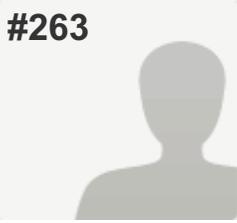


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Q1: OPTIONAL: This recommendation was submitted by (please provide your first and last name, affiliation, and email address)

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Q2: Title of your recommendation Task Force Transparency

Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

We recommend that the End the Epidemic Task Force continue to uphold a strong level of transparency throughout the remainder of this recommendation process and through the implementation of the Task Force's agreed upon goals. We are pleased to see the Task Force engage publicly thus far, recognizing the importance of community engagement and input from all levels across the state, and supporting transparency measures in receiving public recommendations.

In order to achieve the goal of ending this epidemic by 2020, we understand that we will need to work collectively as a state, community-based organizations, advocates and providers and that such a holistic approach necessitates collaborative input and accountability at each step. We are pleased with the Governor's commitment that has renewed momentum in the fight to end AIDS, and we strongly urge this Task Force to distinguish its process as one that continually holds itself accountable to the public it serves. We recommend the Task Force publish any plans to guide its review of recommendations, make available reports on final recommendations for public comment, publish any state legislative advisory comments and release an implementation plan to ensure the Task Force's purported aims are communicated and integrated across state agencies effectively.

Q4: For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? (Select all that apply)

Other (please specify)
Effective implementation of HIV/AIDS recommendations

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Q5: This recommendation should be considered by the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force Committee (Select all that apply)

Data Committee: Develop recommendations for metrics and identify data sources to assess the comprehensive statewide HIV strategy. The Committee will determine metrics that will measure effective community engagement/ownership, political leadership, and supportive services. It will also determine metrics that will measure quality of care, impact of interventions and outcomes across all populations, particularly identified sub populations such as transgender men and women, women of color, men who have sex with men and youth. In addition, the Committee will evaluate to determine optimal strategies for using data to identify infected persons who have not achieved viral suppression and address their support service, behavioral health, and adherence needs.

Q6: Does this recommendation require a change to an existing policy or program, or the creation of a new policy or program?

Other (please specify)
New stated measures for accountability

Q7: Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?

Permitted under current law

Q8: Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?

Within the next year

Q9: What are the perceived benefits of implementing this recommendation?

We commend the Task Force for meeting with and receiving input from relevant stakeholders, and recommend this involvement continue throughout the implementation process. We know that successful implementation is often times the most challenging and encourage the Task Force to be in regular communication with the organizations and providers who will put these very plans into action. In order to ensure the effectiveness of the Task Force's role, we believe the entire process must be transparent. Any effort to significantly lower incidence rates of HIV must take a multi-level approach, and requires the involvement of various New York State agencies and legislative leaders, in addition to community groups and organizations that directly serve individuals at highest-risk for HIV, those living with HIV/AIDS and high prevalence communities. A detailed implementation and evaluation plan for each recommendation it puts forward will be critical in the success of Task Force goals.

Q10: Are there any concerns with implementing this recommendation that should be considered?

None.

Q11: What is the estimated cost of implementing this recommendation and how was this estimate calculated?

None.

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Q12: What is the estimated return on investment (ROI) for this recommendation and how was the ROI calculated?

The estimated return of investment can be calculated by the effective implementation of the End the Epidemic's recommendations.

Q13: Who are the key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this recommendation?

The key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this are those living with or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, as well as health care organizations, Task Force members and all New Yorkers.

Q14: Are there suggested measures to accompany this recommendation that would assist in monitoring its impact?

Suggested measures to assist in monitoring the impact are a clear, open, and defined process for stakeholder review and input of the Task Force's recommendations, development of interagency implementation plans including community organizations and providers, as well as evaluation surveys to assess successful implementation.

Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following Advocate