

## **Needs Assessment Survey Results for Region 4, 2013**

### *Data Collection*

- In total, 288 individuals from Region 4 responded to the Needs Assessment Survey between July 10 and August 7, 2013.

### *Demographic Information of Survey Respondents*

- 67% were male, 32% were female, and 1% was transgender.
- 58% were black, 37% were white, and 4% identified as multi-racial or other (Native American or Asian/Pacific Islander). 2% of respondents reported being of Hispanic/Latino origin.
- Over 30% of respondents were 50 years of age or older (32%); 14% were 13-29 years of age, and 54% were 30-49 years of age.
- 28% had not completed high school, 6% had some vocational training, 21% had completed some college, and 11% had a college degree.

### *Employment, Income, and Insurance*

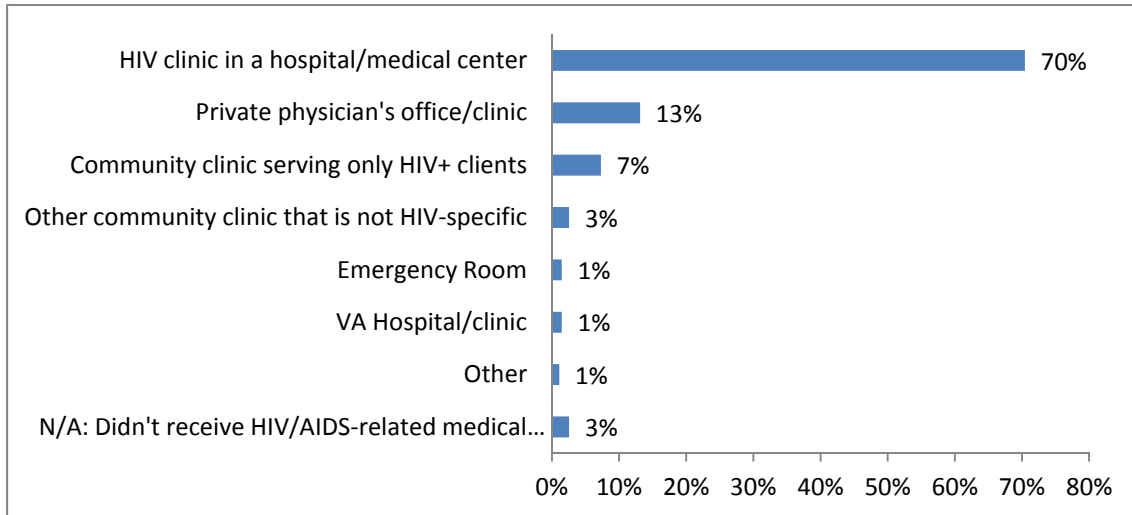
- In the last 6 months, more than 60% of respondents (63%) had not worked; 11% were working part-time, and 6% were working off and on. Only 19% of respondents were working full-time.
- Of those who reported being unemployed at some point in the last 6 months (n=216), 59% were not working due to health and disability status.
- 65% of respondents reported having a monthly income of \$0-\$1,000 (20% reported having no income, 6% had a monthly income of \$1-\$500, and 39% had a monthly income of \$501-\$1,000).
- In the last 6 months, only 20% of respondents received wages from a job. Almost half (40%) of respondents received food stamps, while 25% of respondents received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and 26% of respondents received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).
- 37% of respondents reported having no HIV/AIDS health insurance coverage. 72% of those who reported a barrier to seeking HIV/AIDS health insurance coverage reported affordability as a barrier; 12% reported not qualifying for coverage.
- Only 3% of respondents with insurance reported having HIV/AIDS health insurance coverage through work, while 33% of respondents reported having coverage through Medicaid and 31% of respondents reported having coverage through Medicare.

### *HIV Status and Medical Care*

- 24% of respondents reported being HIV positive (not AIDS) with symptoms, 17% of respondents reported having an AIDS diagnosis, and 3% reported not knowing their HIV/AIDS status.
- At the time the survey was given, 72% of respondents had been living with a positive HIV diagnosis for 5 years or more; 14% had been living with a positive HIV diagnosis for 2-4 years, and 14% had been living with an HIV diagnosis for 0-1 years.
- 15% of respondents did not receive HIV/AIDS related care during the last 6 months. When asked to specify barriers to seeking HIV/AIDS-related care in the last 6-months, 25% of respondents reported they didn't feel sick, 15% reported that they did not know where to go, and 10% reported that they couldn't afford it.

