

DExIS

Demonstrating Expanded Interventional Surveillance

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Why is DExIS important?

To end the HIV epidemic, we need to identify and close gaps within the HIV prevention system. Centering the experiences of people living with HIV (PLWH) must be harnessed as a primary tool in addressing national and local EHE goals.

Structured data collection that speaks to gaps within our local network of services can provide a compelling evidence base for providers to reimagine service delivery. The voices of individuals with lived experience need to be represented at the decision-making table to convey the nuances not visible in medical chart data alone.

What are we doing?

DExIS is a CDC-funded, systems-level demonstration project within HIV prevention. It focuses on new HIV diagnoses among three populations: Black and Hispanic/Latino gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, youth ages 18 to 24, and transgender persons who have sex with men.

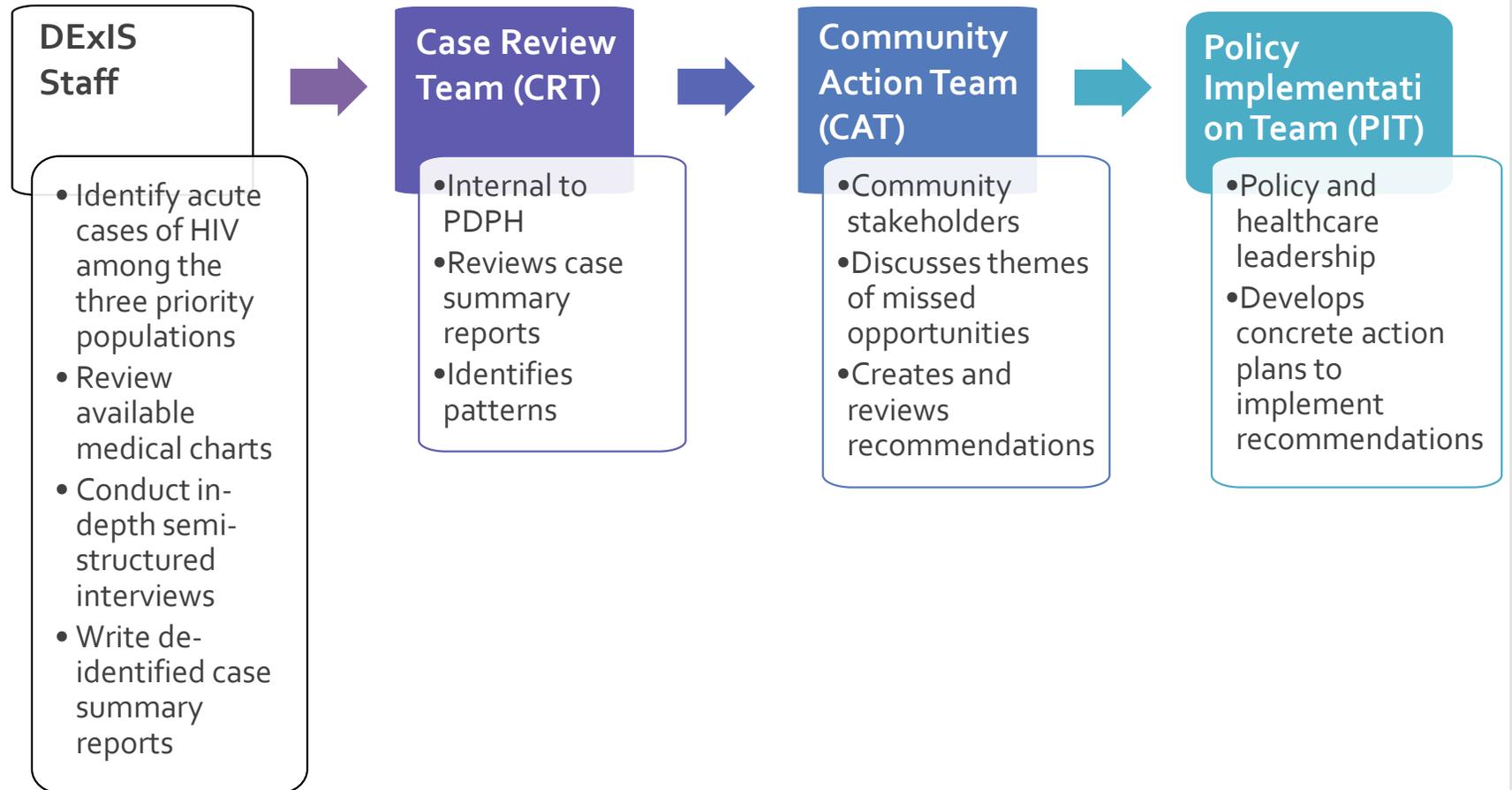
The program has the following objectives:

- Engage individuals newly diagnosed with HIV to share their experiences navigating systems that may not be responsive to their needs.
- Mobilize medical providers citywide to participate in a robust de-identified review of new HIV diagnoses.
- Identify patterns of missed opportunities and community assets through a monthly review. This information guides the formation of actionable policy recommendations to enhance client-centered care.

Who is
contributing
to this work?



How are we doing it?



What have we found?

- Key themes:
 - People with newly diagnosed HIV are engaged in healthcare. HIV testing is not always being offered at key junctures.
 - Relationships with healthcare providers matter; people often experience being dismissed or judged in healthcare interactions.
 - PrEP does not always feel relevant to people who may be able to benefit from its protection.
 - We need to address HIV stigma in our EHE efforts.

What has been proposed?



PrEP Follow-Up

- Issue provider guidance for routine follow-up with clients after PrEP initiation. Listen to clients and the strategies they use to manage side effects.



Advocacy to Extend Coverage

- Draft a sign-on letter to request the federal Ready, Set, PrEP program to extend coverage to young people on a parent's insurance, with the inclusion of medical visits and lab costs.



Integrate HIV and STI Testing

- Issue PDPH guidance to facilities on concurrent HIV-STI testing and same-day PrEP initiation.

How does this program align with local and national EHE efforts?

- DExIS fits into EHE Pillar 4: Respond. It aligns with EHE goals of reducing new HIV infections, increasing access to care and reducing HIV-related disparities and health inequities.
- All new cases of HIV should be viewed as public health emergencies. DExIS approaches new diagnoses through the framework of expanded interventional surveillance. The case reviews, emerging themes and recommendations produced by DExIS are actionable and directly influence AACO interventions.

Responding to COVID-19

- Additional interview questions added on stigma, the pandemic's impact on accessing care, and individual resiliency
- An extended, optional interview segment will be entirely qualitative
- All DExIS team meetings will be convened virtually via GoToMeeting
- Updated security and confidentiality agreements to continue protecting de-identified data
- CAT and PIT will complete interactive activity in meetings to categorize recommendations according to anticipated effort and impact

For additional questions or suggestions—

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