



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: July 19, 2016

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: GETTING TO ZERO IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

Substantial progress has been made in addressing the HIV epidemic in San Diego County. New diagnoses have declined 64 percent from the all-time high of 1,314 in 1990 to 478 in 2013. Moreover, deaths among persons with HIV have declined 87 percent from an all-time high of 749 in 1994 to 101 in 2013. Nonetheless, HIV continues to be a major public health challenge in San Diego County, with one new HIV diagnosis occurring, on average, every 18 hours.

Implementation of the Affordable Care Act, along with funding received through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, can provide universal access to treatment for all persons living with HIV in San Diego County. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 90 percent of all new HIV infections originate from individuals who are not in HIV care, which indicates the tremendous public health impact that can be realized by focusing on identifying and treating all persons with HIV. Combined with a major advance in HIV prevention (pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP), San Diego County now possesses the medical tools it needs to end the HIV epidemic.

On October 31, 2014, Chairman Ron Roberts and Supervisor Dave Roberts sent a memo to Chief Administrative Officer calling for the formation of an Ad Hoc Task Force of the HIV Health Services Planning Council. The purpose of the Task Force was to gather and review data and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to improve the current status of HIV in San Diego County. On March 1, 2016 (25), the Board unanimously adopted the Getting to Zero Initiative for HIV, which contained six general recommendations for achieving an end to the HIV epidemic. The Board called for an implementation plan to be developed. Approval of today's actions would accept the plan and start implementing it. This supports the *Live Well San Diego* vision by improving the service delivery system for HIV prevention, testing, and treatment and supporting activities to end the HIV epidemic in San Diego County

Recommendation(s)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Accept the Getting to Zero Implementation Plan.

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2. Direct the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to initiate action on the Getting to Zero Implementation Plan and provide annual updates to the Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

The HIV Health Services Planning Council reviewed this item at its June 22, 2016 meeting and recommended approval.

Background

HIV remains a significant public health concern in San Diego County, as it does in the rest of the nation. In 2014, there were 481 newly diagnosed cases of HIV in the County, which represents, on average, one newly diagnosed infection every 18 hours. While the number of new cases has declined 64 percent since the height of the epidemic in 1990, there is still much work to be done.

HIV prevention efforts have advanced greatly. In 2012, the Food and Drug Administration approved TRUVADA, an HIV medication, for use in HIV-negative individuals. TRUVADA may be used as a pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, and represents the first time in the history of the epidemic that there was an effective biomedical intervention for preventing HIV infection in high-risk individuals. Research supporting PrEP demonstrated that it can be up to 96 percent effective in preventing new infections. The focus on PrEP as a major public health intervention has greatly intensified during the past four years. When coupled with efforts to identify everyone who is living with HIV, link them to care, and help them remain in care over time (known as Treatment as Prevention), the County now has all the medical tools necessary to end the HIV epidemic.

On October 31, 2014, Chairman Ron Roberts and Supervisor Dave Roberts called for the formation of an Ad Hoc Task Force of the HIV Health Services Planning Council to review the state of HIV in San Diego County and formulate a set of recommendations for improving outcomes related to HIV. The Board of Supervisors adopted those recommendations on March 1, 2016 (25) as the Getting to Zero initiative. The implementation plan (Attachment A) for Getting to Zero outlines how the County will address the six general recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Task force:

- 1) Promoting awareness of HIV as a major public health concern.
- 2) Engaging public and private health care systems in Getting to Zero.
- 3) Implementing pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to reduce new HIV infections.
- 4) Using HIV and STD surveillance data to improve health outcomes for persons living with HIV and identify individuals at high risk for HIV infection.

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- 5) Developing specific strategies to reduce disproportionalities among key populations.
- 6) Pursuing policies that will help achieve Getting to Zero.

The plan will be implemented in close partnership with research institutions, federally qualified health centers, community-based organizations, and advocates. Each of these partners has a long and impressive history of dedicated, compassionate, and culturally responsive service delivery to the diverse communities disproportionately impacted by HIV. Moreover, as new partners emerge, they will be welcomed into this service delivery system. The energy and expertise of all of these partners, whether existing or emerging, will be essential for Getting to Zero.

To measure our progress, staff will develop an evaluation framework, informed by several national models and stakeholder input from citizen advisory boards. From the national models, the County will select measures and objectives that are most relevant to the local HIV epidemic. Additionally, the input of key stakeholders and communities impacted by HIV is critical for building an evaluation framework that will be meaningful for the County’s diverse population. Staff will also provide annual updates on the status of efforts underway and completed.

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

Today’s proposed actions support the Safe Communities initiative in the County of San Diego’s 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, as well as the *Live Well San Diego* vision, by improving the service delivery system for HIV prevention, testing, and treatment and supporting activities to end the HIV epidemic in San Diego County.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A - Getting to Zero Implementation Plan

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
March 1, 2016 (25) - Getting to Zero Initiative

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services Agency

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