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National HIV/AIDS Strategy

The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination - President Barack Obama

- Reducing HIV incidence
- Increasing access to care and optimizing health outcomes
- Reducing HIV-related health disparities
Healthcare Reform

After a century of striving, after a year of debate, after a historic vote, health care reform is no longer an unmet promise. It is the law of the land - President Barack Obama

- Increase access to health insurance for 30 million more Americans
- Increase access to HIV medications
- Mechanism to pay for healthcare & treatment
Science: Treatment As Prevention (TasP)

HPTN 052 is a Phase III, two-arm, multi-site, randomized trial to determine the effectiveness of two treatment strategies in preventing the sexual transmission of HIV in HIV-sero-discordant couples. To us mere mortals...

- AIDS medications reduce viral load
- Undetectable viral load = difficult transmit virus
- Reduced HIV transmission by 96%
- End Epidemic
HIV in America

- 50,000 new cases annually
- Young gay men are the only group to increase in number of new Infections, particularly young gay men of color
- Gay men and black women disproportionately impacted
- No clear numbers for Trans community
- Transgender women who have a history of sex work are 25 times more likely to be HIV+
- Number #1 killer of gay men in America

Case Study: Massachusetts
Massachusetts is one place where it’s working…

- In 2006, under Governor Romney, Massachusetts required health insurance for all its citizens
- As a result, more than 70% of the HIV positive Americans who live in Massachusetts are on ART
  - Compared to 36% nationally
- Number of new HIV infections in Massachusetts since 2000 has decreased by 45%
  - Compared to new national cases that remain @ 50,000 annually
- Injection drug use as mode of transmission
  - New HIV infections decreased from 20% of all the cases to 11% - nearly by half

There are so many people on treatment that new infections are dwindling — a tipping point after years of persistent infection rates.
Overarching Goals

- Find a vaccine and cure
- All Americans living with HIV should have access to healthcare and see their provider(s) regularly
- Access to antiretroviral treatment, if prescribed
- Starting HIV treatment is an individual's decision in consultation with their healthcare provider
- Rights of individual vs. society's rights
- Oppose criminalization of HIV transmission
- Flight HIV/LGBT stigma and discrimination

2013 Milestone: Enrollment In Heath Insurance Begins Fall 2013
2014 Milestone: Access to ACA for PLWHA January 2014
LGBT Leadership

- Support Goal - *END HIV/AIDS in America*
- Engage and educate LGBT constituents
- State Organizations: monitor state health exchanges & essential benefits packages; work to oppose HIV criminalization and eliminate structural barriers to prevention and access to treatment
- LGBT Centers: HIV testing, health literacy, ACA enrollment and retention in care,
- National LGBT Organizations: work collaboratively on federal and state advocacy. Work collaboratively to eliminate structural barriers to prevention and access to treatment
- AIDS Organizations: stronger partnerships with LGBT organizations to support mutual constituents
Our World

- 34 million people worldwide are living with HIV
- 30 million people died of HIV diseases
- In 2011, 2.5 million people were infected with HIV
- We Can Do Better—We Can End This Epidemic