

Ending the HIV Epidemic

Community Advisory Board Meeting

Cobb & Douglas Public Health (CDPH) in partnership with Positive Impact Health Centers held the first community advisory board meeting for Cobb County on December 12, 2019. The meeting was facilitated by Director for Campaign to End AIDS Justin Smith MS, MPH and CDPH Director of Clinical Services Catherine Smythe, RN, MSN.

Cobb County has been identified by the federal government as one of the 48 counties in the nation with the highest incidence of recent HIV infections. The four counties in Georgia include Fulton, DeKalb, and Gwinnett. Identifying these counties will allow us to eradicate HIV/AIDS by 2030.

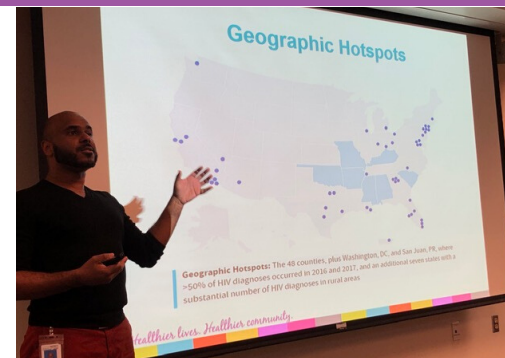
Attendees at last night's meeting included District 4 Commissioner Lisa Cupid, Someone Care's Candice Logan, Ser Familia physician Dr. Jose Rodriguez, and Hamilton Argueta from GNR Health.

Meetings throughout the upcoming years will be held at various locations in the Cobb County to reach the array of diverse communities.

Interested in being a part of the committee?

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Key Takeways

- All Cobb & Douglas Public Health locations offer free Rapid HIV Testing (finger-prick method).
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) a daily pill can reduce your risk up to 99% of getting infected by HIV.
- PrEP is now available at all of our locations.
- While HIV can impact anyone, there are growing numbers in Black men who have sex with men, Black women and young people (between the ages of 14-25).
- Recently there has been a growing rate of HIV infections within Cobb County's Hispanic population.