



## Quality and Performance Measures Team

July 10, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

The **Quality and Performance Measures Teams'** (QPM) charge is to *review and discuss data; develop indicators to track CT's progress in HIV prevention and care; and help improve the quality of HIV prevention and care.* To improve the quality of HIV prevention and care, QPM's mission, since merging with the Cross-Part Collaborative in 2016, has been to implement a Quality Improvement (QI) campaign across the CT HIV Prevention and Care Continuum.

Due to the planning process for the submission of the CT Care and Prevention Plan that concluded last fall, QPM has not initiated QI projects. This year, the committee has been intentional in reviewing QI projects that have been implemented by Ryan White funded jurisdictions (see attached compiled list).

The QPM committee completed a poll that prioritized QI topic areas of focus. They are **PrEP (33%), Housing (25%); and Disparities (17%)**. QPM will be communicating with each Ryan White jurisdiction to recommend QI projects that implement at least 1 of the priority areas listed. There is no expectation that the jurisdiction will create a new project. For example, if your agency is currently focused on Viral Load Suppression, Retention in Care, STIs, PrEP, etc., your jurisdiction can focus on disparity populations within each. If you are already doing this, you are already addressing this request. In Fall 2023, QPM will update its compilation of QI projects with outcomes for each Jurisdiction. Please look out for communication from the QPM Team.

The Quality Management Summit, which is held in the fall, will be the culmination of QPM's focus on Quality. This summit will give all of you an inside look at projects that have made major impact in the HIV Prevention and Care continuum. We hope you join us! This year's summit will be held in October. Summit information will be sent out shortly.

Thank you all for your continued partnership!

Sincerely,

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Quality and Performance Measure Team  
Chair

CC: Ryan White Part A Hartford Recipient Office & Planning Council  
Ryan White Part A New Haven Recipient Office & Planning Council  
Ryan White Part C Sites  
Ryan White Part D Recipient Offices

# Handout 1: Quality Improvement (QI) Project Priorities

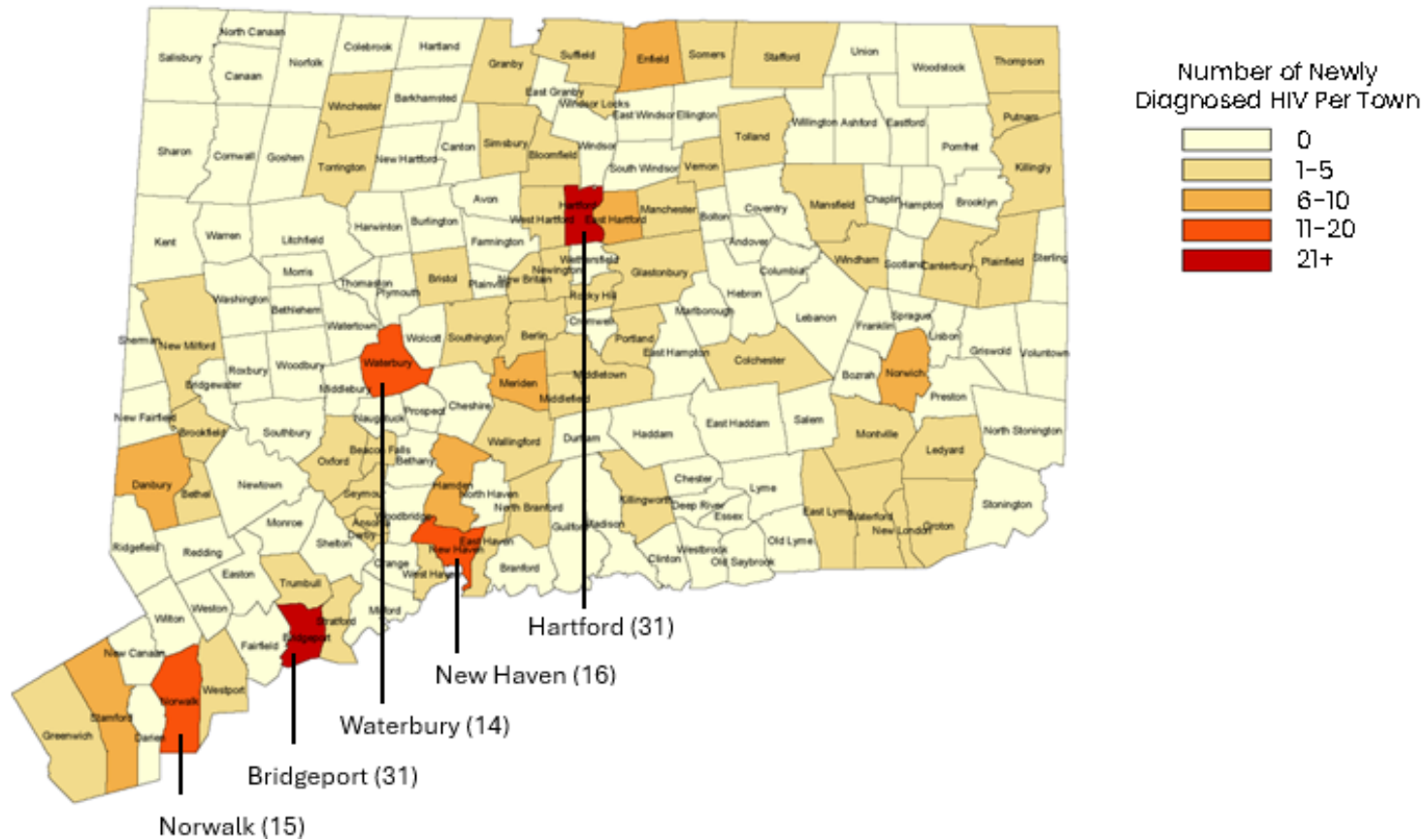
## Current QI Priorities: 2023 Dear Colleague Letter

