

National HIV/AIDS Hispanic/Latino Response



Maria E. Alvarez, MPA

Acting Associate Director

HIV/AIDS Prevention Among Hispanic/Latino Communities

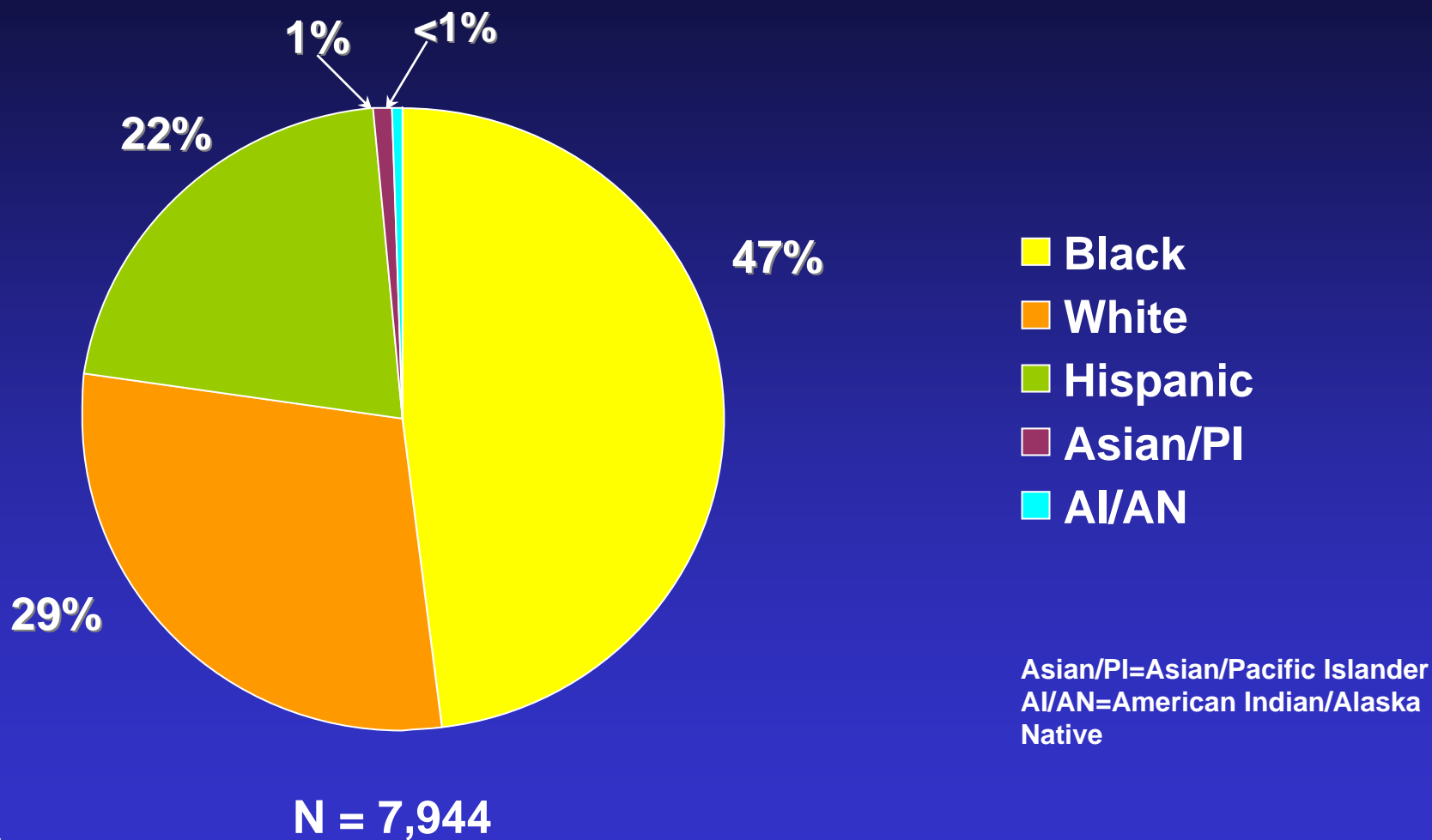
Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention

2008 HPLS Closing Plenary

June 14, 2008



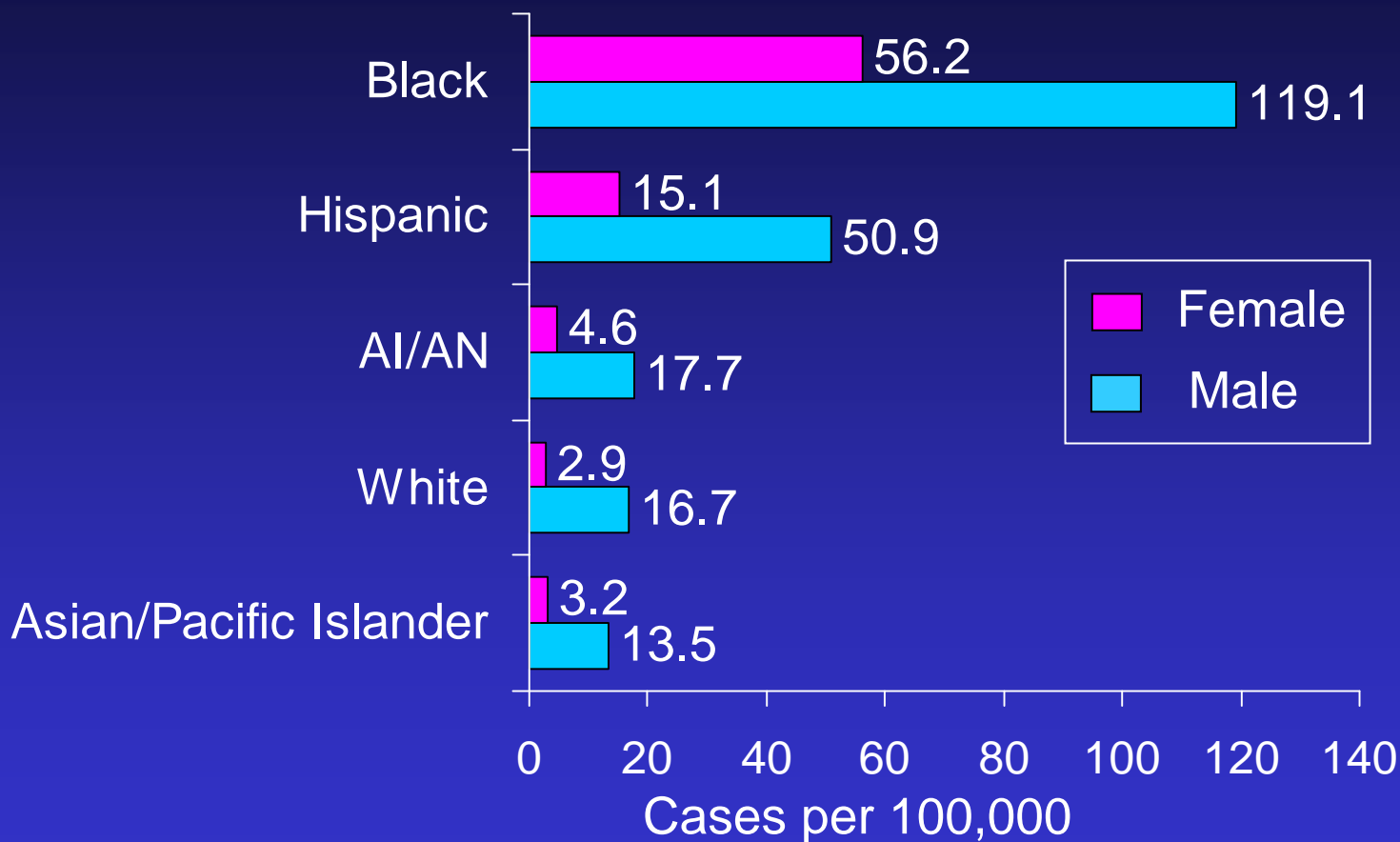
Estimated HIV/AIDS Diagnoses by Race/Ethnicity – 33 States and Puerto Rico, 2006



Data include persons diagnosed with HIV infection regardless of AIDS status at diagnosis.
Data have been adjusted for reporting delays.
Estimates include data from Puerto Rico.



