

Fast-Track Cities Quarterly Update

JOINT MEETING WITH
END STIGMA END HIV ALLIANCE

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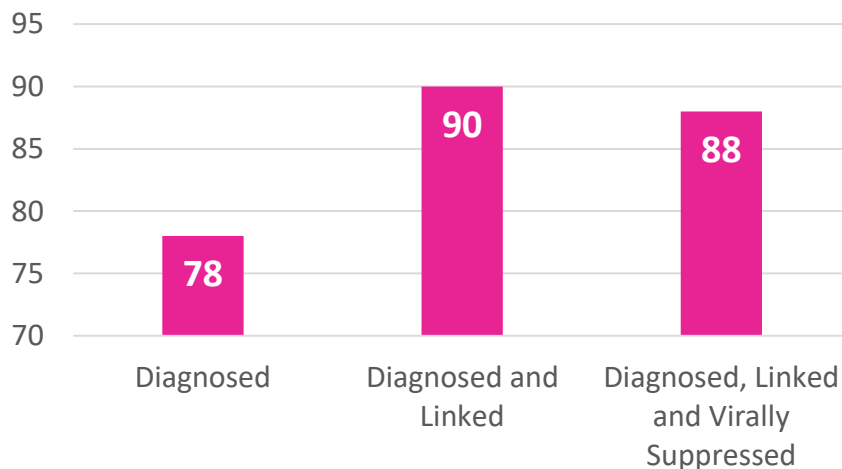


Agenda

- ✓ Introduction and Zoom reminders
- ✓ Quarterly data presentation / Fast Track Cities Initiative Data
- ✓ EHE grant update
- ✓ Report outs from partner organizations, including BAHRC
- ✓ Update on communitywide sexual health strategy
- ✓ Stigma-free healthcare settings guidelines
- ✓ HIV Storytelling project
- ✓ HIV Advocacy Day

New DSHS data for Bexar County: The three 90s (2019)

- ▶ 78% diagnosed (↓ from 84% in 2018)
- ▶ Of those diagnosed, **90%** linked (↑ from 72%)
- ▶ Of those linked, 88% virally suppressed (↑ from 87%)

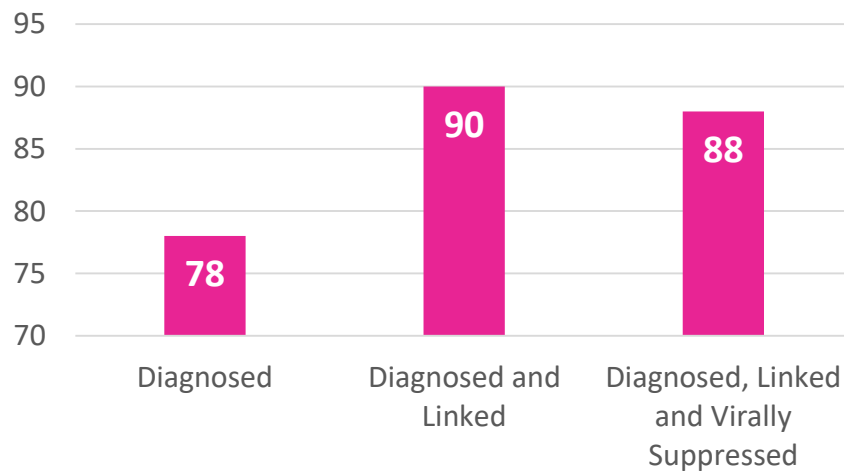


Texas-wide, 2019:
78-92-86

All data from DSHS

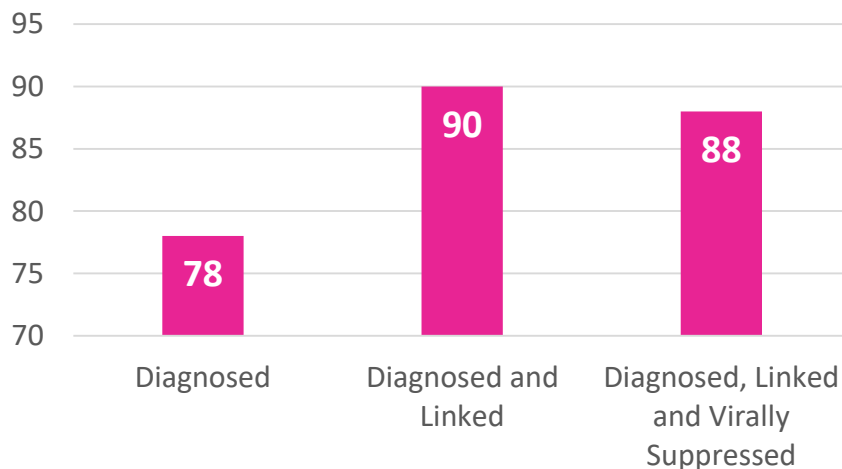
Questions for group discussion

- ▶ Who remembers 2019?
(Just kidding ... kinda)



Questions for group discussion

- ▶ Why did # diagnosed drop so much?
- ▶ Why did # linked increase so much?
- ▶ What best practices from elsewhere in the state can we borrow, to catch up?



