

MINUTES

Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group

June 18, 2025, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Lone Mountain Conf. Room/ 280 S Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas 89107/(TEAMS)

MEMBERS/VISITORS/PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Please see attached sign-in sheet for further information on attendance. This meeting was solely an informational meeting, and no voting took place.

I. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING AGENDA

SoN HPPG Co-chair Cheryl Radeloff confirmed this was an informational meeting only. Stated the meeting will be recorded.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

This meeting was recorded. No public health information was shared during the meeting.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM – This meeting is solely informational. Attendance did not meet quorum guidelines; no voting took place.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the public on items appearing on the agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Public Health Co-Chair C. Radeloff asked if anyone wished to address the group pertaining to items appearing on the agenda.

- Co-Chair Chris Reynolds announced the meeting would be recorded, and that per guidelines, AI, ChatGPT, Otter, or any other artificial intelligence aids are not allowed during HPPG meetings.
- [SNSMOPS — SNOAC](#) will be held August 14, 2025, from 8am to 5pm at UNLV Stirp Pavillion.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

No consent will be given for this meeting as it is solely for informational purposes.

VI. REPORT/ Discussion/ Possible Action

Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group will be given via email.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Saber es Poder – Samantha Morales, Health Educator, SNHD Office of Disease Surveillance
See presentation titled “*Creación sobre traducción.*”

- Importance of culturally competent translation versus literal drove this project.
- Empower Change Training – hybrid and always in English

- Latinos and HIV – addressing the disconnect
 - Data surrounding Latinos and HIV supported the need for interventions for this community – while HIV rates decreased for most race/ethnicity groups; HIV rates increased among Hispanic people
 - Develop and execute a plan for translation of on-line modules (page 9)
 - Utilize feedback from Latino experts
 - Identified changes
 - Name for training
 - Activities for in-person training
 - Culturally specific customs/beliefs to address
 - Culturally relevant language
 - Impactful traditions
 - Saber es Poder changes
 - Branding materials
 - Addressing Latino specific challenges during testing/counseling
 - Tailoring activities, training environment – Loteria, Latin flags and music, coffee with sweet bread
 - Lessons learned – page 18

Q: Love the flags. Was there any discussion on presenting rates of HIV within each of those countries?

A: Flags were to create familiarity not data. It's difficult to get those rates from other countries.

Q: ACTS on Backs – Loteria game, are there more than the one shown in the presentation?

A: Yes, there are a mix of cards.

Q: Will CEUs be offered?

A: Not at this time.

Q: Is the training free?

A: Yes.

Q: Has this launched yet?

A: Not yet, but it will launch before the end of the year.

C: Saber es Poder will meet State requirements in place of English training version.

Contact: Samantha Morales – moraless@snhd.org / 702-528-5194

B. Lorals and STI/HIV Prevention during Oral Sex - Melanie Cristol, Founder and CEO Lorals

- Safer oral sex – Lorals are thin undies for use during oral sex
- Topics – popularity of cunnilingus versus other oral sex
- Source of transmission – why the disconnect
 - Understanding how STIs are transmitted
 - Mucus membrane, fluids, skin to skin, and fecal to oral
- Staying protected – screening, ask for oral testing; condoms; dental dams; Lorals
- Lorals is available to 36 million Americans
- FDA cleared

Q: Can Lorals degrade and/or tear during wear time?

A: Yes. Lorals can be worn, but they are latex and don't breathe so they can tear. We advise to put on just prior to sex.

Q: Do you have pictures of products?

A: Visit: mylorals.com

Q: How is the labia coverage for persons of all sizes?

A: Gusset is 6" wide for complete coverage. The excess material in the gusset rolls up to form a seal to prevent fluid leakage.

Q: Is there information on people who are assigned male at birth?

A: This information is beginning to present more frequently. Lorals are good to hold penises in place. Lorals are not FDA cleared for oral sex on a penis due to guidelines.

Q: Have you received any feedback from trans-men?

A: Yes. It has been reported that Lorals help reduce dysphoria, the wider gusset helps with tucking of genitalia

Q: Are there storage requirements?

