

**INTRA-JURISDICTIONAL**

**EHE ↔ FTC**  
**ALIGNMENT**

**2023/2024 WORKSHOPS**



Washington, DC | April 30, 2024

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# WELCOME



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) and Fast-Track Cities Institute, welcome to one of the 19 workshops we are coordinating across the country to align efforts between the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) and Fast-Track Cities (FTC) initiatives. We are delighted to convene local stakeholders today to focus on the progress made and challenges left to overcome as Washington, DC, strives to attain EHE and FTC objectives.

During this EHE-FTC Alignment Workshop, you will engage in discussions about efforts to ensure equitable access to HIV testing, prevention, care, treatment, and social support services within the context of an environment enabled to respect every person's dignity. You will also hear from peers at the city, county, and state about cross-cutting challenges to prevention and treatment policy implementation, county-state policy alignment, and community access to HIV services; and will participate in moderated discussions about criminalization as a barrier to ending HIV, equitably scaling up PrEP access and utilization, and implementing HIV status neutrality in practice. While our goals may seem ambitious for a one-day workshop, I view today as an important first step in leveraging the power of partnership between the EHE and FTC initiatives.

Thank you to our colleagues from Washington, DC, who advised us on the workshop program and faculty selection. We also express our gratitude to our panelists and presenters for sharing their expertise around various aspects of the HIV response that are critical to our collective success. We appreciate ViiV Healthcare for supporting this series of EHE-FTC Alignment Workshops as part of their longstanding corporate partnership with Fast-Track Cities. Ultimately, I recognize the multistakeholder HIV leadership on display in Washington, DC, including from Mayor Muriel Bowser, who is demonstrating the important role political determinants of health can play in improving the health and well-being of her constituents.

In closing, I take this opportunity to invite you to join us at the Fast-Track Cities 2024 conference, which will take place October 13-15, 2024, in Paris, France. Our aim is to highlight success across the Fast-Track Cities network and share best practices in accelerating urban HIV, tuberculosis, and viral hepatitis responses. I encourage you to take advantage of an opportunity to learn from the other 550-plus cities and municipalities worldwide that are committed to ending their urban HIV epidemics by 2030.

I wish you continued success as you strive to attain EHE and FTC objectives on a trajectory towards getting to zero new HIV infections, zero AIDS-related deaths, and zero HIV-related stigma.

Warmest regards,



Dr. José M. Zuniga  
President/CEO

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

## Registration

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

## Welcome Remarks

### Welcome and Workshop Overview



Dashiell Sears  
Regional Director, North America  
Fast-Track Cities Institute

### Welcome and Opening Remarks



Dr. José M. Zuniga  
President/CEO  
IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities Institute



Dr. Ayanna Bennett  
Director  
DC Health

### Welcome on Behalf of UNAIDS



Vinay Saldanha  
Director, U.S. Liaison Office  
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

### Welcome on Behalf of US Department of Health and Human Services



Dr. Marissa Robinson  
Health Equity Specialist Lead  
Office of Infectious Disease and  
HIV/AIDS Policy

### Welcome on Behalf of District of Columbia EHE



Clover Barnes  
Senior Deputy Director  
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD  
& TB Administration

### Welcome on Behalf of Community



George S. Kerr, III  
Community Coordinator  
District of Columbia Center for  
AIDS Research (DC CFAR)  
Chair  
National CFAR CAB Coalition

### Welcome on Behalf of ViiV Healthcare



J. Maurice McCants-Pearsall  
Director, Government Relations  
ViiV Healthcare US

## OVERVIEW OF LOCAL EHE PLAN STATUS

9:45 AM – 10:25 AM

### Presentations

#### Increasing Engagement to Testing and Rapid START



Jason Beverly  
STD & TB Control Division Chief  
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD  
& TB Administration

#### Increasing Engagement to Biomedical Prevention



Dr. Rachel Harold  
Supervisory Medical Officer  
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD  
& TB Administration

#### Eliminating Disparities in HIV Health Outcomes



Dr. Ashley Elliott  
Clinical Psychologist & Consultant  
Vivid Wellness Collective, LLC

