

**“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.”**

### **Goal 1: Reducing New Infections**

By 2015, lower the annual number of new infections by 25%.

Reduce the HIV transmission rate by 30%.

By 2015, increase from 79% to 90% the percentage of PLWH who know their status.

#### **Action Steps:**

- 1) Intensify HIV prevention efforts in the communities where HIV is most heavily concentrated.
- 2) Expand targeted efforts to prevent HIV infection using a combination of effective, evidence-based approaches.
- 3) Educate all Americans about the threat of HIV and how to prevent it.

#### **Recommended Actions:**

- 1.1 Allocate public funding to geographic areas consistent with the epidemic.
- 1.2 Target high-risk populations.
  - 1.2.1 Prevent HIV among gay and bisexual men and transgender individuals.
  - 1.2.2 Prevent HIV among Black Americans.
  - 1.2.3 Prevent HIV among Latino Americans.
  - 1.2.4 Prevent HIV among substance users.
- 1.3 Address HIV prevention in Asian American and Pacific Islander and American Indian and Alaska Native populations.
- 1.4 Enhance program accountability.
  - 2.1 Design and evaluate innovative prevention strategies and combination approaches for preventing HIV in high-risk communities.
  - 2.2 Support and strengthen HIV screening and surveillance activities.
  - 2.3 Expand access to **effective** prevention services.
  - 2.4 Expand prevention with HIV-positive individuals.
  - 3.1 Utilize evidence-based social marketing and education campaigns.
  - 3.2 Promote age-appropriate HIV and STI prevention education for all Americans.

### **Goal 2: Increasing Access to Care and Improving Health Outcomes for PLWH**

By 2015, increase the proportion of newly diagnosed patients linked to clinical care within three months of their HIV diagnosis from 65% to 85%.

By 2015, increase the proportion of RW clients who are in continuous care from 73% to 80%.

By 2015, increase the number of RW clients with permanent housing from 82% to 86%.

#### **Action Steps:**

- 1) Establish a seamless system to immediately link people to continuous and coordinated quality care when they are diagnosed with HIV.
- 2) Take deliberate steps to increase the number and diversity of available providers of clinical care and related services for PLWH.
- 3) Support PLWH with co-occurring health conditions and those who have challenges meeting their basic needs, such as housing.

#### **Recommended Actions:**

- 1.1 Facilitate linkages to care.
- 1.2 Promote collaboration among providers.
- 1.3 Maintain people living with HIV in care.
  - 2.1 Increase the number of available providers of HIV care.
  - 2.2 Strengthen the current provider workforce to improve quality of HIV care and health outcomes for PLWH.
  - 3.1 Enhance client assessment tools and measurement of health outcomes.
  - 3.2 Address policies to promote access to housing and supportive services for PLWH.

### **Goal 3: Reducing HIV-Related Health Disparities**

Improve access to prevention and care services for all Americans.

By 2015, increase the proportion of HIV diagnosed gay and bisexual men with undetectable viral load (UVL) by 20%.

By 2015, increase the proportion of HIV diagnosed Blacks with UVL by 20%.

By 2015, increase the proportion of HIV diagnosed Latinos with UVL by 20%.

#### **Action Steps:**

- 1) Reduce HIV-related mortality in communities at high risk for HIV infection.
- 2) Adopt community-level approaches to reduce HIV infection in high-risk communities.
- 3) Reduce stigma and discrimination against PLWH.

#### **Recommended Actions:**

- 1.1 Ensure that high-risk groups have access to regular viral load and CD4 tests.
  - 2.1 Establish pilot programs that utilize community models.
  - 2.2 Measure and utilize community viral load.
  - 2.3 Promote a more holistic approach to health.
  - 3.1 Engage communities to affirm support for PLWH.
  - 3.2 Promote public leadership of PLWH.
  - 3.3 Promote public health approaches to HIV prevention and care.
  - 3.4 Strengthen enforcement of civil rights laws.

### **Goal 4: Achieving a More Coordinated National Response to the HIV Epidemic**

In order for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy to be successful, emphasis must be placed on coordination of activities among agencies and across all levels of government.

#### **Action Steps:**

- 1) Increase the coordination of HIV programs across the Federal government and between federal agencies and state, territorial, tribal, and local governments.
- 2) Develop improved mechanism to monitor and report on progress toward achieving national goals.

#### **Recommended Actions:**

- 1.1 Facilitate linkages to care.
- 1.2 Promote collaboration among providers.
- 1.3 Maintain people living with HIV in care.
  - 2.1 Provide rigorous evaluation of current programs and redirect resources to the most effective programs.
  - 2.2 Provide regular public reporting.
  - 2.3 Encourage States to provide regular progress reports.