A: Yes, store in a cool, dry place. They are latex so heat can deteriorate the product.

Q: What is the cost?

A: A package of 4 is \$25, 12 pack is \$69 and a 50 pack is \$265; a 20% discount is offered for nonprofits

Q: Are there local distributors in Las Vegas?

A: No local distributors, our product is mainly on-line, but the Lion's Den, Deja Vu, and places like that carry them in store.

Q: Can Lorals be purchased with Medicaid, like condoms?

A: No. When Medicaid covers the cost of condoms, it is to prevent pregnancy, not STIs. Purchasers can use their FSA/HSA accounts to cover the cost.

C: Community partners have used HIV prevention funding to purchase Lorals.

C. Legislative Update – Emma Rodriguez, Communications and Legislative Affairs Administrator, SNHD Office of Communications

- Session ended early June 2025 – only met one time for 120 days
- Passed legislation
 - AB360 – all pregnant patients are to be offered Syphilis testing with results ready before patient is discharged
 - SB54 – authorizes Medicaid to cover respite care for homeless persons includes numerous types of care
 - SB118 – requires all providers to give interpreter services for ESL patients
 - SB494 – revisions relating to health and human services of the Nevada Health Authority – see flow chart on slide 3
- Vetoed bills
 - SB171 – shield law to protect the transgender community
 - AB205 – revises provisions governing sexual education; opt-out for Sex Ed

Q: Is AB205 still opt in instead of opt out?

A: Yes.

Q: SB494 – on the reorganization of NDPBH – what is the timeline for Medicaid under the Health Authority.

A: They are the driving force, no new naming conventions yet. Medicaid has until January 1, 2026, to make all necessary reorganization changes.

- Federal – Big Beautiful Bill – US Senate is looking at tweaking the bill as passed by the US House of Representatives, only need 50 votes to ratify. There are implications toward Medicaid coverage in that it has work requirements for 18–64-year-olds, eligibility requirements, and documentation; people will lose their coverage if not compliant.
- Provider tax – a Medicaid issue but still ironing out issues and details; proposal to lower the provider percentage.
- President released spending budget – Congress has power to decide funding budget
 - HIV funding in President's budget – visit <https://www.kff.org/hiv/aids/issue-brief/domestic-hiv-funding-in-the-white-house-fy2026-budget-request/> to see proposed cuts; Congress still has to pass
 - Domestic HIV Funding in the White House FY2026 Budget Request | KFF

- This brief provides an overview of the FY26 budget request for domestic HIV and compares it to funding levels in the FY25 continuing resolution.

Q: Is the CDC portion being cut? Are they going into AHA? Will EHE funding go into CDC funding or other services?

A: I had not seen the KFF update, but I did read the ASTHO update and they have links to the multiple different documents that have been released: <https://www.astho.org/advocacy/federal-government-affairs/leg-alerts/2025/white-house-releases-additional-fy26-budget-materials/>

- Supreme Court upheld ban on Tennessee’s ban on transgender care
- In order to receive federal Medicaid funds – states have to help via a provider tax and will be paid back. This bill is trying to limit the tax which will limit the amount of state matching funds.

Contact information: Emma Rodriguez at rodrigueze@snhd.org / 702-759-0833 or 702-283-3887

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments about matters relevant to the planning group’s jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. If any member of the general public wishes to make a public comment, either in person or via MS Teams, request time from a SoN HPPG co-chair, clearly state your name and address, and spell your last name for the record. Please state whether you have any direct or indirect interest in or relationship with any individual or organization that proposes to enter any transaction with Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group. If any member of the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group wishes to extend the length of a public comment, this may be done by the Co-Chairs or the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group by majority vote.

