

**HIV Care Services Fundamentals Call**  
**Achieving Together: A Community Plan**  
**to End the HIV Epidemic in Texas**  
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**1:00 p.m.**

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**Presentation Discussion/Questions/Comments**

- As more information has been released about the new federal plan, has a crosswalk been done to compare the state plan with the national plan?
  - No cross walk has been done to date. There has been discussion to look at how the national plan as well as local plans collaborate with Achieving Together to identify how all these pieces can align to work toward the goal of ending the HIV epidemic.
- Sha'Terra, HIV Planner for East Texas, hosted several launch events for Achieving Together to help with building a movement to mobilize and strategize around ending HIV.
  - Feedback from launch events – plan is overwhelming for clients and they don't see themselves in the plan
- Will ARIES be modified in any way to support this plan? Will this work be tied to billable units? Some people feel like they can't do enough for clients because the system (ARIES) limits them.
  - DSHS will be addressing internally if this is possible.
- What stood out to you about the plan?
  - Being in the quality management side of the work I need to ensure the systems between people, patients, and infrastructure help achieve the goals.
- I feel the plan is something we've had all along, it is wonderfully laid out. However, we still have barriers/gaps in place that were not addressed: political, administrative, etc. These are issues we need to include.
- Barriers to meeting client's needs often come from elected leaders – more support from leaders is tied to funding to the community
  - How do we change that?

- Advocacy training is needed particularly in rural areas – must come from the community.
    - States that have more resources seem to have more persistent advocacy
    - How do we create that movement in Texas?
- I think we start where we are. We evoke change in our own communities and circle of influence. With the hopes being that we obtain buy-in from the decision makers. I think that is phenomenal that Sha'Terra was able to invite the media out to her launch events in East Texas.
- Change begins with our local constituents. If enough voices speak, we will be heard. Contact your local politicians for support of the plan.
- Actions you can take to help mobilize the plan:
  - Policy
  - Advocacy
  - Contacting local leadership
  - Talking with colleagues about the plan
  - Identify your role in the plan (how does your work contribute to the plan goals)
  - Take the pledge, join the movement: <https://achievingtogethertx.org/pledge/>

### **Achieving Together Resources and Social Media**

Website: <https://achievingtogethertx.org/>

Achieving Together video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsaKDCBsyWU>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/achievetgthrtx>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/achievingtogethertx/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AchievingTogetherTX/>

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**No call in June**