

COMMUNITY REENTRY PROJECT: PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ILLINOIS HIV/ AIDS STRATEGIC PLAN

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Presentation Overview

- Creating the HIV, Corrections and Reentry Section of the *Illinois HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan*
- Progress to Date on the HIV, Corrections and Reentry Section
 - Examples of Successes and Challenges
- Next Steps

Strategic Plan: Background

- 2011: PHIMC worked with CRP and partners statewide to create an HIV, Corrections and Reentry Section
 - Only plan to address corrections and reentry populations
- 2012 – 2014: Section reviewed, refined, updated
 - Information gathering and implementation progress monitored
- 2014: Continue gathering information and monitoring progress
 - Begin planning for next strategic plan.

Strategic Plan Partners

The following contributed to the development and implementation of the plan:

- Government: Governor's Office, IDPH, IDOC, Cermak Health Services, local health departments
- Non Government:
 - 30+ community based HIV and reentry organizations
 - ACA/Medicaid enrollment organizations
 - Representatives from advocacy organizations, Universities and Schools of Medicine, and other stakeholders

Strategic Plan: Goals

- Goals aligned with national HIV/AIDS Strategy goals:
 - 1. Reduce new HIV infections
 - 2. Increase access to care and improve health outcomes
 - 3. Reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequities
 - 4. Achieve and more coordinated response
 - 5. Other/Cross cutting issues
- Created strategies and activities for each goal

Strategic Plan: Implementation

- Entire plan reviewed via statewide meetings
 - affirmed priorities
 - Identify additional activities
 - Assess and document progress and identify sources of information; Identify and agree upon modifications
 - Used to guide meeting topics and speakers, and activities to undertake

EXAMPLES OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES BY GOALS

Strategic Plan Accomplishments

- Monitored impact of ACA/Medicaid expansion (preparation, enrollment, post enrollment work)
- Monitored and supported expanded HIV testing in jails and IDOC (and related activities)
 - HIV/jails survey and outreach to Sheriff's Association
- Expanded CCM beyond Chicago Metro area
- Advocated for access to HIV meds on work release

Strategic Plan: Gaps and Challenges

- Few resources added during Plan's timeframe
 - Organizations and individuals are stretched
 - Few funding opportunities
- Changing landscape
 - ACA/Medicaid Expansion
 - IDOC prison closures and mergers
 - Cuts in publicly-funded behavioral health services
 - Changing demographics in reentry populations
- Ongoing challenges
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Services for sex offenders
 - Cultural competency

Accomplishments for Goal 1: Reduce New Infections

- 1.2: Support efforts to expand testing in IDOC facilities
 - Supported opt-out legislation
 - IDPH working with IDOC to enhance PS
 - Partners had opportunity to review and comment on policy
- 1.3: Work with Sheriffs/county jails to expand access to HIV education and HIV testing
 - 2012 survey of all jails (to be repeated)
 - 2014 presentation to Sheriff's Association's Medical Facility meeting
 - CAPUS

Challenges for Goal 1: Reduce New HIV Infections

- 1.4: Provide access to harm reduction materials to inmates and detainees
 - Partners have reviewed programs in jails in other states and will share information with CCJ
- 1.5: Expand the harm reduction discharge packet to inmates and detainees statewide.
 - Tried with CAPUS but to date only Peoria County is the only one who coordinates this activity
 - No work yet with IDOC

Accomplishments for Goal 2: Increase Access to Care and Improve Health

- 2.2: Identify and discuss ways to build on UIC's HIV telemedicine program's success
 - Creation of 1-800 cards
 - Can now offer incentives, transportation vouchers, and linkage to Corrections Case Management
- 2.5: Release individuals with more HIV meds to bridge the time it takes to enroll in ADAP
 - IDOC reinforced 30-day policy for HIV meds
 - ADAP allowed enrollment to begin pre-release

Challenges for Goal 2: Increase Access to Care and Improve Health cont.

- 2.1: Work with HIV CARE Connect to enhance corrections and reentry specific information on the website
 - Have had preliminary discussions
- 2.3 Expand SOHs....for sex offenders
 - Need to meet with supervisors of sex offenders to discuss supervision issues & how to provide these services

Challenges for Goal 2: Increase Access to Care and Improve Health cont.

- 2.4: Expand the use of a tool a discharge planning tool by correctional facilities (like the one created by the CORE Center)
 - Community based medical providers want more complete forms
 - Non-medical community providers not getting information from corrections or community med providers
 - IDOC not finding out what happens to individuals in the community
 - need to educate community providers about the form and the importance of sharing information on missed appointments

Challenges for Goal 2: Increase Access to Care and Improve Health cont.

