Developing the Nation’s First STI Federal Action Plan

Briefing for NASEM Committee Meeting
Prevention and Control of STIs in the U.S.
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TRANSFORMING THE CURRENT “SICK CARE SYSTEM” INTO A “HEALTH PROMOTING SYSTEM”

- **HEALTH FOR ALL**: Assure that everyone has a fair and realistic opportunity to optimize their health
- **HEALTH BY ALL**: Distribute and democratize health care knowledge, capabilities, and delivery
- **HEALTH IN ALL**: Prioritize health considerations in all sectors and policy areas
Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP)

• Advises the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Health, and other senior HHS officials, and coordinates the work of HHS on health policy and program issues related to:
  ▪ HIV/AIDS;
  ▪ Viral hepatitis;
  ▪ Vaccines;
  ▪ Sexually Transmitted Infections;
  ▪ Other infectious diseases of public health significance; and
  ▪ Blood and tissue safety and availability in the U.S.
STI Federal Action Plan - Why Now?

- Public Health Threat
  - Sharp and sustained rise of STIs
  - Antibiotic resistant gonorrhea

- Lack of State and Local Infrastructure
  - State and local health departments have limited resources to respond to this increasing public health crisis

- Cost to the U.S. Health Care System
  - As of 2013, $16 billion in direct medical costs annually

- STDs can be prevented, diagnosed, and treated
Coordination with Other Federal Plans and Initiatives
Related Initiatives Coordinated by OIDP: Roadmaps for a Healthier Nation

Full documents are available as follows:


National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Goals:
1. Reduce new infections;
2. Increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV;
3. Reduce HIV-related health disparities and health inequities; and
4. Achieve a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic.

New iteration to be released 2020.

Ending The HIV Epidemic: A Plan For America

PHASE 1: Focused effort to reduce new infections by 75% in 5 years

PHASE 2: Widely disseminated effort to reduce new infections by 90% in the following 5 years

PHASE 3: Intense case management to maintain the number of new infections at < 3,000 per year
National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan

- **Goal 1**: Prevent new viral hepatitis infections
- **Goal 2**: Reduce deaths and improve the health of people living with viral hepatitis
- **Goal 3**: Reduce viral hepatitis health disparities
- **Goal 4**: Coordinate, monitor, and report on implementation of viral hepatitis activities
Aligning the National Strategic Plans and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative

- Coordinated development and implementation
- Operational initiative vs. roadmap
- Parallel development of vision, goals, strategies
  - Priority populations and indicator measures based on same set of criteria/principles
- Accountability – ongoing monitoring and reporting
- Coordination with Healthy People 2030
STI FEDERAL ACTION PLAN
Scope and Progress to Date
STI Federal Action Plan – Scope

• The STI Federal Action Plan is focused on developing actionable strategies to address four sexually transmitted infections with the highest rates and impact on the health of the nation:
  ▪ Chlamydia
  ▪ Gonorrhea
  ▪ Syphilis (including congenital syphilis)
  ▪ Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

• First iteration will focus on federal partners

• Implementation of STI Plan 3-5 years
STI Plan: Progress and Timeline

• Release date: 2020
• Federal Steering Committee – meets monthly
  ▪ Vision, goals, priority populations
  ▪ Strategies, action steps, and indicator measures
• Subcommittees – meet bi-monthly
  ▪ Recommend strategies, action steps, and indicator measures
• Listening sessions and public comment period March – June 2019
• Launched hhs.gov/STI – website for the STI Plan
STI Plan – Federal Steering Committee Participants

Federal Departments:
- Defense
- Education
- Health and Human Services
- Housing and Urban Affairs
- Veterans Administration

HHS agencies/offices:
- ACF
- ACL
- CDC
- CMS
- FDA
- HRSA
- IHS
- NIH
- OASH
  - OIDP
  - OMH
  - OPA
  - OSG
  - OWH
- OGA
- SAMHSA
STI Federal Steering Committee - Subcommittees

- Primary Prevention
- Secondary and Tertiary Prevention (including care)
- Disparities & Coordination
- Education & Communication
- Indicators

Integration with other infectious diseases, e.g., HIV and viral hepatitis

Crosscutting issues for consideration

Stigma and discrimination

Rapidly implement new scientific advances

Social determinants of health

Disparities
Priority populations
STI Plan – Community Engagement/Public Comments Analysis

• Listening Sessions
  ▪ 6 sessions from March – June 2019
    ✓ 4 National Conferences/Meetings
    ✓ 2 National Virtual Meetings

• Virtual listening sessions
  ▪ Held on April 17 & May 9
    ✓ Over 1,000 participant lines
    ✓ Participants from 45 states, DC, 3 territories and Canada

• RFI in Federal Register
  ▪ Open May-June 2019
    ✓ 115 sets of comments received
Public Comments – Common topics

- Provider training including sensitivity training in STIs and sexual health basics
- Use of primary care settings, schools, and non-traditional health care settings for STI prevention and testing services
- STI-related stigma and discrimination
- Social determinants of health
- Culturally appropriate and inclusive comprehensive sexual health education
- Innovation and technology regarding STI diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines, research and surveillance
Moving Forward

- Continue development of the STI Plan
- Federal partners to develop agency-specific implementation plans
- Release the STI Plan – mid-2020
- Release the Federal Implementation Plan
- Convene/continue federal implementation steering committee
  - Monitor and report on progress
  - Accountability
Visit [www.hhs.gov/STI](http://www.hhs.gov/STI) for updates on the STI Plan
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