



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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BACKGROUND



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health:

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



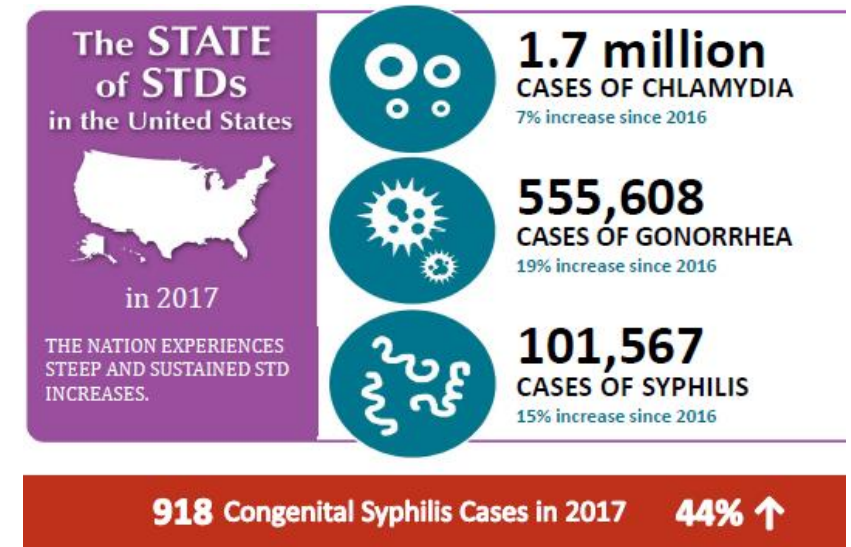
Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP)

