

This newsletter is organized to align the updates with Strategies from the ***Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero: California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan*** (Integrated Plan). The [Integrated Plan](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP_2016_Final_ADA.pdf) is available on the Office of AIDS' (OA) website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP_2016_Final_ADA.pdf.

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Staff Highlight:

OA is pleased to congratulate Executive Assistant, **Karen Doran** on her retirement. With nearly 35 years of State service, we were fortunate that the last dozen years were with us. Karen wrote a heartfelt message she'd like to share:

Dear OA Team,

As time is drawing near, I want to let everyone know that my last day will be June 30th. As I venture on to a new chapter in my life--retirement, I want to let everyone know how much I will miss you and what a great pleasure it has been to know and work with many of you. Due to the "Shelter in Place," it's unfortunate that I will not have the experience of seeing you in the workplace before returning to the office. I will cherish the memories that I had working with you all throughout the years.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to have worked for the State of California for almost 35 years (short of 1 month and a half) and was fortunate to work in several interesting state offices: 16 years at Sonoma Developmental Center, Department of Developmental Services, 6 years at Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSPHD), and 12 years at OA.

It has been a pleasure and an eventful experience to have worked in the capacity as the



Executive Assistant for three chiefs through my tenure at OA. I must say that Marisa has made the most positive changes to the office, and I am most grateful to have had the opportunity to work for her. I wish to convey many thanks to Marisa and the Division team for being so proactive and successful in the work you do for the State and OA. Also, I couldn't have done my work effectively without the support from the Administrative Support staff as you are always there when I needed you. I greatly appreciate the management and program staff and the great work that you all do for your programs in fulfilling the mission of the OA in "Ending the HIV Epidemic." Once again, I will miss you all dearly with too many names to mention. I am proud to say that I had the opportunity to have worked with you in support of the Office of AIDS.

“The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.”

- Steve Jobs

As I look forward to working on my unfinished projects such as working on my cars, spending time with my grandchildren, my dogs, joining the gym, traveling, and living the life of leisure, I will continue to cherish the memories of knowing and working with all of you.

*Wishing you all the best!
Stay well and safe!*

*Your friend and colleague,
Karen Doran*



General Office Updates:

COVID-19:

OA is committed to providing updated information related to COVID-19. We have disseminated a number of documents in an effort to keep our clients and stakeholders informed. Please refer to our [OA website](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/doa/pages/oamain.aspx) at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/doa/pages/oamain.aspx, to stay informed.

HIV/STD/HCV Integration Update:

As the lead state department in the COVID-19 response, the CDPH has re-directed hundreds

of staff to this effort. Because of this, there is a temporary pause on the integration efforts of the OA, STD Control Branch, and Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention until the Department gets back to normal. We have made tremendous progress in the past few months, establishing numerous action teams to define a future integrated organization. We do not want to lose this momentum, and we will not. We have the commitment of our contractor, who greatly understands the Department's predicament, to continue right where we are pausing, as soon as the COVID-19 related workload on our staff lets up.

Strategy A: Improve Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Utilization

PrEP Assistance Program (PrEP-AP):

As of April 27, 2020, there are 207 PrEP-AP enrollment sites covering 157 clinics that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider network. A [comprehensive list of the PrEP-AP Provider Network](https://cdphdata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6878d3a1c9724418aebfea96878cd5b2) can be found at <https://cdphdata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6878d3a1c9724418aebfea96878cd5b2>.

Data on active PrEP-AP clients can be found in the tables below.

Strategy F: Improve Overall Quality of HIV-Related Care

The HIV Care Program (HCP), Clinical Quality Management (CQM) program released the [CQM Plan 2020-2023](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CQM_Plan20-23_ADA.pdf). It is now available at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CQM_Plan20-23_ADA.pdf. The CQM program coordinates activities aimed at improving care, health outcomes, and satisfaction for Californians served the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B grant. The CQM Plan is a living document that describes all aspects of the CQM program including goals, infrastructure, performance

Active PrEP-AP Clients by Age and Insurance Coverage:

Current Age	PrEP-AP Only		PrEP-AP With Medi-Cal		PrEP-AP With Medicare		PrEP-AP With Private Insurance		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
18 - 24	148	4%	---	---	---	---	150	4%	298	8%
25 - 34	1,071	28%	3	0%	1	0%	836	22%	1,911	50%
35 - 44	612	16%	---	---	3	0%	352	9%	966	25%
45 - 64	280	7%	---	---	24	1%	234	6%	538	14%
65+	6	0%	---	---	111	3%	14	0%	131	3%
TOTAL	2,117	55%	3	0%	139	4%	1,586	41%	3,844	100%