Organizational Activities

The Center – Pool Party held with performances, ice cream and to showcase new mobile; 22 tested

National Testing Day – June 27, 2025 – free testing is offered throughout the valley with events at libraries

NV Consortium – Overdose Awareness Day, August 30, 2025, at Foundation for Recovery (FFR) – vendors, food, entertainment, and a vigil. Hosting Soles for Souls shoe drive in which the shoes will be given to those in need

National Latinx Awareness Day – October 15, 2025

World AIDS Day – December 1, 2025; hosting events December 1-6, 2025, for a World AIDS Week; this will allow events to be spread over the week for better participation and saturation in the community

Empower Change Rapid HIV Testing Training for July 16 & 17 has been cancelled; next training is September 17 & 18, 2025; empowerchange@snhd.org

HDAD – Medicalization of Consumer Health; June 26, 2025 at UNLV

Lenacapavir or tradename Yeztugo® – FDA approved for PrEP; injection treatment lasting 6 months, but there are caveats

SHOPP – rapid stART program for non-reactive clients

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:31pm.



Creación sobre traducción

Creating culturally competent trainings for Latino audiences

Presented by

Samantha Morales, MPH

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Control*

Office of Disease Surveillance

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Learning objectives

- 1.Highlight the Empower Change training history, activities, and learning expectations.
- 2.Recognize the partnerships and collaboration required to create materials culturally relevant to all Latinos.
- 3.Understand the steps taken to ensure the inclusion of cultural components specific to the Latino community in HIV testing and care.

The history of Empower Change

- Ending the HIV epidemic initiative pillar one
 - Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible
- Increase availability of HIV testing in the community
- NAC652.025
 - Non-clinical organizations that would like to conduct rapid HIV testing and counseling can be licensed by HCQC
 - Testing staff are required to take rapid HIV testing and counseling certification course
- SNHD created and facilitates Empower Change

Empower Change



- Hybrid certification course
 - Teaches skills, techniques and knowledge related to offer rapid HIV testing and counseling services within community-based organizations
- Online course
 - Focused on increasing HIV baseline knowledge through four modules
 - Blood Borne Pathogens
 - Epidemiological Profile
 - Fundamentals of HIV
 - Linkage to Care
 - Participants must pass the final exam with at least a 70% to be eligible for the in-person course

Empower Change

- In-person course
 - Focused on equipping participants with the necessary information and skills to conduct HIV testing in non-clinical settings
 - Learning expectations
 - Utilize communication techniques to successfully build rapport with clients
 - Explain and convey the need for re-testing based on the client's last exposure or if they are in a "window period"
 - Deliver the HIV rapid testing six-step protocol to individuals in nonclinical settings
 - Enhance the client's accurate perception of their risk for HIV
 - Negotiate a realistic plan for reducing client's risk
 - Strengthen ability to deliver client's HIV results
 - Improve ability to link clients who are living with, or at high risk for acquiring or transmitting HIV, into care and prevention services

Latinos and HIV

- United States
 - Between 2010-2022, HIV diagnoses decreased by 12% overall; Hispanic/Latino people saw a **24% increase**
- Nevada
 - From 2018 to 2022, HIV incidence rates decreased annually for most race/ethnicity groups; HIV incidence rates **increased among Hispanic people by 35.3%**
 - 23 per 100,000 in 2022 as compared to 17 per 100,000 in 2018
- Evaluations from the 2024 Empower Change trainings showed **34.9% of participants were Hispanic**

June 2024

Office of Disease Surveillance began
working on a plan to produce a
culturally competent, Spanish version
of Empower Change

Obtaining a baseline for HIV testing and cultural competency

- Courses

- CDC TRAIN: Fundamentals of Rapid HIV testing
- Developing Cultural Competence in the Latino Community course
- Medical Spanish levels 1-3

- Activities

- Onboarded as an Empower Change trainer and continuously co-facilitate
- Attended HIV-related webinars and trainings

Developing and executing a plan for the translation of online modules

- Internal translations
 - Simple chapters or sections
 - DSC review committee from approved interpreters
 - Volunteers for reviewing and recording modules
- External translations
 - Complex chapters or sections
 - Legal NRS/NAC passages

Obtaining feedback and planning for a culturally competent in-person course

- Held a listening session with 12 participants
- Goal: Obtain feedback from Latinos experienced in HIV to ensure culturally competent and accurate training
- Participants were asked to provide feedback on the following:
 - Name for training
 - Activities for in-person course
 - Culturally-specific customs or beliefs to address
 - Suggestions on promoting inclusivity

