Trump announces goal of ending HIV/AIDS epidemic by end of next decade – Who Knew?!

State of the Union Address, February 5, 2019
The Road to Ending HIV as an Epidemic in the United States
The brains behind the federal plan

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The Power behind the plan!
New CDC director predicts U.S. can end AIDS epidemic within seven years.
Ending AIDS as an Epidemic in the United States: A Roadmap for Federal Action

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Building Momentum on the Road to Ending the HIV Epidemic

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Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

HHS is proposing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to eliminate new HIV infections in our nation. The multi-year program will infuse 48 counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, as well as 7 states that have a substantial rural HIV burden with the additional expertise, technology, and resources needed to end the HIV epidemic in the United States. Our four strategies - diagnose, treat, protect, and respond - will be implemented across the entire U.S. within 10 years.

GOAL:

- **Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible after infection.
- **Treat** the infection rapidly and effectively to achieve sustained viral suppression.
- **Protect** people at risk for HIV using potent and proven prevention interventions, including PrEP, a medication that can prevent HIV infections.
- **Respond** rapidly to detect and respond to growing HIV clusters and prevent new HIV infections.

**HIV HealthForce** will establish elimination teams committed to the success of the Initiative in each jurisdiction.

The Initiative will target our resources to the 48 highest burden counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and 7 states with a substantial rural HIV burden.

Geographical Selection: Data on burden of HIV in the US shows areas where HIV transmission occurs more frequently. More than 50% of new HIV diagnoses occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, 7 states have a substantial rural burden - with over 75% cases and 10% or more of their diagnoses in rural areas.

*2016-2017 data*
JAMA Editorial - Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

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GOAL:
75% reduction in new HIV infections in 5 years
and at least 90% reduction in 10 years.

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New funding will focus on four main goals — **Diagnose, Treat, Protect, and Respond** — and support the creation of a new community-based public health entity, the **HIV HealthForce**.

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The plan focuses on **48 CDC-identified vulnerable counties**, plus DC and San Juan, as well as **7 rural states** for targeted interventions and funding.
Ending the Epidemic: A Plan for America

The plan does **not** assume any significant changes in the current health care policy & legislation landscape.
What’s missing? Where’s NHAS?

- Health Disparities
- Syndemics
- Prevent New Infections
- HIV Care & Treatment
- Invest in Research
- Structural Interventions

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- How much and where?
- For whom and for what?
- Is it enough?
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President’s Budget Request

The Presidential Budget FY20 Request proposes $291 million in funding including:

- CDC PrEP programs ($140m)
- Ryan White Program ($70m)
- HRSA Community Health Centers ($50m)
- Indian Health Service ($25m)
- NIH CFARs ($6m)
Roles of the HHS Agencies in the Plan

Overall coordination of the plan

Intensification of existing programs with communities, state and local health authorities for HIV testing, diagnosis, epidemiologic investigation of clusters and rapid linkage to HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)

Accelerate RWHAP treatment and care for those with HIV and provide PrEP for those at risk through the HRSA Health Centers Program

Focus on urban and rural tribal communities to expand access to diagnosis, prevention and treatment of HIV

Focus on Minority AIDS Program and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block grants for HIV/AIDS prevention for those with substance abuse or mental illness

Implementation science: collect and disseminate data on the effectiveness of approaches used in the initiative and inform HHS partners on best practices
But….  
The President’s Budget Cuts

President Trump also proposed level or cut funding for numerous HIV care & prevention programs:

- 12% reduction to the Department of Health and Human Services
- $424 million cut to AIDS research at the NIH
- $63m cut to HOPWA
- Flat funding for Ryan White non-Parts A & B, MAI at SAMHSA, and SMAIF

Trumps budget also seeks to change funding for Medicaid (work requirements and block grants)
In line with his “America First” priorities the president proposed significant cuts to international HIV response programs:

- $1.3B cut to PEPFAR - 22% cut
- Reduction in U.S. Global Fund contribution from 33% to 25%
BRINGING OUR MESSAGE TO HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS
The Ryan White Program would receive an additional $116 million, including $70 million for the EtE Plan.

The CDC’s Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention would receive an additional $156.9 million, including $140 million for the EtE Plan and an additional $16.9 million to expand HIV work of the Division of Adolescent and School Health.

The Community Health Centers Program would receive an additional $50 million to provide PrEP to people at risk of HIV.

NIH’s AIDS Research would receive an additional $155 million, including $6 million for EtE Plan work at the Centers for AIDS Research.

The bill also provides $15 million in additional funding to address Opioid Related Infectious Diseases.

Rider prohibiting federal spending on syringes was removed.
GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IN 2019
WHAT ABOUT FY2020?
GOP in disarray as budget impasse threatens shutdown, deep cuts and even federal default

Republican leaders have spent months cajoling President Trump in favor of a bipartisan plan that would fund the government and raise the limit on federal borrowing this fall, but their efforts have yet to produce a deal.
What’s next: 3 Pilot Plans

- OASH is directing FY2019 resources from the Minority AIDS to jumpstart initiative
- 3 local, geographically divers communities will be selected that can rapidly scale-up resources and build on previous success: DeKalb, East Baton Rouge and Baltimore City
- Each pilot jurisdiction will develop local teams and target African American and/or Latino populations
- These local teams will work closely with CDC, HRSA, SAMHSA, HIS, NIH and OASH to jumpstart the pillars of Diagnose, Treat, Protect and Respond
- Lessons learned will inform the entire Ending the Epidemic Initiative
What’s next: Jurisdictional Plans

• On June 12, CDC released RFA-PS19-1906 to support the 57 jurisdictions in creating their Ending the HIV Epidemic plans under Component B
• Funded by FY19 MAI funds
• Applications due July 12
• Jurisdictional plans to be approved by the end of 2019
• Implementation funding opportunity late-summer
What’s next: Implementation Plans

- Implementation funding opportunity late-summer
- CDC and HRSA FOAs to come out simultaneously
- Funded by FY2020 funds (to be appropriated....)
- Implementation plans must align with Jurisdictional plans
- Awards start in early 2020.
What else…

• Religious Freedom exemption
• PrEP patent and Gilead Donation of PrEP
• Title X Gag Rule
• Equality Act
• Promote Trans rights in the Military and Housing
What else…

• EtE Town Hall meetings
• National HIV/AIDS Strategy update
• National Viral Hepatitis Plan update
• New National STD Plan
• USCA Community Planning Leadership Academy, September 4 – All 57 jurisdictions invited!
AIDS United is vehemently opposed to the final rule released by the Trump Administration today that rolls back protections from discrimination in health care for LGBTQ individuals, as well as other marginalized communities. The rule, disguised as “protecting statutory conscience rights” of health care providers, grants providers exemptions from anti-discrimination regulations based on a claim of religious or moral objections.
Gilead will donate Truvada for HIV prevention, but reaction is mixed

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Jesse Milan Jr., president and chief executive of AIDS United, hailed what he called a “tremendous announcement” from Gilead Sciences. “It will make a great difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, and it will be a tremendous step toward ending the epidemic,” he said.

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THANK YOU

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