- PrEP
- Housing
- Disparities

## QI Activities in Draft 2027-2031 Integrated Plan

- Treat Pillar: Viral Load Suppression
- Treat Pillar: Linkage to Care & Medication Adherence
- Prevent Pillar: PrEP
- Prevent Pillar: Syringe Services Programs syringe returns / syringe litter

### HIV Incidence or New Cases in Connecticut (2023)



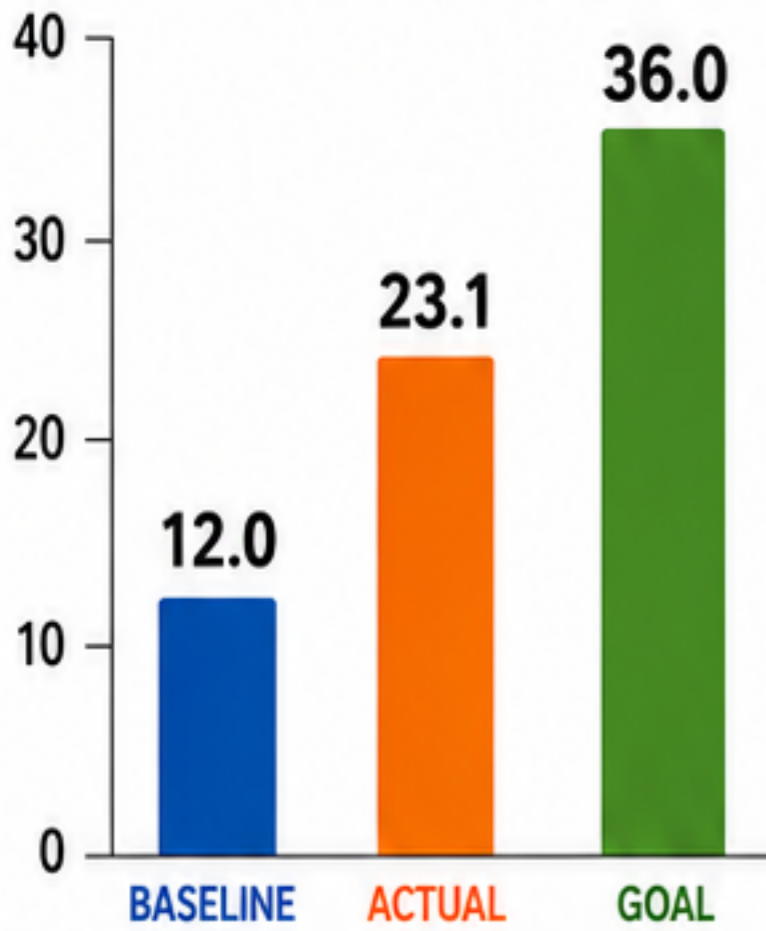
# QPM SNAPSHOT: HIV CARE & PREVENTION

MEASURING PROGRESS. IDENTIFYING GAPS. ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY.