Obtaining feedback and planning for a culturally competent in-person course

- Distributed a survey to approved SNHD Spanish interpreters
 - 26 responses, convenience sample
 - Respondents represented 11 Latino countries
 - **55% of Spanish-speaking Latino countries**
- Goal: Obtain feedback from Latinos to ensure a representative and inclusive training
- Participants were asked to provide feedback on the following:
 - Interpretation of the use of “tú” versus “usted”
 - Culturally relevant and common language
 - Impactful traditions and customs that are representative of their culture

Identified changes for Spanish training

- Selecting a new name and branding for Spanish version
 - Collaboration with SNHD's Office of Communications for the branding materials
- Creating a familiar training environment to promote inclusivity and adapted to the Latino audience
- Addressing Latino-specific challenges encountered in HIV testing and counseling
- Tailoring existing activities to resonate with a Latino audience



Saber es Poder

Pruebas rápidas y
consejería de VIH

Changes with Saber es Poder

- Training environment
 - “Cafecito con pan” Coffee with sweet bread
 - Latin music to play on breaks (provided by survey responses)
 - Display of Latino country flags
- Latino-specific challenges
 - “Permiso para tutear” permission to use informal pronoun
 - Documentation status and resources
 - Integrate common Latino customs, superstitions, and other challenges in role plays
 - Familismo, limpias



Changes with Saber es Poder

- Activity changes to resonate with audience
 - Title changes
 - Active listening techniques -> Cariñosamente metiche
 - Risk reduction -> Para servirle
 - New format to existing activity
 - Acts on backs



Me Gustaría Lotería

- An adaptation of the existing “acts on backs” activity using a popular Latino game, lotería (*bingo*)
- Each participant gets their own lotería playing card
- One participant stands in the front of the class and is the “guesser”
- The facilitator selects a lotería card and shows everyone but the guesser
- The guesser asks each participant “Porque me gustaría?” (*why would I like this?*)
- Participants respond with, “te gustaría porque...” (*you would like this because...*)
 - Example: Oral sex - you would like this because there is no risk of pregnancy
- The guesser must identify the act based on participant responses
 - Once guessed, participants mark the act off on their lotería card
- The game continues until one participant gets a lotería (*bingo*)

Me Gustaría Lotería		 Saber es Poder Pruebas rápidas y asesoramiento de VIH	TABLA 1		
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SEXO ORAL		JUGUETES ADULTOS		NALGUEAR	



Lessons learned

- Creating culturally competent and relevant materials for Latinos requires input
 - Feedback should be from a variety of Latino cultures to ensure a representative training
 - Including Latino subject matter experts is useful to ensure messaging is aligned
- Collaboration amongst an organization's internal departments and external partners is valuable
- Small changes and adaptations can have a large impact on the community
- Achieving cultural competence begins with valuing creation of trainings for Latinos over translation of trainings

Questions?

To receive an email notification of future Saber es Poder trainings, please fill out the interest form here:



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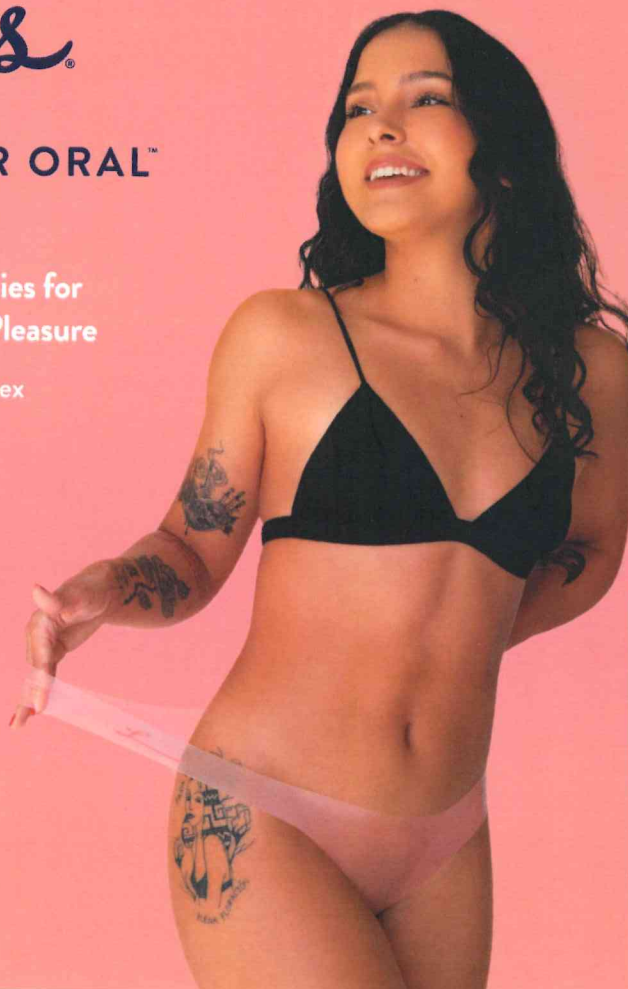
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Legislative Update