Active PrEP-AP Clients by Age and Race/Ethnicity:

Current Age	Latinx		White		Black or African American		Asian		American Indian or Alaskan Native		Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		More Than One Race Reported		Decline to Provide		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
18 - 24	119	3%	86	2%	29	1%	39	1%	---	---	2	0%	9	0%	14	0%	298	8%
25 - 34	848	22%	596	16%	145	4%	205	5%	---	---	6	0%	38	1%	73	2%	1,911	50%
35 - 44	458	12%	320	8%	68	2%	71	2%	3	0%	3	0%	9	0%	34	1%	966	25%
45 - 64	220	6%	230	6%	36	1%	39	1%	2	0%	1	0%	2	0%	8	0%	538	14%
65+	11	0%	110	3%	4	0%	4	0%	1	0%	---	---	1	0%	---	---	131	3%
TOTAL	1,656	43%	1,342	35%	282	7%	358	9%	6	0%	12	0%	59	2%	129	3%	3,844	100%

Both PrEP-AP charts prepared by: ADAP Fiscal Forecasting Evaluation and Monitoring (AFFEM) Section, ADAP and Care Evaluation and Informatics Branch, Office of AIDS. Client was eligible for PrEP-AP as of run date: 05/31/2020 at 11:14:45 PM
Data source: ADAP Enrollment System. Site assignments are based on the site that submitted the most recent application.

measures, quality improvement activities and evaluation of the CQM program. In addition, the CQM Plan outlines the CQM program requirements HCP subrecipients must adhere to.

If you have [questions regarding the CQM program](#), including requirements outlined in the CQM Plan, please email RW.PartBCQM@cdph.ca.gov.

Strategy J: Increase Rates of Insurance/Benefits Coverage for PLWH or on PrEP

ADAP's Insurance Assistance Programs:

As of May 27, 2020, the number of ADAP clients enrolled in each respective ADAP Insurance Program are shown in the chart below.

Strategy K: Increase and Improve HIV Prevention and Support Services for People Who Use Drugs

On May 11, 2020, CDPH authorized Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction & Community Outreach. Approval times and locations:

- Harmony Health: Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at 1908 North Beale Road, Marysville, CA 95901;
- Yuba County Mobile Location: The area bound by the Yuba river, F Street and

Second Street, extending as far west as Second Street is paved. Monday from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM; and

- Sutter County Mobile Location: The area bound by 9800 block of Second Street and the area where Second Street and Levee Road merge, extending as far west as the Feather River edge. Monday from 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

On May 14, 2020, CDPH authorized Stockton Harm Reduction Program Mobile services are approved on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM every other week. The area of operation will be in the south area of Stockton bounded to the north by Highway 4, to the west by Highway 5, to the south by Charter Way, and to the east by South Wilson Way.

Article of interest: [The Impact of COVID-19 on Syringe Services Programs in the United States](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10461-020-02886-2) (https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10461-020-02886-2).

Strategy O: Further Leverage Existing Resources to Better Meet the Needs of People at Risk for and Living With HIV in California

California's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients received [\\$8.8 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security](#)

ADAP Insurance Assistance Program	Number of Clients Enrolled	Percentage Change from April
Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) Program	684	-1.29%
Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Program	6,123	+2.76%
Medicare Part D Premium Payment (MDPP) Program	1,940	+1.04%
Total	8,747	+2.05%

[\(CARES\) Act Supplemental Funding](https://hab.hrsa.gov/coronavirus/cares-FY2020-awards) (<https://hab.hrsa.gov/coronavirus/cares-FY2020-awards>). For Part B, the award was \$1.5 million. To ensure the equitable distribution of these limited funds throughout California, OA only allocated these funds to those HIV Care Program (HCP) subrecipients who are not also RWHAP Part A recipients. Funding amounts were allocated based on a two-factor formula: people living with HIV and percent of population under 500% of the federal poverty level. Awards under \$2,200 were not made; these funds were distributed among the remaining 26 subrecipients. Funded services include emergency financial assistance, food bank/home-delivered meals, medical

transportation, outpatient/ambulatory health services, and mental health services.

OAs Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program received \$578,909 in CARES Act Supplemental Funding. OA funded 17 of 20 HOPWA subrecipients to provide short-term rent, mortgage, and utility (STRMU) assistance and hotel/motel stays for clients (or their family members) impacted by COVID-19.

For [questions regarding this issue of *The OA Voice*](#), please send an email to angelique.skinner@cdph.ca.gov.