- 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



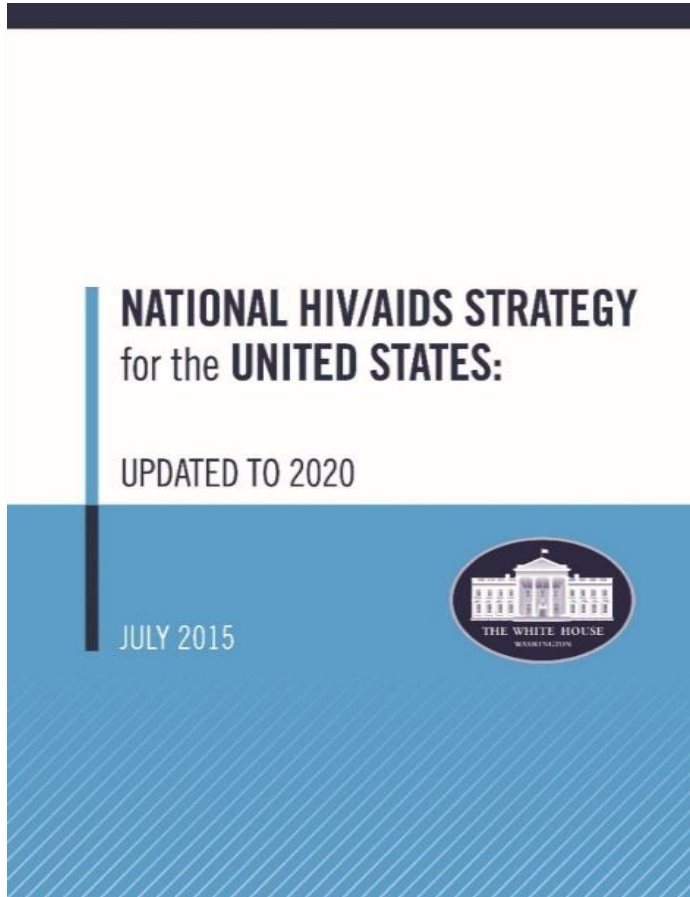
CDC, 2017 STD Surveillance Report



Coordination with Other Federal Plans and Initiatives



Related Initiatives Coordinated by ODP: Roadmaps for a Healthier Nation



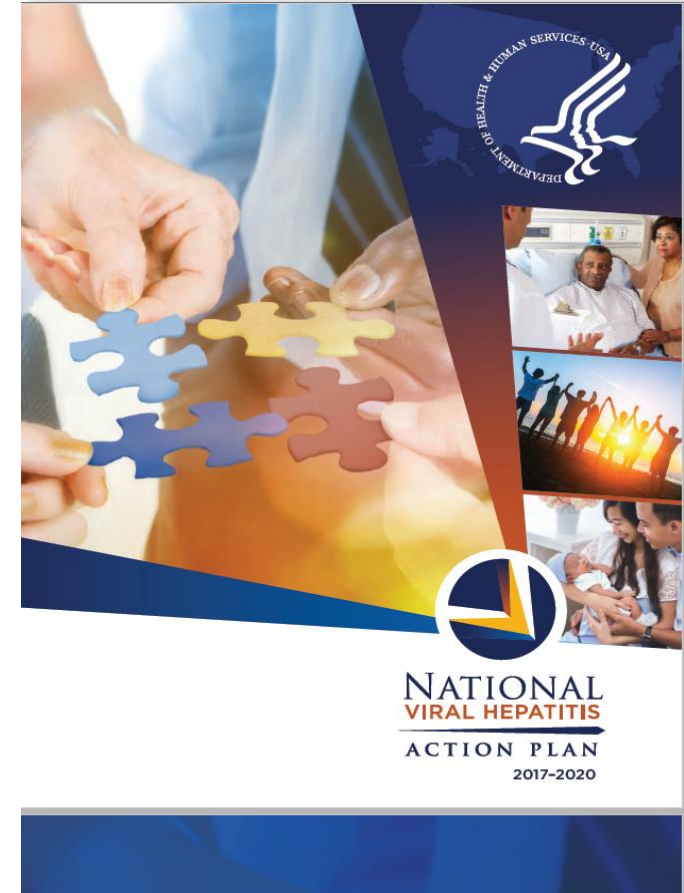
Full documents are
available as follows:



National HIV/AIDS Strategy:
www.HIV.gov/federal-response



National Viral Hepatitis
Action Plan:
www.HHS.gov/hepatitis/viral-hepatitis-action-plan



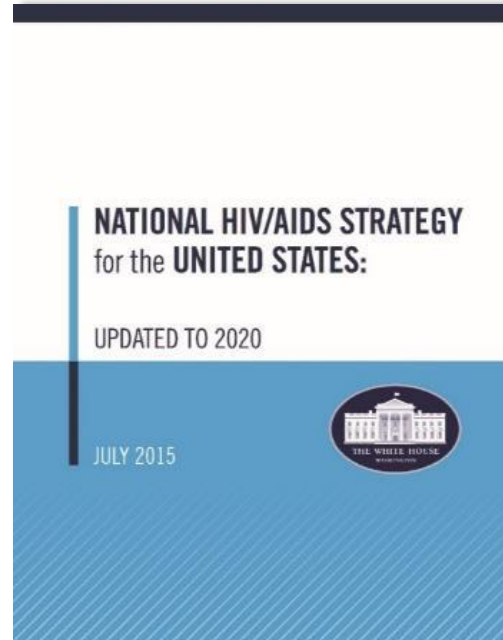
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National HIV/AIDS Strategy

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

GOAL:

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

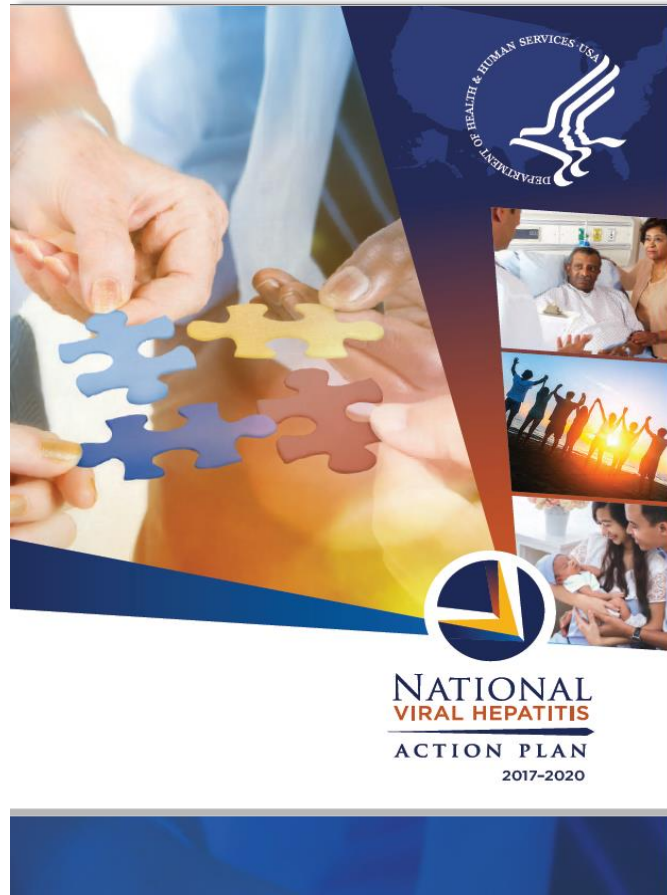
PHASE 1: Focused effort to reduce new infections by 75% in 5 years