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ESEHA Definitions

- ▶ **“Undiagnosed”**: As calculated by DSHS using CDC software
- ▶ **“Linked to care”**
 - ❑ 1st appointment with a medical provider in less than 7 days
- ▶ **“In care”**
 - ❑ 2 visits at least 90 days apart
- ▶ **“Virally suppressed”**
 - ❑ Viral suppression: Most recent VL during that time <200 copies/mL

The First 90: Diagnosis

- ▶ Routine opt-out testing at 2 EDs and 1 FQHC
- ▶ One Emergency Dept. reporting Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2020:
 - ❑ 1,609 people screened for HIV (*EHE measure: % tested, among those prioritized*)
 - ❑ **15 HIV positive (0.1%)**
 - ❑ **1 previously diagnosed as HIV positive**
 - ❑ 14 linked to medical care (*EHE measure: linked within 7 days*)
 - ❑ 1,638 HCV tests, **59 RNA+ (3.6%)**, 21 linked to care (*EHE measure: # of HIV-HCV tests done together*)

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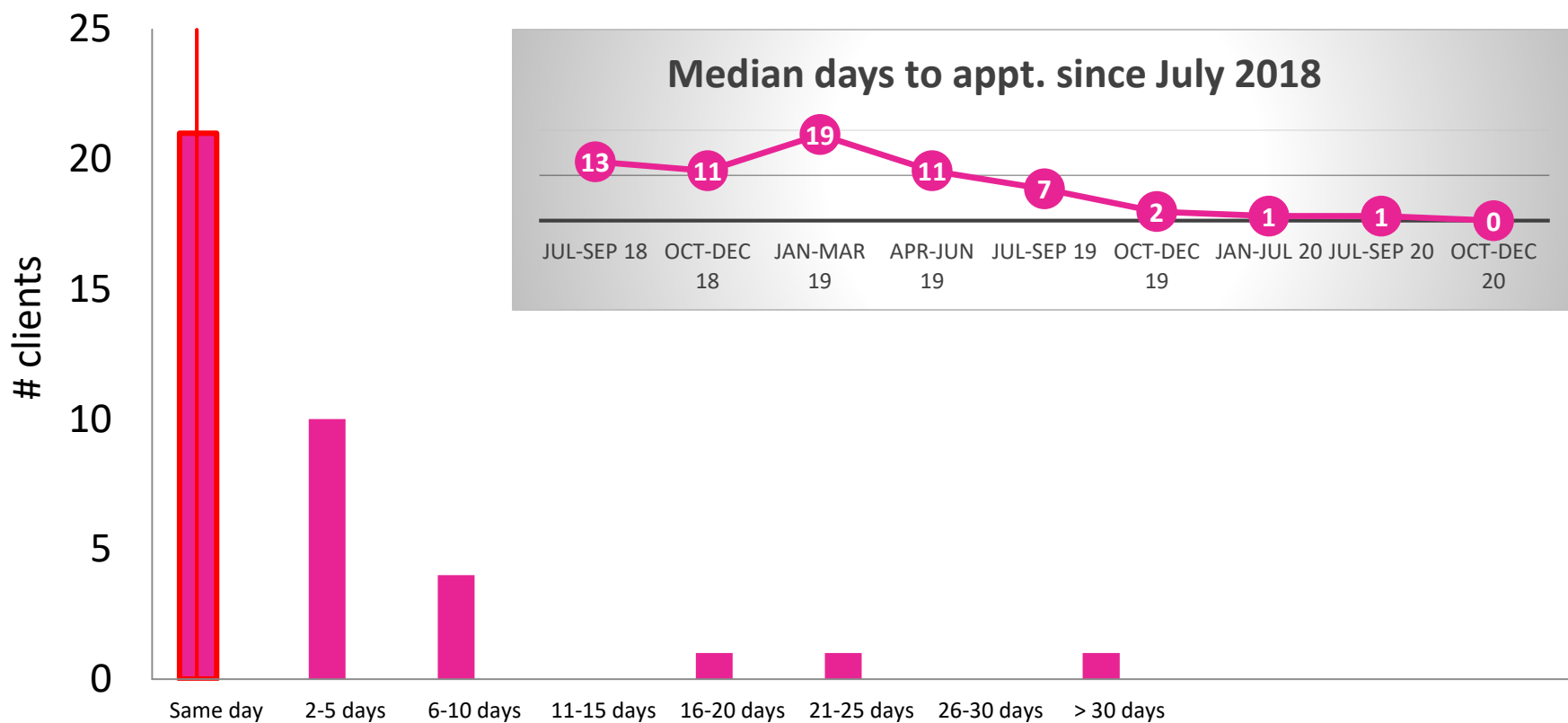
▶ One FQHC reporting Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2020:

- 30% of patients either HIV tested or with proof of prior test (15,553 of 52,180); 14% (7,256) *newly* tested
- HIV positive: 9.4% (1
- No. newly diagnos
- 100% (48) screened *services needs*
- 100% (48) linked to care



The Second 90: Linkage to Care

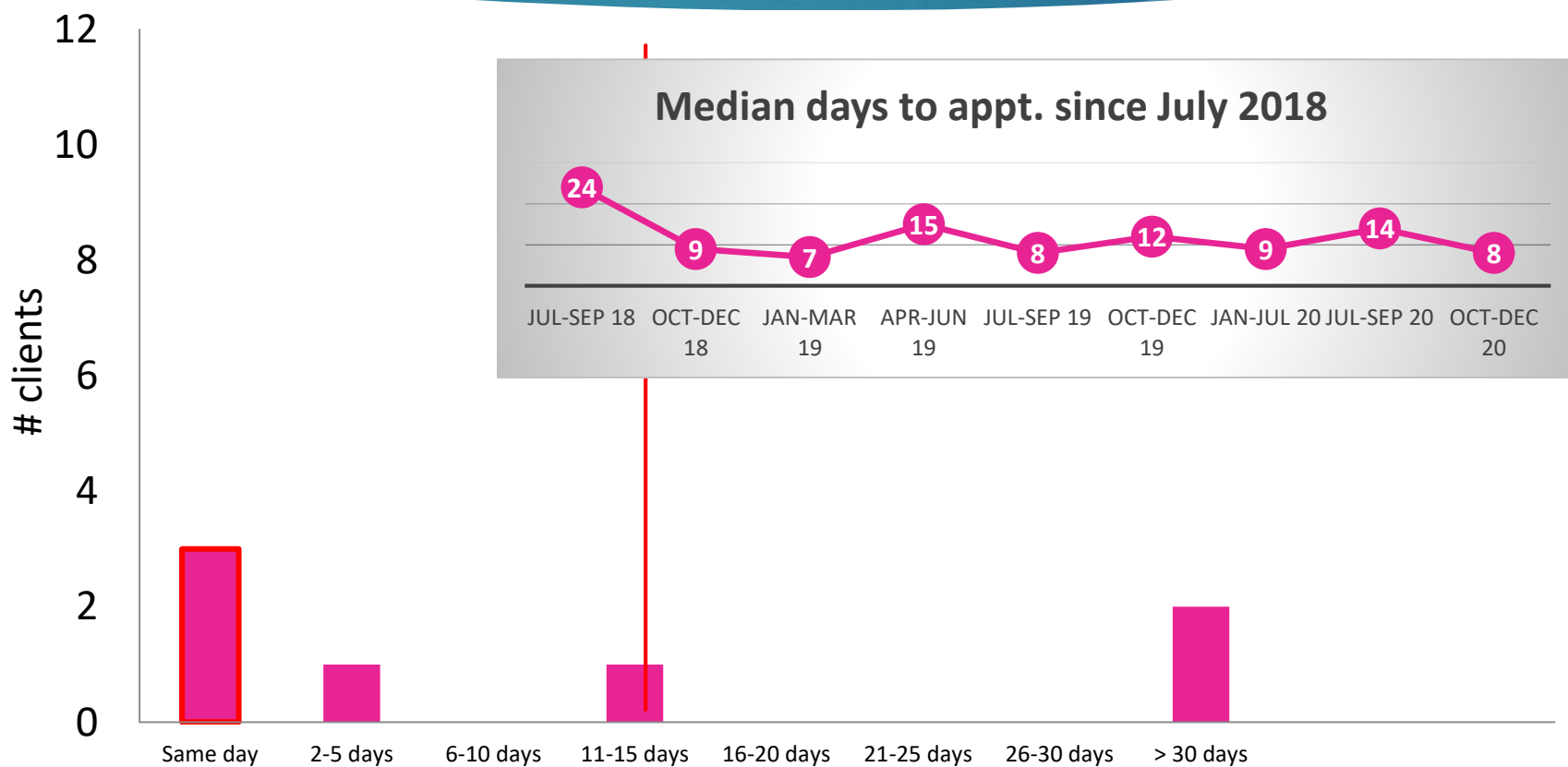
New Diagnoses (3 agencies)