June 18, 2025

Key Legislation that Passed

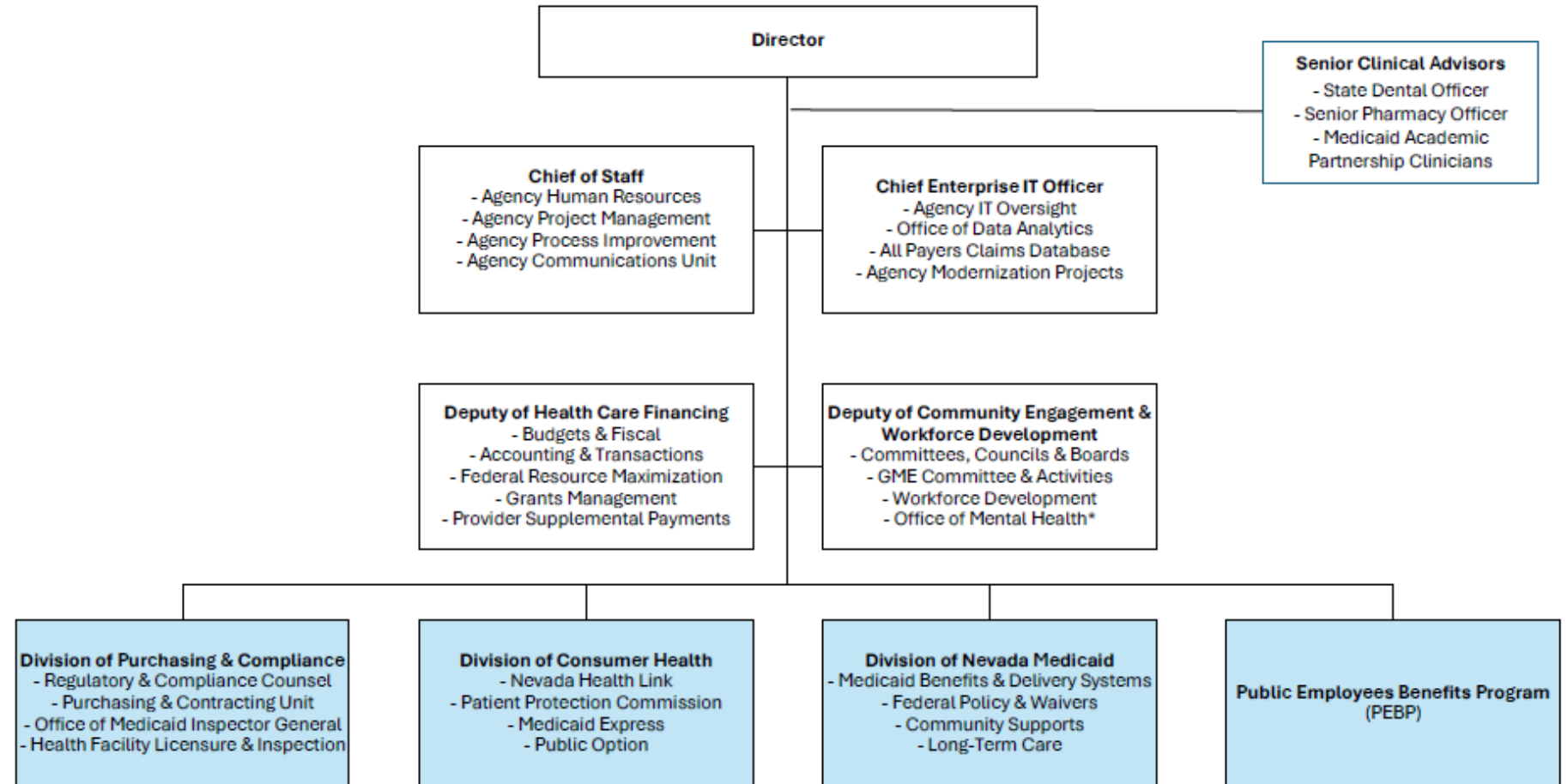
- AB360 – Revises provisions relating to testing for sexually transmitted diseases. **(Syphilis Testing in Pregnancy)**
- SB54 - Requires Medicaid to provide coverage of certain services for persons experiencing homelessness. **(Medicaid coverage for medical respite care)**
- SB188 - Establishes procedures to assist certain persons with limited English proficiency in accessing health care in certain circumstances. **(Language Access)**
- SB494 - Makes revisions relating to health and human services. **(Nevada Health Authority)**