- BASELINE (Historical)
- ACTUAL (Most Recent)
- GOAL (CHPC Target)

## PrEP-to-Need Ratio

Higher is better

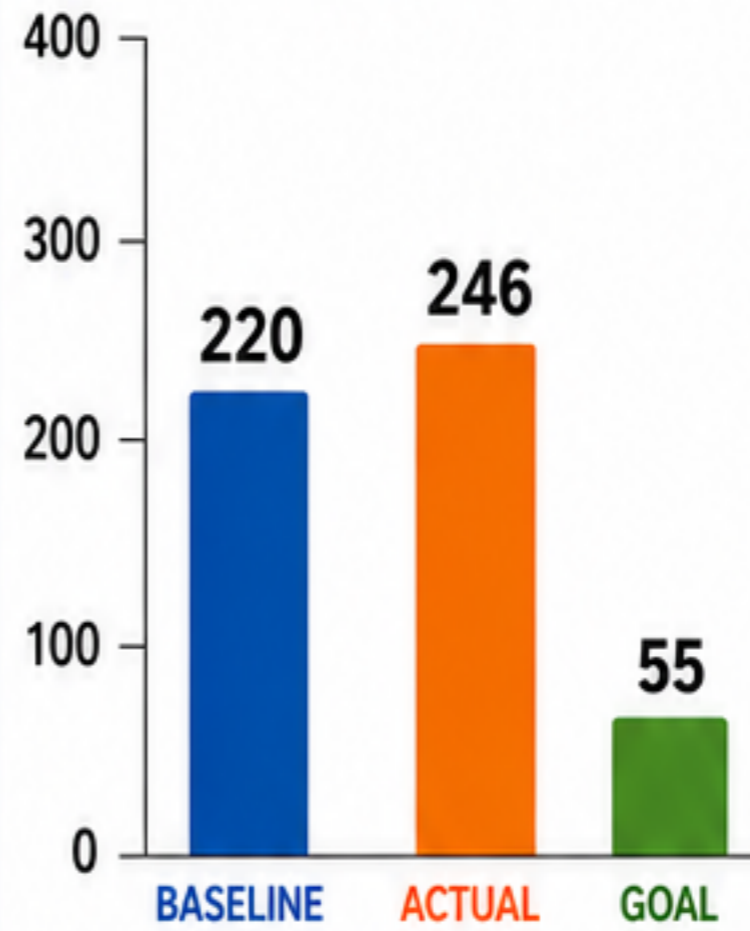


### BY POPULATION (Actual)



## New Diagnoses

Lower is better



### % BLACK / HISPANIC



### % MSM



## Late Testers

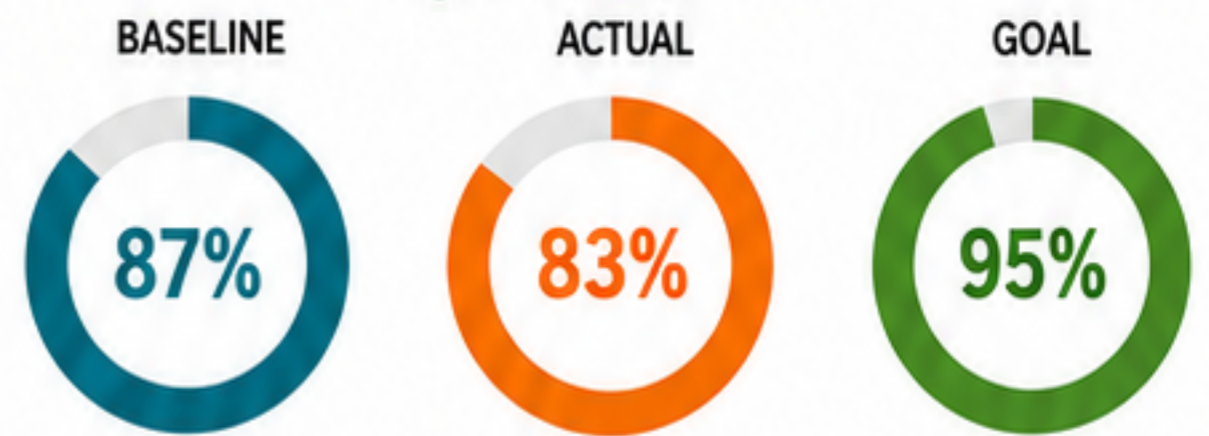
Lower is better



Little change from baseline. We must do better to reach our goal.

