

Quality of Life and Social Determinants Committee

Goal 3B.3: Address social determinants through a multi-level approach that reduces new cases and sustains health equity.

Key Activities:

- Increase service provider knowledge and capability to assess those in need of ancillary services.
- Provide funded organizations with payment points for linking people to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), keeping appointments, and then linking people on PrEP to housing, transportation, food assistance, and other supportive services.
- Develop mental health and substance use campaigns to support self-efficacy/resiliency.
- Promote having health departments partner more with colleges and school districts, the Houston Health Department Bureau of Youth and Adolescent Health to create a tailored strategic plan that better engages adolescent Houstonians/ Harris Countians.
- Revitalize the Youth Task Force and seek funding for adolescent-focused initiatives.
- Engage healthcare programs regarding inclusion of all HIV prevention strategies in their curriculums to educate future practitioners (e.g., medical, nurse practitioner, nursing, and other healthcare programs).
- Reduce stigma and increase knowledge and awareness of PrEP and Treatment as Prevention (TasP) through a biannual inclusive public health campaign focused on all populations.
- Train the workforce on patient-centered (i.e., status-neutral and trauma informed) prevention approaches to build a quality care system.

Goal 5A: Improve quality of life for persons living with HIV by promoting unfettered access to high-quality, life-extending prevention and care services through the identification of the top three services people needed but couldn't access as well as the top three barriers. We will identify the number of people in need of service and who couldn't access it. This will decrease by focusing on the most needed and least accessible services and the populations benefiting least from these services by making services available, accessible and affordable for three years.

Goal 5B: Increase the proportion of people with diagnosed HIV who report good or better health to 95% from a 2018 baseline of 71.5%.

Activity: See Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP).

Goal 5C: Decrease by 50% the proportion of people with diagnosed HIV who report an unmet need for services from a mental health professional from a 2017 baseline of 24.2%.

Activity: See Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP).

Goal 5D: Decrease by 50% the proportion of people with diagnosed HIV who report ever being hungry and not eating because there wasn't enough money for food from a 2017 baseline of 21.1%.

Activity: See Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP).

Goal 5E: Decrease by 50% the proportion of people with diagnosed HIV who report being out of work from a 2017 baseline of 14.9%.

Activity: See Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP).

Goal 5F: Decrease by 50% the proportion of people with diagnosed HIV who report being unstably housed or homeless from a 2018 baseline of 21.0%.

Activity: See Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP).

Goal 5G: For 3 years, continue to host quarterly meetings of the Houston Area HIV Data Committee in order to (1) learn about the different data being collected; (2) create and maintain an inventory of HIV data being collected; and (3) distribute the resulting inventory of data to Houston area researchers, students, people living with HIV and others to maximize the use of these data to benefit people living with HIV.

HIV and Aging Workgroup

Key Activities:

- *Continue to host Quality of Life workgroup meetings that started in Houston on 03/21/22 and were co-hosted by Community Planning Group (CPG) and the Ryan White Planning Council.*

Housing Workgroup

Key Activities:

- *To be determined.*

Racial and Social Justice Workgroup

Key Activities:

- *Continue to host Racial and Social Justice Workgroup meetings that started in Houston on 04/15/21 and were co-hosted by Community Planning Group (CPG) and the Ryan White Planning Council.*