Nevada Health Authority

SB 494 - Proposed High-Level Organizational Chart for
May 27, 2025

Divisions & Entities

Director Office Duties



*Pending passage of separate legislation

Vetoed Bills

- SB171 - Enacts a shield law to protect the transgender community. **(Transgender Shield Law)**
- AB205 - Revises provisions governing sexual education. **(Opt-out Sex Ed)**



**THE SOUTHERN NEVADA
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IS
NOW OFFERING SUPPORT GROUPS
FOR NEWLY DIAGNOSED HIV
PATIENTS!**



EVOLVE

Our Behavioral Health clinic is now offering hour-long support groups aimed towards newly diagnosed HIV patients. Sessions will be held every Tuesday at 2pm-3pm at our Decatur location and will be offered in both English and Spanish.

Support group sessions will provide both useful education and therapeutic skills in a comfortable group environment.

Ask a staff member or your case manager if you are interested in joining a support group.

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Sexual Health Outreach and Prevention Programs Rapid PREVENT

What is Rapid PREVENT?

Rapid PREVENT is part of a whole-person program for people without HIV that provides or links people to the services they need to stay healthy through non-medical case management. **Non-medical case management** describes a type of service delivery focused on meeting an individual's holistic needs by linking them to both medical and support (non-medical) services. These services include but **are not limited** to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)*, STI testing and treatment, housing, behavioral health care, and immunizations.

**PrEP refers to a daily pill taken by people without HIV to prevent HIV acquisition through sex.*

Who is eligible for Rapid PREVENT?

If you are 18 or older, HIV negative, and interested in participating in non-medical case management, you're eligible!

How do I enroll?

1. Depending on the results of your HIV test, you'll be eligible for Rapid stART or Rapid PREVENT; either program will connect you to the services you need to stay healthy.
2. If you're over 18, test negative for HIV, and interested in receiving non-medical case management, the Community Health Worker (CHW) will walk through the consent form with you to begin the enrollment process. This can be done while you're here today or you can set up a separate appointment to begin the process. It won't take longer than 20 minutes.

What can I expect after I enroll?

You and your CHW will collaboratively create a care plan built around your priority needs; this plan will guide how you and your CHW work together to meet your needs. Depending on what you've identified and how your care plan is structured, you'll have routine check-ins with your CHW to support your progress and continued engagement in your care journey.

Once you've completed your care plan and upon discharge from the program, you'll receive a \$20 gift card to Amazon, Target, or Walmart as a way to honor your completion.

Interested in enrolling in Rapid PREVENT? Just let your CHW know!

MEETING	SON HPAG	DATE	6/18/28
FACILITATOR	C. Riddle	TIME	2-4 pm
LOCATION	SNHD Long Mtai Center Room		



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