Median, 0 days (38 clients), range 0 to 33 days

The Second 90: Linkage to Care

Re-linked to Care (3 agencies)



Median, 8 days (7 clients), range 0 to 91 days



PRESS PAUSE
[DISCUSSION]

Rapid Start calendar working OK?

The Third 90: Viral Suppression

▶ * No update

Challenges

- We still need a better way to aggregate data locally
- DSHS viral suppression numbers may be more reliable

End the HIV Epidemic Grant: More Data, More Often

The following does not include metrics that will be pulled separately from EHARS/Evalweb, or metrics required of public health STI clinics and surveillance programs.

- ▶ **All except syringe services programs:** Aggregate demographics including age bracket, race, ethnicity, gender, and risk group
- ▶ **Clinics:** % of HIV screenings integrated with hepatitis/TB/STI tests, % linked to TelePrEP
- ▶ **Syringe services:** # encounters, # referred to services

End the HIV Epidemic Grant: More Data, More Often

▶ Outreach:

- ❑ # tests in venues that are non-traditional for that agency
- ❑ % positive tests, % new positives
- ❑ % of persons testing negative who are screened for PrEP, % referred and linked
- ❑ # self-test kits distributed, # people receiving a self-test kit

▶ FQHCs and EDs: % tested for HIV, % with a new HIV diagnosis who were screened for social services needs, % subsequently linked to public health and case managers

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▶ ESEHA as EHE Advisory group

- ❑ Data sharing
- ❑ Identifying gaps in services
- ❑ Offering solutions
- ❑ Promoting coordinated action
- ❑ Meeting twice yearly with EHE stakeholders

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► Priorities

- Health equity cards – caught up with distribution
- Tablet devices for each ASO: received!
- In process:
 - Contract for web developer
- Shortened timeline for PS 20-2010: **July 31, 2021**

Syringe services during COVID

- ▶ The **Bexar Area Harm Reduction Coalition (BAHRC)** is a nonprofit funded by private grants and staffed entirely by volunteers
- ▶ Volunteers are trained in best practices to engage the most vulnerable members of our community with information, kits, referrals and support
- ▶ \$80K in County funds awarded in 2019 and administered through UT Health School of Nursing

Syringe services during COVID

- ▶ In Q1 2019, BAHRC more than tripled their service volume
- ▶ Once pandemic hit:
 - ▶ Secondary outreach instead of direct mobile outreach (distributing to partners like UIW and UT Street Medicine)
 - ▶ Ramping up distribution through fixed site, St Luke's Church
 - ▶ Face masks, bus passes, test kits for HIV and HCV

Syringe services during COVID

ACTION	OCT-DEC 2019	JAN-MAR 2020	APR-NOV 2020	APR-NOV ST. LUKES	TO DATE
Contacts Made	38	401	➡	500+	1,000+
Kits Distributed	379	577	300	500+	1,800+
Naloxone Distributed	41	146	54	5,000+ doses	5,500+
Naloxone Used	6	52	25	200+	320+
*Hygiene Kits Distributed				150/week	5,200+

*Hygiene Kits have toothbrush, toothpaste, and other supplies along with other information.