Rates of Estimated HIV/AIDS Cases – Adults and Adolescents, 2006



Note. Data from 33 states with confidential name-based HIV infection reporting since at least 1999. Data have been adjusted for reporting delays.



Why Focus on Hispanics/Latinos?

- Account for approximately 15% of U.S. population
- Fastest growing ethnic group
- Account for 22% of HIV/AIDS diagnoses in 2006*
- Health disparities and barriers to HIV prevention and care:
 - Risk factors vary by country of origin and ancestry
 - High rates of STDs
 - Substance and alcohol abuse
 - Language Barrier
 - High poverty level
 - Educational level below the U.S. national average
 - Migration patterns
 - Limited access to healthcare
 - Immigration status



CDC's Response:

HIV Prevention Priorities & Activities for Hispanics/Latinos



Hispanic/Latino HIV/AIDS Prevention Activities: Capacity Building

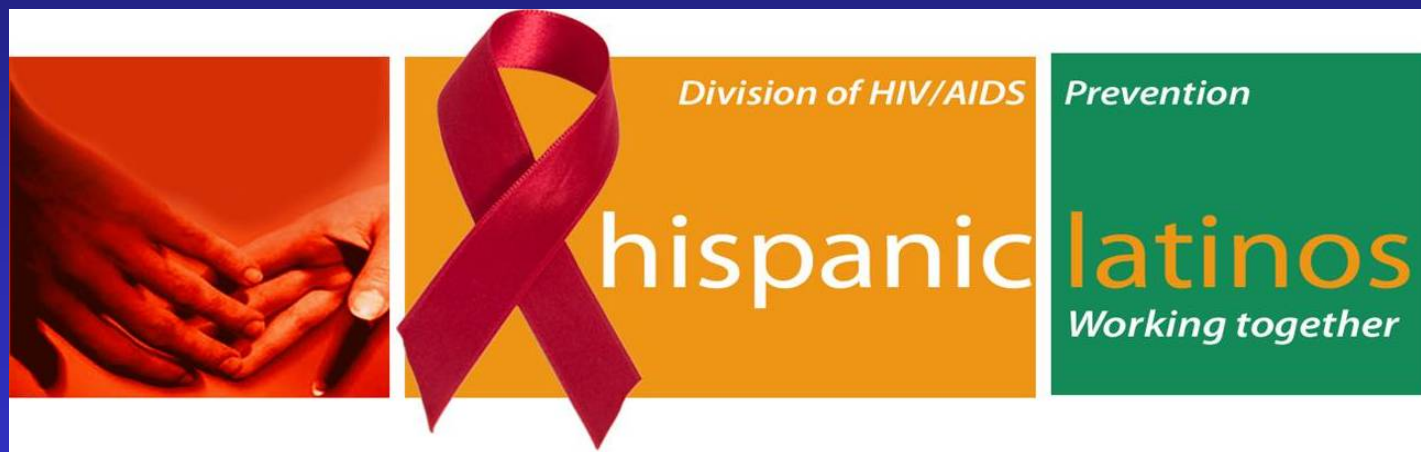
- Provide culturally appropriate capacity building assistance to programs that serve Hispanics/Latinos through partnerships with national, regional, and nongovernmental organizations.
- Fund 9 national and regional organizations to serve the CBA needs of Hispanic/Latino serving organization.
- Increase Hispanic/Latino participation in community planning activities.
- Conduct intensive and linguistically tailored training institutes in multiple states for health departments and CBOs.
- Created Spanish training and technical materials on behavioral interventions:
 - **5 interventions available:** SISTA, Safety Counts, Voices/VOCES, RAPP & MIP
 - **8 interventions under development:** Mpowerment, Many Men Many Voices, Community PROMISE, Healthy Relationships, Street SMART, RESPECT & Partnership for Health
- Support National Social Marketing Campaigns
 - Provide technical assistance to NLAAD and NHTD