- 2.6: Identify ways to ensure individuals have access to health care while on Work Release
 - IDPH worked with HRSA to allow ADAP to provide HIV meds
- 2.8: Expand access to HIV care and linkage to services upon release from jails
 - CAPUS expanded HIV testing in 14 jails
 - CCM expanded to 3 more counties: Jackson, Sangamon and Will

Challenges for Goal 2: Increase Access to Care and Improve Health cont.

- 2.11: Increase access to substance abuse treatment services
 - Statewide lack of services, esp. residential
 - Publically funded services completely eliminated in some parts of the state
 - This issue goes beyond health insurance

Accomplishments for Goal 3: Reduce HIV-related Disparities and Health Inequities

- 3.1: Provide cultural competency training within correctional facilities, including security staff, with a focus on LGBT populations
 - MATEC updated IDOC's HIV education for new staff training on which included a slide to discuss stigma
 - DJJ they has implemented an LGBT policy on discrimination for staff and inmates.
- Many of the other goals and their activities impact this goal (e.g., CAPUS, HIV meds on work release, increased access to health insurance, ACA and Medicaid Expansion)

Challenges for Goal 3: Reduce HIV-related Disparities and Health Inequities

- 3.1: Provide cultural competency training within correctional facilities, including security staff, with a focus on LGBT populations
 - Some accomplishments but additional work needs to be done
 - Training needs to include security staff
 - Need to work with correctional facilities to identify additional training opportunities
- 3.2: Conduct social marketing campaigns and education to reduce HIV stigma, including normalizing testing
 - Lack resources to do this work and support the campaign

Challenges for Goal 3: Reduce HIV-related Disparities and Health Inequities cont.

- 3.3: Conduct gender specific programming that addresses domestic violence, lifelong abuse, and assault to reduce both HIV transmission and recidivism
 - Need to identify what currently exists, best practices and opportunities
 - A policy now exists for HIV Case Managers on addressing domestic violence
- 3.4: Support and increase Family Reunification activities
 - Lack resources and funding opportunities

Accomplishments for Goal 4: Achieving a More Coordinated Response

- 4.1: Support meetings and activities that bring corrections and reentry service providers together
 - Quarterly statewide meeting
 - This preconference session
- 4.3: Improve the coordination and integration of existing and new reentry activities
 - IDOC released an RFP for this
 - Identify and participate in reentry group meeting across state
 - Resource directory

Challenges for Goal 4: Achieving a More Coordinated Response

- 4.2: Provide statewide training for FAITH based organizations on corrections and reentry populations and HIV
 - Need to identify what is currently happening, gaps and opportunities for collaboration

Accomplishments for Goal 5: Other/ Cross-Cutting Issues

- 5.2: Improve access to and the use of data for reentry services
 - Improved HIV data from IDOC and jails with opt-out testing
 - Working with SPAC to gather data for analysis

Challenges for Goal 5: Other/Cross Cutting Issues

- 5.1: Identify ways to make anger management classes more affordable, especially for those who have it as a stipulation
 - Few affordable resources, especially downstate
 - Individual programs working to make it available to their clients
 - Need to compile list of resources and barriers
- 5.3: Assess if individuals' needs are being met in IDOC and identifying the reasons for recidivism among HIV-positive individuals
 - Not clear how to gather this information

Challenges for Goal 5: Other/Cross Cutting Issues cont.

- 5.5: Identify additional transitional housing, permanent housing, SROs and assisted living facilities
 - Lack of affordable housing options
 - Additional barriers for reentry populations
- 5.6: Develop programs & policies to help parents make legal plans for their children while incarcerated & help resolve custody when a parent re-enters
 - form a work group with IDOC and DCFS to look at permanency/ temporary custody issues
 - Begin a pilot program

Next Steps

- Create a final report in 2016
- Continue work on outstanding activities for current plan
- Develop a communication plan
- Planning for next strategic plan
- Continue and expand efforts to engage non-Chicago metro area stakeholders
 - Convene in-person statewide meeting or conference
 - Continue to monitor impact of ACA/Medicaid expansion on reentry populations
- Thoughts on potential financial and other resources that can support this work
- What would you like to see?

Discussion on Current Strategic Plan

- Feedback on current Plan
 - Process
 - Goals and activities
 - Other
- Reminder of current goals
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Discussion on Next Strategic Plan

- Brainstorm for next Plan