#### Reducing Stigma in Clinical and Community Settings



Dr. Maranda Ward  
Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical  
Research and Leadership  
George Washington University

10:25 AM – 10:55 AM

### Discussion

10:55 AM – 11:15 AM

### Break

## IDENTIFYING CROSS-CUTTING CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING EHE AND FTC OBJECTIVES

11:15 AM – 11:55 AM

### Presentations

#### Prevention Policy and Implementation



Kenya Hutton  
Deputy Director  
Center for Black Equity

#### Treatment Policy and Implementation



Dr. Susan Shepard  
Executive Director  
Terrific, Inc.

#### County and State Policy Alignment



Gregorio Millett  
Vice President and Director  
DC Policy Office  
amfAR

#### Community Access to Holistic HIV Services



Dr. DeMarc Hickson  
Executive Director  
Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.

11:55 AM – 1:25 PM

### Lunch Break and Discussion

## MODERATED DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR EHE AND FTC

1:25 PM – 1:55 PM

### Addressing Criminalization as a Barrier

#### MODERATOR



Dr. Kim Blankenship  
Distinguished Professor, Sociology  
American University

#### PANELISTS

Leslie Demus  
Manager, Substance Use Disorders  
Unity Healthcare

Jona Tanguay  
Medical Program Lead, Substance Use Disorders  
Whitman-Walker Health

Dr. Monica Ruiz  
Associate Professor  
Dept. of Prevention and Community Health  
Milken Institute School of Public Health  
George Washington University

1:55 PM – 2:25 PM

### Scaling Up PrEP Access and Utilization

#### MODERATOR



Dr. David Fessler  
Director of Clinical Practice  
Whitman-Walker Health

#### PANELISTS

Martha Sichone-Cameron  
Regional Coordinator, International Community of Women  
Living with HIV - North America  
Georgetown University

Camilla Stanley  
Investigator  
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD  
& TB Administration

Brian Hujdich  
Executive Director  
HealthHIV and National Coalition for LGBT Health

2:25 PM – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Optimizing Social Determinants for U=U

MODERATOR



George S. Kerr, III  
Community Coordinator  
District of Columbia Center for AIDS  
Research (DC CFAR)  
Chair  
National CFAR CAB Coalition

PANELISTS

Anthony Fox  
Division Chief  
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD  
& TB Administration

Dr. DeMarc Hickson  
Executive Director  
Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.

Dr. Leah Varga  
Assistant Research Professor  
Milken Institute of Public Health  
George Washington University  
Health Literacy Program Manager  
DC Health Office of Health Equity

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Implementing HIV Status Neutrality in Practice

MODERATOR



Abby Charles  
Program Manager  
Institute for Public Health Innovation

PANELISTS

Dr. Suyanna Barker  
Chief of Programs and Community Services  
La Clinica del Pueblo

Michael Shankle  
Chief Operating Officer  
Washington Health Institute

Clover Barnes  
Senior Deputy Director  
DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD  
& TB Administration

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3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Identified Challenges and Opportunities to EHE  
in Washington, DC



Scott Lyles  
EHE-FTC Alignment Consultant  
Fast-Track Cities Institute

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Actionable EHE and FTC Implementation Steps



Dashiell Sears  
Regional Director, North America  
Fast-Track Cities Institute

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Closing Remarks and Call for Solidarity



Dr. José M. Zuniga  
President/CEO  
IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities Institute



Dr. Colton Nguyen  
Executive Director  
360Healthx Corp.

4:30 PM

Adjourn

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Workshop Location

DC Health Headquarters  
2201 Shannon PL SE  
Washington, DC, 20020

## Slide Presentations

Slide presentations will be shared with you electronically following the workshop.

## Social Media

IAPAC encourages you to use social media to communicate your thoughts about the workshop proceedings. Please use the @IAPAC and @FastTrackCities handles.

## Internet Access

Participants will have access to wireless Internet both in the workshop and throughout the building.

## Questions

If you have any questions, please contact FTCI's North American Regional Director, Dashiell Sears.

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