

**Coalition for a National AIDS Strategy:  
Meeting with Office of National AIDS Policy**

September 15, 2009

Washington, DC

# Our Commitments

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- The Coalition for a National AIDS Strategy commits to:
  - **Serve as a resource** and **sounding board** for ONAP on NHAS content and messaging
  - **Engage the community** in the process outlined by the White House
  - Recommend federal agencies and officials for inclusion on the interagency panel
  - Provide a contact list of **expert consultants** in areas of interest to the Panel
  - Conduct **inter-disciplinary focus groups** around the pillars of the NHAS as one of the ways to supply concrete recommendations to ONAP, PACHA, and the intergovernmental panel no later than January 1, 2010

# NHAS Process Recommendations to ONAP

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- **Leadership:** The President should mandate that the intergovernmental panel move beyond individual agency considerations and focus on developing a results-oriented NHAS
  - Interagency panel members should be detailed to ONAP for the term of their work
- **Timeline:** We urge ONAP to make publicly available specific information about the timeline for NHAS development that includes a description of the various components (such as PACHA, the interagency panel, community discussion and recommendations, and other inputs) and how they work together **as soon as possible**
- **Budget cycles:** ONAP must mine information gathered in developing the NHAS to inform FY10, FY11, and FY12 budget and appropriations decisions

# Process Recommendations (cont'd)

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- **Transparency:** The NAS Coalition offers the following recommendations to help fulfill the administration's commitment to transparency
  - ONAP should provide more information about PACHA's role in NHAS development and implementation
  - ONAP should debrief with host committee after Community Discussions
  - ONAP should make publicly available (ie, on ONAP Web site) all data gathered and describe its process for assimilating input
- **Communications**
  - ONAP must strengthen its communication mechanisms surrounding NHAS development so stakeholders receive accurate, consistent, and timely updates
  - The NAS Coalition requests 30-day notice for Community Discussions to maximize participation
  - ONAP needs to make on-line comment portal live by September 21, including capacity to upload files

# Substantive Recommendations

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- **Cross-cutting issues**
  - **Efficiency and Effectiveness** must be the two guiding principles of the NHAS
  - In order to help reduce **stigma**, the President should become personally and publicly involved with NHAS
  - Prevention and care strategies must be **integrated**, both in terms of funding and delivery
  - Structural interventions and social issues should be represented in the plan along with traditional interventions

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- Increase **access** to care
  - Health coverage for all people with HIV, including full support services, **is non-negotiable**
  - Fund health information technologies
  - Prioritize education initiative on the benefits of care
  - To better leverage Medicaid and Medicare coverage, **CMS** must have a high-level official devoted to HIV-related services

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- **Decrease HIV Incidence**

- Elevate prevention in the U.S. response: **Every sector** of government (and beyond government) has a role.
- Endorse **combination prevention**, and **integrate prevention** in the work of HRSA, CMS, etc.
- In communities of elevated risk, address an **array of prevention needs** including but not limited to HIV
- Emphasize **accountability through targets** (including transmission rate, annual incidence and knowledge of serostatus) and by ensuring prevention efforts are designed to achieve **population-level impact**
- Learn and apply what works in prevention and identify innovative approaches
- Agencies should demonstrate how they are working collaboratively toward outcomes
- To meet prevention goals, **legal changes** are required (eg, reforming criminal transmission statutes, SEPs funding)

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- **Eradicate inequities**
  - The passage of a health reform bill with a **robust public option** and other critical provisions to address health disparities is integral to reducing health inequities (we continue to fight for this and need the President to as well)
  - An NHAS must address **structural barriers and social determinants** that currently compound risk for vulnerable populations
  - The NHAS should have explicit care and prevention provisions aimed at reducing **health inequities** related to mode of transmission, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, gender, age, immigration status, geography

# Meeting Participants

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**Dawn Averitt Bridge** – The Well Project, Nellysford, VA  
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