, youth, and people who use drugs. Bold action is needed to integrate our response to these epidemics and eliminate health disparities and inequities.

THE SOLUTION: Ending these epidemics will require renewed commitment from elected officials and strategic new investments in effective education, prevention, and treatment programs. It will also require structural responses to address the economic and social conditions that drive these epidemics, including stigma and discrimination, poverty, and unstable housing. Failure to act decisively will only result in more transmissions and significantly higher public and private health care costs.

On April 10, 2018, a group of 50 public health and community leaders convened in Los Angeles to build support for a statewide strategy to end the HIV, HCV, and STD epidemics. The convening was informed by other recent statewide efforts, including California’s Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan and Viral Hepatitis Prevention Strategic Plan. While these plans outline important goals and recommendations, they do not adequately speak to the need for broad-based community engagement or the political will, resources, and cross-departmental collaboration that will be required to address these epidemics effectively.

Signed by over 160 organizations, including several health departments

● Calls on Governor Newsom and Legislature to convene high-level working group
● Highlights urgency of the HIV, HCV, and STD epidemics
● Highlights long standing and new tools and interventions
● Calls for increased cross-departmental collaboration and new funding
● Stresses importance of meaningful community involvement
Late 2017

Resources, political will, and momentum to advance End the Epidemic initiative remained limited.

Early 2018

Gavin Newsom endorses statewide Getting to Zero initiative to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the HIV and HCV epidemics.

April 2018

Community and public health stakeholders convene to discuss strategy and next steps.

March 2019

Community consensus statement released calling for statewide strategy to end the HIV, HCV, and STD epidemics.

Spring 2019

Combined stakeholder budget request, including funding for an End the Epidemics task force.
Next Steps

- Continue monthly meetings of statewide working group (more than 100 members)
- Build statewide advocacy coalition and develop 2020 legislative agenda
- Continue to educate and engage community members through town halls and other events
- Educate elected officials through legislative briefing and in-person meetings in Sacramento
- Conduct research to inform initiative through California HIV/AIDS Research Program
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