## Linkage to Care

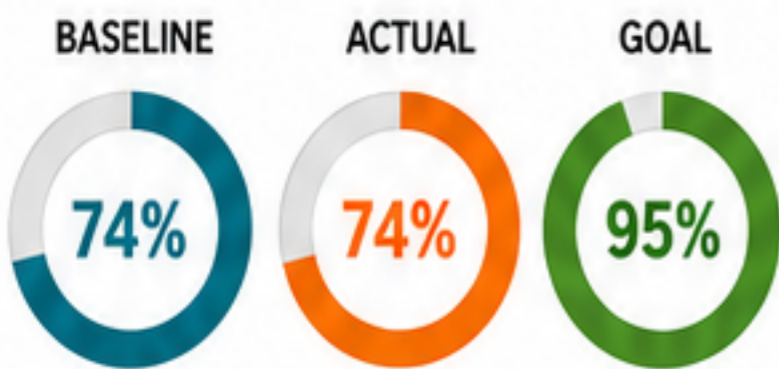
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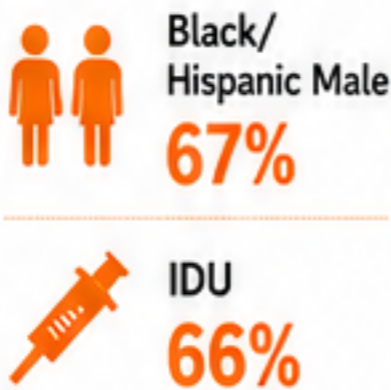
Decline from 2019 baseline. We must improve linkage.

## Viral Load Suppression

Higher is better



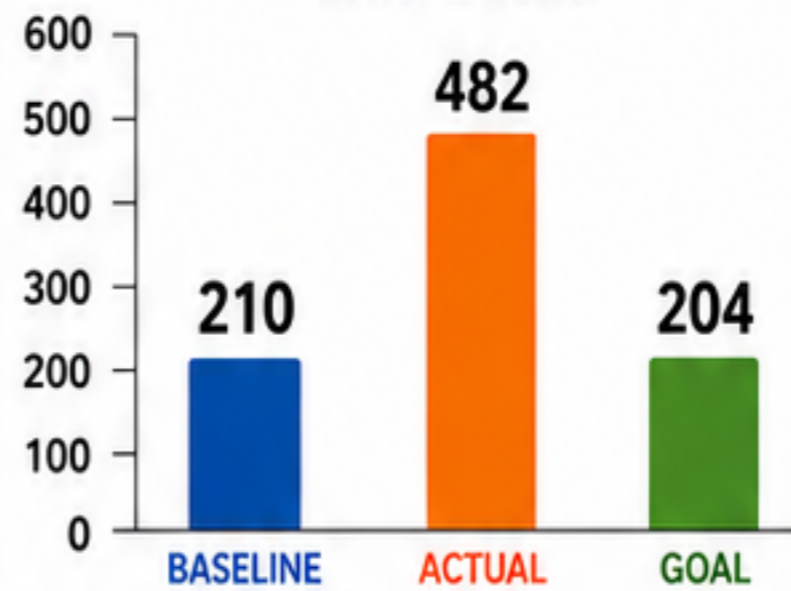
### BY POPULATION (Actual)



Significant gaps remain for Black/Hispanic males and people who inject drugs (IDU).

## Syphilis Cases

Lower is better



129% INCREASE FROM BASELINE

Syphilis cases more than doubled. Intensified prevention and testing are critical.

### RW NEEDS

(Need more or can't access)



### RW STIGMA



Always "very careful" who I tell that I have HIV: 57%

### PREVENTION NEEDS

Include: access to PrEP and PEP (cost, privacy), education on PrEP and PEP

