



# Meeting Minutes

Oregon HIV/Viral Hepatitis/Sexually Transmitted Infection  
Integrated Planning Group (IPG)

Date: **March 1, 2017**

Number present: 31

Agenda Item/Topic	Key Themes in Discussion
<b>Welcome, Observance, Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annick Benson-Scott, HIV/STD/TB Section Manager at OHA, shared recent statements by Governor Brown and OHA Director, Lynne Saxton, about the State of Oregon’s commitment to ensuring equal access to services for Oregonians. (<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive_orders/eo_17-04.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive_orders/eo_17-04.pdf</a>, <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/Documents/LegislativeReport_Q2-Q3_2016.pdf">http://www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/Documents/LegislativeReport_Q2-Q3_2016.pdf</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>End HIV Oregon Campaign Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were comments from representatives of Let’s Kick Ass that messaging that says PLWH are “leading long and healthy lives” is problematic as it glosses over the challenges survivors have gone through and continue to face. Other long-term survivors at the meeting concurred. OHA will modify the language in these materials to say “longer and healthier lives” and will seek feedback on ongoing modifications, in order to create better products that consider these concerns.</li> <li>• There is a new NASTAD statement that indicates that people living with HIV who are on ART and are durably virally suppressed...do not transmit the virus to others.” (<a href="https://www.nastad.org/blog/statement-risk-sexual-transmission-hiv-virally-suppressed-people-living-hiv">https://www.nastad.org/blog/statement-risk-sexual-transmission-hiv-virally-suppressed-people-living-hiv</a>)</li> <li>• There was a recommendation to add links to the PrEP directories on the End HIV Oregon website.</li> <li>• There was a suggestion that we should add MSM with rectal gonorrhea to our priority populations for PrEP along with syphilis.</li> </ul>
<b>Early Intervention Services (TEST / TREAT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a recommendation to consider how pharmacists can help support the End HIV Oregon goals around EIS, HIV testing &amp; testing reminders, and other services, like PrEP.</li> </ul>

<b>Oregon’s Comprehensive Sexuality Education Law (PREVENTION / PARTNERSHIP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was discussion about how the work being done around Oregon’s comprehensive sexuality education law supports HIV stigma prevention by dismantling misinformation early on.</li> <li>• Sheilagh Johnson offered various resources about current policies and practices related to sexuality education in Oregon.</li> </ul>
<b>Retooling IPG to Facilitate End HIV Oregon Goals (OPERATIONS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPG members – Diversity was a predominant theme: one person per group/organization/agency, emerging professionals and practitioners, providers, people from marginalized communities, Parts A and B representatives, Clark County, community members, CBOs, individuals not involved in HIV/STI field, geographic distribution, people with intersectional identities</li> <li>• The operations committee could be a training/leadership development opportunity to encourage new and seasoned members to participate</li> <li>• Technology – Allows more diverse participation. Having a few “satellite” locations for regional meetings, or to join in on a larger state-wide meeting. Face-to-face/in-person interaction is important. If we have remote meetings, it is important to actively engage those via phone or computer.</li> <li>• Subcommittees – Ideas included stigma, recruitment, HIV screening, PLWH, PrEP, public school education, minority groups’ outreach, and legislative or policy.</li> <li>• Meeting structure – Suggestions included both shorter meetings more frequently, a mix of in-person and tech-based meetings, and different locations. More preparation for the meetings was recommended, having materials to review prior to the meeting so that the meeting can focus on discussion and planning.</li> </ul>
<b>Increasing Access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) (PREVENT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were some questions/discussion about how we are getting the word out about PrEP. Radio and public service announcements were suggested by some members.</li> <li>• Patients who have problems accessing PrEP or have other problems with medical providers should feel free to call AETC. They can tailor training or offer resources to providers who are identified as needing support.</li> <li>• There was some discussion about the fact that many medical providers are unprepared/not skilled at taking sexual health histories—this was discussed in the context of assessment findings relating to provider knowledge and comfort with PrEP. These are issues that OHA is partnering with AETC to address, and which are certainly related to our ability to achieve our End HIV Oregon goals related to PrEP.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Items, Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHA will send out the revised Member Application and Policies &amp; Procedures to all IPG members for comment. They will be revised per member feedback and finalized before the next IPG meeting.</li> </ul>

- CAP is opening its new primary care clinic soon which will focus on LGBTQ+ health. All are welcome—the + recognizes that culture is continuously evolving. Prism Health will be conveniently located at 2236 SE Belmont Street in Portland, Oregon. In addition to comprehensive primary care, it is anticipated that the health center will also offer specialized services for the transgender community, HIV and sexually-transmitted disease testing, mental health care, and integrated pharmacy services.
- Let's Kick ASS announced a call to action for House Bill 3086. At the date of the meeting, the bill was still in the process of being written. In short, it will amend Oregon Administrative Rules to add HIV-related lipodystrophy to the existing mandate that insurance of all types cover HIV/AIDS treatments. See the organization's website at [letskickasspdx.org](http://letskickasspdx.org) for more information.
- HIV Alliance is having a benefit on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It is a disco-themed event at a vineyard. See <http://hivalliance.org/> for more information.
- Let's Kick ASS is working with AARP on a series of short film projects, including a public service announcement and a short film to be shown on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day. They are looking for long-term survivors to participate. Please contact the organization for more information.
- The next IPG meeting is on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Salem. Details are on the IPG Website.