Prevention in the Hispanic/Latino Community: Consultation with Leaders from the Latino Community

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP)

April 1-2, 2008



Holiday Inn Conference Center
130 Clairmont Ave.
Decatur, GA 30030



CDC's Hispanic/Latino Executive Committee (HLEC)

- Established May 2007

- Comprised of representatives from all branches in the Division and the Office of the Director

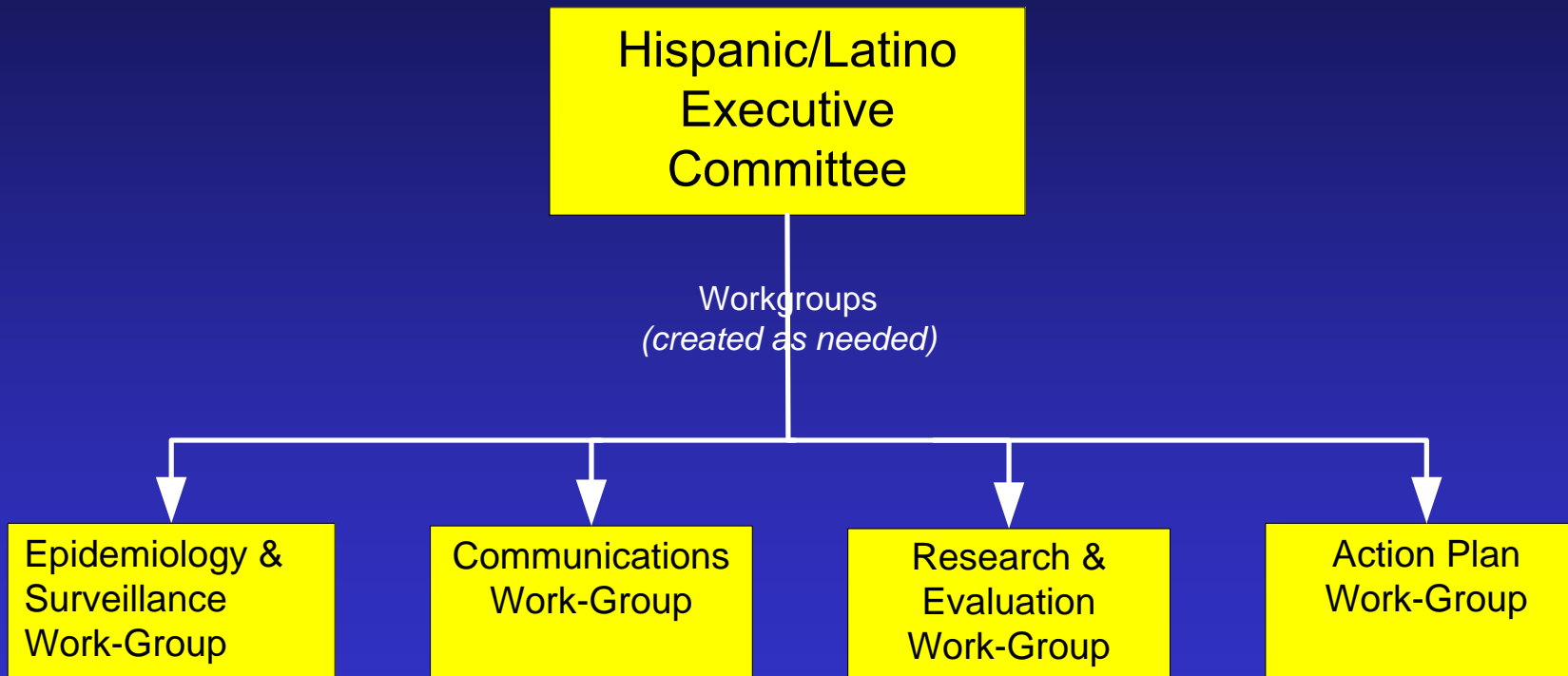
Purpose

Provide guidance and recommendations to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) regarding the HIV epidemic in the Latino community in a culturally appropriate manner to:

- Decrease the rate of HIV transmission.
- Increase access to culturally appropriate prevention, care and treatment services.



CDC's Hispanic/Latino Executive Committee & Workgroups



HLEC Workgroups

- **Epidemiology & Surveillance Work Group:**
 - To create an Epidemiological Profile for Hispanic/Latinos and conduct ancestry research
- **Communications Work Group:**
 - To improve external and internal communication, develop messaging for HIV in Hispanic/Latinos, and improve availability and access of CDC products
- **Research & Evaluation Work Group:**
 - To help DHAP identify research priorities focusing on Hispanics/Latinos, conduct operational research, identify top research/evaluation activities and foster collaboration.
