

Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA)
Resolution in Support of Robust Community Engagement in the Ending the Epidemic Initiative

Whereas, robust, meaningful community engagement in the planning and implementation of the *Ending the HIV Epidemic* (EHE) initiative, including people living with and at risk of HIV, is vital to its success;

Whereas, structural and institutional racism and social determinants of health have fueled HIV health inequities in communities of color;

Whereas, historically marginalized communities formed community-based HIV organizations to address the shortcomings of the governmental response to HIV, and minority-focused community-based HIV organizations were established to address the shortcoming of all organizations' responses to HIV in communities of color;

Whereas, the success of the *Ending the HIV Epidemic* plan will not be realized unless the communities most impacted by HIV, including gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, transgender and cisgender women, two-spirit people, and people living with HIV, especially in communities of color, are meaningfully involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of EHE plans.

Whereas, as the *Ending the HIV Epidemic* plan is being implemented by various federal agencies through the awarding of grants to state and local governments, along with community-based organizations;

Therefore, be it resolved that all federal agencies involved in the EHE meaningfully involve communities, including people living with and at risk of HIV, in Federal planning and evaluation of the EHE;

Be it further resolved that all federal agencies involved in the EHE require and monitor each grantee for meaningful community engagement of those most impacted by HIV, including established and newer community-based organizations and communities of color, in their state and/or local EHE planning process;

Be it further resolved, that all Federal agencies involved in EHE establish processes for high-quality feedback loops in the planning process that allow for clear, regular communication with members of the impacted communities about progress on EHE initiatives within their jurisdictions and nationally;

Be it further resolved that all Federal agencies involved in EHE ensure that grantee implementation plans occur within organizations that have the trust and engagement of communities at highest risk for HIV and that;

Be it further resolved that all Federal agencies ensure that each grantee and subgrantee has key performance goals tied to EHE goals and quality improvement structures in place to evaluate progress and quickly realign work as necessary.

Approved by unanimous vote of PACHA members on October 22, 2019