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

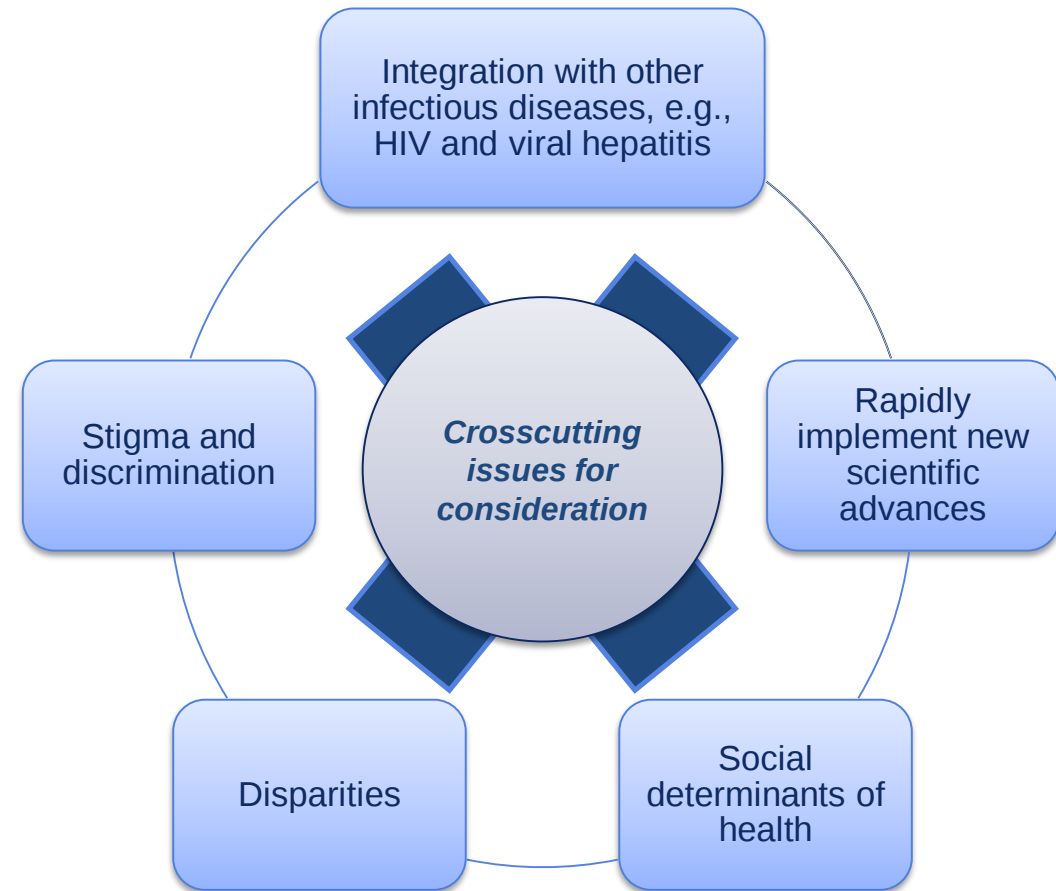
HHS agencies/offices:

