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**Introduction:** Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Welcome and thank you for agreeing to participate in this focus group. Please enjoy the refreshments we have provided in gratitude for your time.
* You have been asked to participate in this focus group from the perspective of San Ysidro staff working in the HIV department.
* We will engage you in a focused conversation around HIV prevention services for Latino Men at risk of HIV in San Diego County and at San Ysidro Health.
* We hope to learn about your thoughts and feelings about the challenges that Latino men face in accessing HIV testing and prevention services,
* And would also like to learn how we can develop a culturally tailored HIV program designed for and by Latino men in San Diego County.
* We realize you are busy, and are deeply appreciative of your time and participation.

**Anonymity**: The information you give us will be transcribed and anonymized. It is important for you to know that the information from this focus group should be kept completely confidential. Please respect that everything shared today stays in this room. It is also important for you to know that your participation is entirely voluntary. If there are any questions or discussions that you do not wish to answer to participate in, you do not have to do so. If there is anything that you wish to share that is personal, please share it from the perspective of someone else (ex/”My co-worker once said that….”).

**Background**: In SD County, Latinos make up 33% of the population, but 43% of new HIV diagnoses. In 2016, Latinos (21.1/100,000) and men (26.8/100,000) had the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses in SD County, greater than state (14.3, 22.5, respectively) and national estimates (17.2, 24.7, respectively). Latino men have worse HIV continuum of care (HCC) outcomes in SD County than White men.

* Despite heavy socio-structural barriers (e.g., 30% unstable housing; 96% uninsured or public insurance) and co-morbidities (e.g., 51% mental health problems, 38% substance use disorders), 70% of SYH’s HIV-positive patients were engaged in care, 99% were prescribed antiretrovirals, and 91% were virally suppressed in 2018.
* However, the percent of undiagnosed Latino men is unknown but likely very high, with 63% of all HIV diagnoses among Latinos in SD County being late (AIDS within 1 year of diagnosis).
1. **CATEGORY 1: HIV PREVENTION SERVICES (~10 minutes)**

 **Please describe the HIV prevention services offered for Latino men.**

By “prevention services” we mean:

1. Getting HIV information to the community in a way that is useful;
2. Getting people tested; and
3. Connecting people to PrEP and other prevention services.
4. Engaging those who test HIV-positive in care to achieve viral suppression

By “Latino men” we are including ALL Latino men (MSM, bi-sexual men, heterosexual men, and transgender men).

**PROMPTS:**

* Which HIV prevention services are currently working? Which services need improving?
* How can we improve these services for Latino men, particularly HIV-negative or unengaged Latino men?
* getting prevention services to Latino men?
* What do you think prevents Latino men from getting HIV testing?
* What do you think prevents Latino men from engaging with PrEP and other prevention services?
* How can HIV prevention services *better* reach Latino men? (testing, PrEP, Care engagement)
* How can leadership better support this?
* What are ways to better support staff/providers to improve HIV prevention services for Latino men? (i.e., programs, trainings, or resources that would be OR are beneficial)
1. **CATEGORY 2: MOBILE OUTREACH (~15 minutes)**

**Please describe how we are reaching Latino men in the community for HIV testing and engagement” (i.e., “mobile outreach”)**

**PROMPTS**:

* Which outreach services are currently working at reaching patients *in the community*? Which outreach services need improving?
* How can we better reach Latino men (HIV- and HIV+) through Mobile Community Outreach?
* What are the resources used to support Mobile Community Outreach at SY Health?
* How can we better support and improve Mobile Community Outreach for Latino men? For Staff/Providers/Supervisors/Managers/etc.?
* What are ways to better support staff/providers to improve outreach for Latino men? (i.e., programs, trainings, or resources that would be OR are beneficial)
1. **CATEGORY 3: PEER NAVIGATION (~15 minutes)**

**Please describe peers help to engage Latino men in HIV testing, treatment or prevention (i.e. “Peer navigation”)**

By “peer” we mean: A person who represents the community of the patient/client and

can relate to them as a peer or equal. A peer could be another person living with HIV or

someone who is from the same community or “risk group” as the client.

**PROMPTS**:

* Which peer services are currently working at engaging Latino men? Which peer services need improving?
* How can we better reach Latino men (HIV- and HIV+) through peer services?
* What are the resources used to support peer services at SY Health?
* How can we better support and improve peer services for Latino men? For Staff/Providers/Supervisors/Managers/etc.?
* What are ways to better support staff/providers to improve peer services for Latino men? (i.e., programs, trainings, or resources that would be OR are beneficial)
1. **CATEGORY 4: CARE COORDINATION/WRAP-AROUND SERVICES (~15 minutes)**

**Please describe Care Coordination/Wrap-Around Services offered to help Latino men engage in HIV care (i.e., case management, transportation, food insecurity, housing, mental health, and addiction).**

**PROMPTS:**

* Which Care Coordination/Wrap-Around services are currently working at engaging Latino men? Which Care Coordination/Wrap-Around services need improving?
* How can we better reach Latino men (HIV- and HIV+) through Care Coordination/Wrap-Around services?
* What are the resources used to support Care Coordination/Wrap-Around services at SY Health?
* How can we better support and improve Care Coordination/Wrap-Around services for Latino men? For Staff/Providers/Supervisors/Managers/etc.?
* What are ways to better support staff/providers to improve Care Coordination/Wrap-Around services for Latino men? (i.e., programs, trainings, or resources that would be OR are beneficial)
1. **CATEGORY 5: TECHNOLOGY (~10 minutes)**

**Please describe ways in which technology can facilitated HIV testing provision, reach, and engagement of Latino men in HIV prevention services in South San Diego.**

By “technology” we include mobile apps, websites, M-Health.

**PROMPTS**:

* How do Latino men use technology (i.e., FB, Instagram, WhatsApp, and moble apps)?
* How can technology facilitate reach of Latino men (i.e., peer navigation, outreach, care)?

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING. YOUR OPINIONS WILL MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.**