- **Action Plan Work Group:**
 - To craft the Action plan with the input gathered from different workgroups and recommendations from external and internal partners.



Special Issue of a Peer Reviewed Journal on Hispanic/Latinos and HIV/AIDS Prevention: (AIDS Education & Prevention)

*“HIV/AIDS and Hispanic/Latinos in the US and Puerto Rico:
Epidemiology, Behavioral and Structural Influences of Risk
and Best Practices for Prevention”*

- Call for abstracts (due May 2008):
 - 128 abstracts received (*currently under review*)
- Expected publishing date: Late 2009



Mi Gente

SABER es PODER
Infórmate. Hazte la Prueba del VIH.
KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. GET THE FACTS. GET TESTED FOR HIV



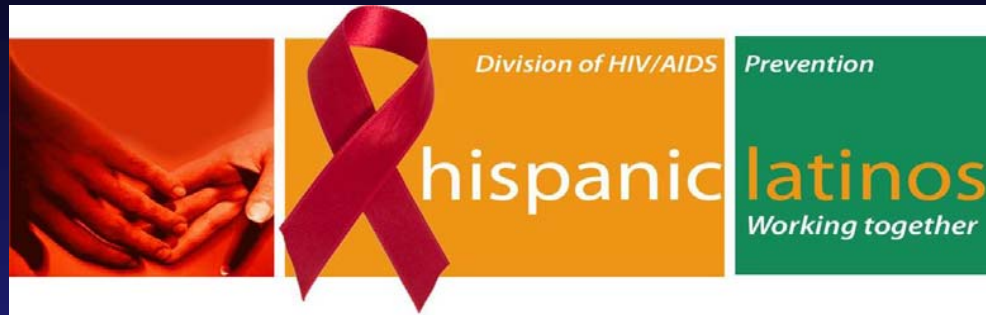
OCT. 15TH

Acknowledgements

- Special thanks are due to colleagues:
 - Kevin Fenton, MD, PhD, FFPH
 - Robert Janssen, MD
 - Janet Cleveland, MS
 - Richard Wolitski, PhD
 - Ken Dominguez, MD., MPH
 - Lorena Espinoza, DDS, MPH
 - Gena Hill, MPH
 - Priya Jakhmola, MS, MBA
 - Hispanic/Latino Executive Committee



Thank You!



Contact Information:

Maria E. Alvarez, MPA

Acting Associate Director

for

**HIV/AIDS Prevention Among
Hispanic/Latino Communities**

DHAP OD

mma8@cdc.gov

(404) 639-3425