- 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



Priority populations

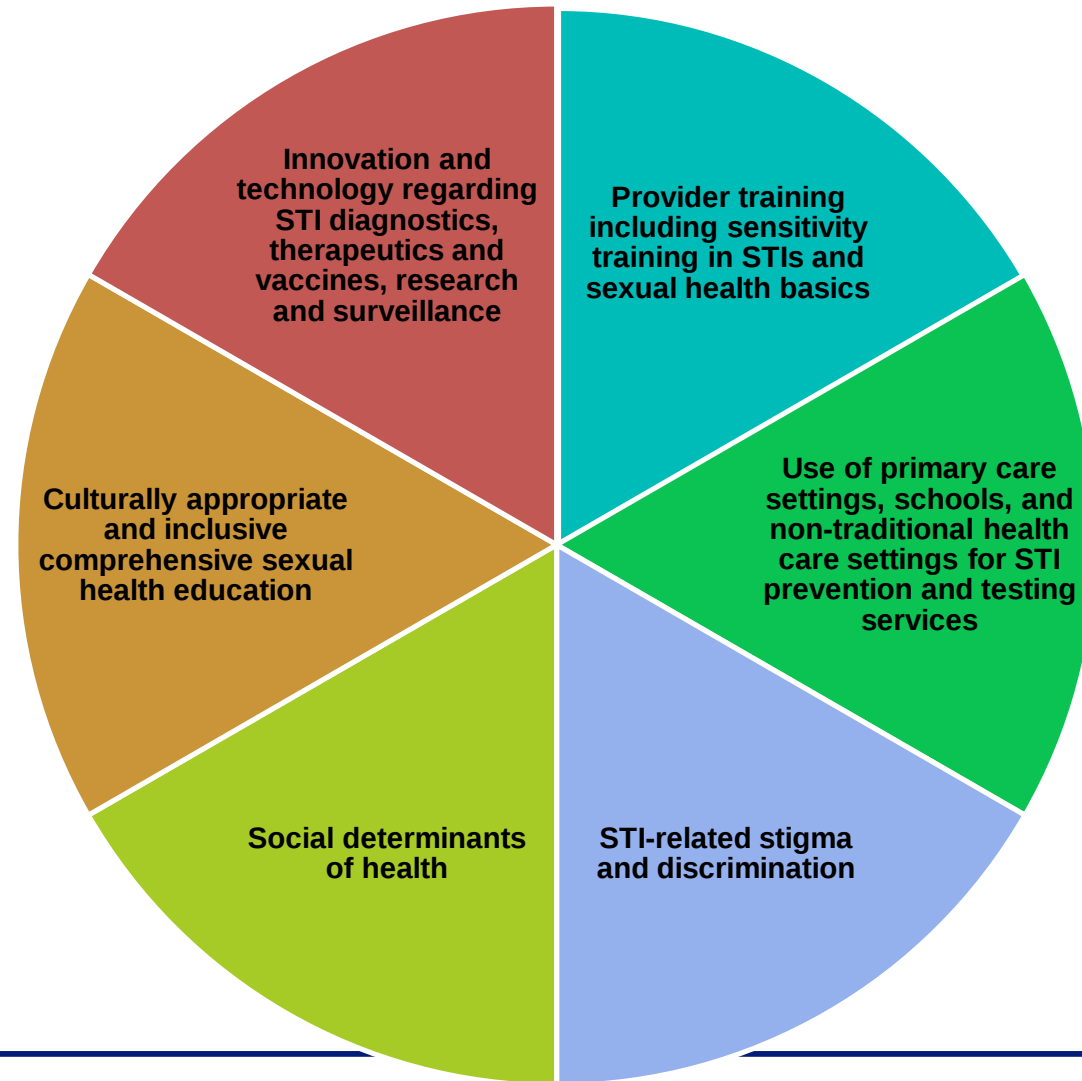


STI Plan – Community Engagement/Public Comments Analysis

- 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



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



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Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

- STI Federal Action Plan Overview
 - Developing the STI Federal Action Plan
- Guidelines and Best Practices
- Resources

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Developing the STI Federal Action Plan

What Is Happening with the STI Federal Action Plan?

The development of the STI Federal Action Plan (STI Plan) is underway. The Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) (part of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) has convened an STI Federal Steering Committee. The steering committee is composed of 20 federal agencies and offices including the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Affairs, to guide the development of the plan. The STI Federal Steering Committee meets monthly and is working on the STI Plan's goals, strategies, and action steps. The plan will be grounded in the latest science and epidemiological data to improve the effectiveness of our federal response and will focus on the four most common STIs that have the greatest health impact in the US: chlamydia; gonorrhea syphilis and human papillomavirus (HPV). Cross-cutting issues expected to be addressed include:

- Integration with other infectious diseases such as HIV and viral hepatitis
- Stigma and discrimination
- Disparities, and
- Social determinants of health.

How Is a Federal Action Plan Different from a National Strategic Plan?

This STI Plan is the first-ever STI plan from the federal government and will lay the foundation to federal agencies in strengthening the federal response to STIs. Focusing on the federal response to

Visit
www.hhs.gov/STI
 for updates on the
 STI Plan



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