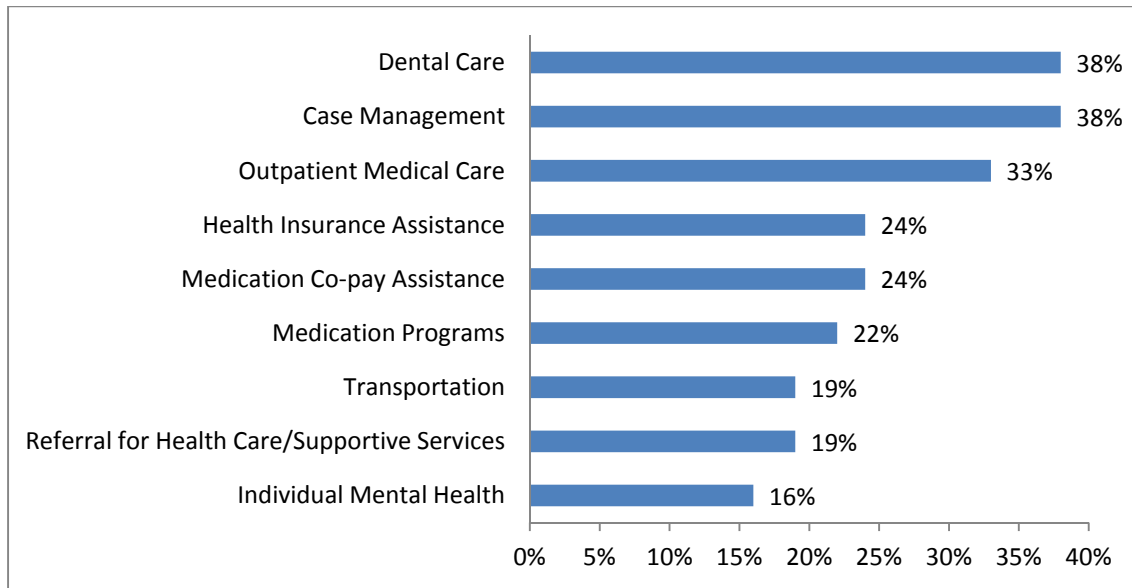
- Of those who received HIV/AIDS related care during the last 6 months, 70% reported regularly receiving HIV/AIDS related medical care from an HIV clinic in a hospital/ medical center. Figure 1 depicts the distribution of sources that respondents reported receiving HIV/AIDS related medical care from in the past year.

**Figure 1. Regular Source for receiving HIV/AIDS Related Medical Care in the Past 6 months**



- 90% of respondents were taking HIV medications prescribed to them by a doctor during the past year.
- Of those that reported having HIV medications prescribed to them, 90% reported taking their HIV medication all of the time, 8% reported taking their HIV medication most of the time, and 2% reported taking their HIV medication some of the time.
- Of those that reported having HIV medications prescribed to them, 81% reported missing 0 doses in the 3 days before the survey was administered, 10% reported missing 1 dose, and 8% reported missing 2 or more doses.
- Figure 2 presents the distribution of medical care needs reported by persons who did not receive the selected services.

**Figure 2. Medical Care Needs Reported by Persons who did not Receive the Selected Services**



†All individuals represented in the above figure reported that they had needed the specified service during the past year but did not receive it.

‡The denominator of the values presented represents all respondents that reported not receiving the specified service.

#### *Mental Health Services*

- 27% of respondents were receiving counseling or other mental health services during the past 6 months.
- 31% of respondents have been prescribed medicine for mental health reasons during the past 6 months.
- Of the respondents that did not receive individual mental health counseling, 16% said they needed this service.
- Of the respondents that did not receive psychosocial support in the past year, 12% said they needed this service.
- Of the respondents that did not receive crisis or emergency counseling, 12% said they needed this service.

#### *Housing and Support Services*

- Of the respondents that said they did not receive assistance finding affordable, safe housing in the past year, 22% said they needed this service.
- Of the respondents that said they did not receive emergency housing services in the past year, 15% said they needed this service.

#### *Transportation*

- Of the respondents that said they did not receive transportation services in the past year, 19% said they needed this service.
- 6% of individuals that did not receive HIV/AIDS related care at some point in the last 6 months reported transportation as a barrier to receiving HIV/AIDS related care.