Other
partner
reports

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Communitywide Sexual Health Strategy

- ▶ **SAAF** (\$42K): Update “You’re the Cure”, add data collection infrastructure
- ▶ **Fiesta Youth** (\$35K): AIDS Memorial Quilt event, monthly sexual health programming (speaker fees, evaluation by an outside consultant)
- ▶ **Healthy Futures of Texas** (\$35K): Youth-designed, peer-to-peer sexual health curriculum
- ▶ **San Antonio Nexus Connection** (\$35K): Add a peer engagement specialist, trained in a sexual health curriculum, who will focus on a priority population for HIV prevention
- ▶ **Center for Health Care Services** (\$35K): Add a peer recovery specialist, trained in sexual and reproductive health, who will perform outreach HIV testing

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- ▶ **UT Health School of Nursing (\$20K):** Syringe services coordinator
- ▶ **BEAT AIDS (\$32.4K):** Data collection infrastructure:
- ▶ **Kind Clinic (\$10K):** Data collection infrastructure
- ▶ * AARC, Centromed declined additional funding for data collection

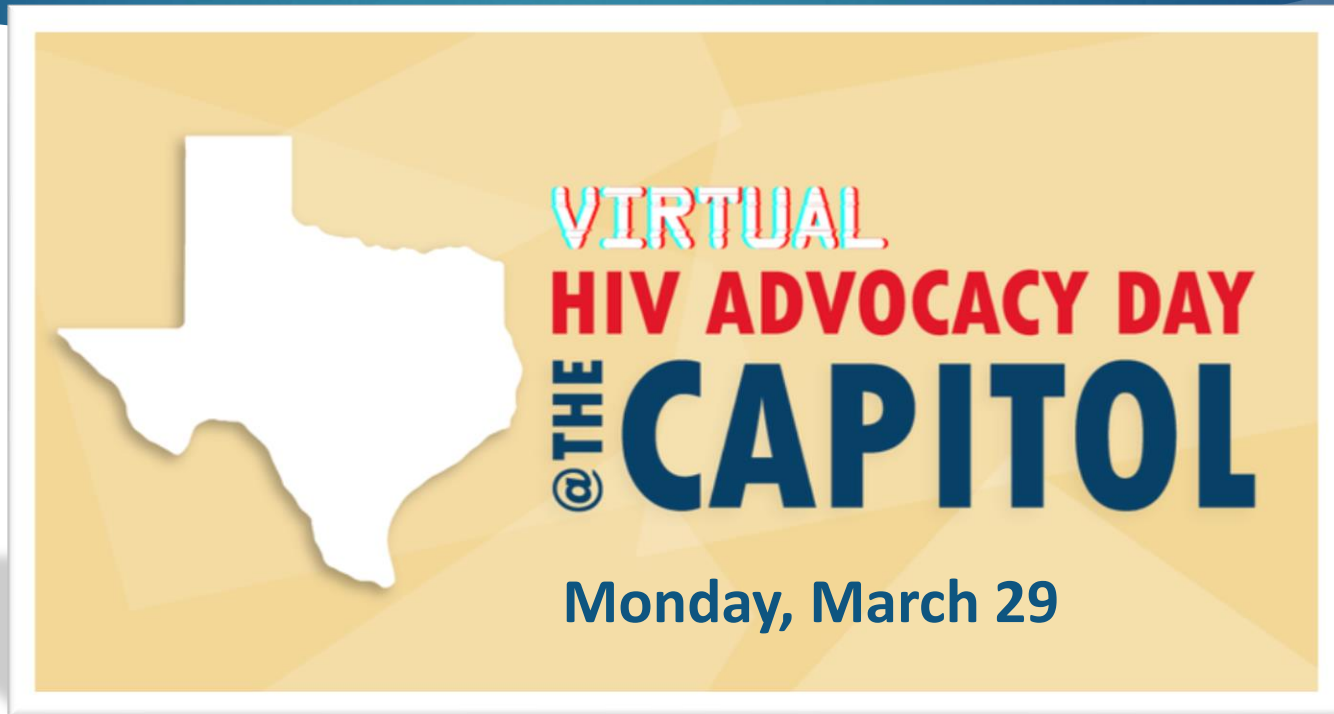
Stigma-free care guidelines

- ❑ Upcoming presentations:
 - ❑ DSHS FUNdamentals (an ECHO session)
 - ❑ Texas Collaborative for HIV Education & Prevention
- ❑ Creating continuing education (CME, CNE, CE) co-sponsored by AETC and UT Health
 - ❑ 4 one-hour modules
 - ❑ Will be accessible online afterward on UT Health website for one year
 - ❑ May need one more nurse

Work Groups

- Community Engagement
- Public Relations
- Advocacy
- Rules of Engagement

HIV Advocacy Day 2021



Register at <https://legacytakesaction.org/hivday>

- ▶ Virtual (no parking!)
- ▶ Optional trainings Mar. 25 & 26, 6P-7P

Proposed Mtg. Schedule

- Apr. 16th - 9am - 10:30am
- May 14th - 9am - 10:30am
- Jun. 16th - 6pm - 7:30pm