

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Houston EHE plan has a solid foundation in the two (2) existing jurisdictional HIV plans:

- The *Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Plan*, expiring in 2021, and included as **Appendix 2**.
- The *Roadmap to Ending the HIV Epidemic in Houston*, expiring in 2021, and included as **Appendix 3**.

An extensive crosswalk between the two existing plans has been developed to identify areas of synergy and opportunities to develop in the future. The crosswalk has been used to develop current EHE plan goals where areas of synergy exist. The crosswalk is included as **Appendix 4**.

Since 2012, the Houston Health Department (HHD), the Houston HIV Prevention Planning Group (CPG), Harris County Public Health (HCPH), The Resource Group (TRG), and the Ryan White Planning Council (RWPC) have collaborated in integrated HIV prevention and care activities to meet requirements of both the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Houston area is also fortunate to have been at the forefront of the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) movement, developing and releasing a community-led plan to end HIV, known as the *Roadmap to Ending the HIV Epidemic in Houston*.

Ultimately, it is our goal to incorporate the two existing jurisdictional plans, both expiring in 2021, into this Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) plan to begin in 2022. This EHE plan will build upon this initial plan and will be innovative, responsive to local community needs and meet the requirements of the various federal funding partners.

Planning Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction for this EHE plan is Houston-Harris county. The EHE planning body will host additional listening sessions throughout the Houston Health Services Delivery Area (HSDA) to better inform prevention efforts within the Houston-Harris county jurisdiction. The HSDA is the geographic service area defined by the Texas DSHS which includes the six counties of the Houston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) (Chambers, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller) plus four additional counties (Austin, Colorado, Walker and Wharton). This aligns with the approach taken by DSHS for the other four (4) EHE counties in Texas: Bexar, Dallas, Tarrant, and Travis.

Planning Structure

The Ending the HIV Epidemic planning structure was determined after presenting to all the local planning bodies in the first quarter of 2020. In this structure, the EHE Plan Steering Committee oversees all the subcommittees and provides guidance. The steering committee is composed of the representatives of the stakeholders including the Resource Group, END HIV Coalition, HIV Community Planning Group (CPG), Harris County Public Health (HCPH), Ryan White Planning Council, Ryan White Part A, Houston Health Department (HHD), and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The ETE Champions serve as an executive resource committee providing community influence and support to the steering committee. This committee consists of chief executive representatives in a variety of community settings including health systems, school districts, colleges/universities, community-based and nonprofit organizations.