

# ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN NASHVILLE

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### Background

The office of the mayor has a division dedicated to improving health outcomes in Nashville/Davidson County through program and policy interventions.

One of the main goals is addressing HIV prevalence in the community through their *Ending the Epidemic* Program.

In 2017, there were 146 new HIV diagnoses in the Nashville area, and a total of 4,103 people living with HIV in Nashville.

The program outlined specific goals to reduce prevalence, address the stigma around HIV, and connect patients with treatment opportunities.

### Aims

The *Ending the Epidemic* program had six specific goals to accomplish before 2024:

1. Ensure that 90% of Nashville Residents living with HIV know their serostatus
2. Decrease the number of Nashville residents with newly acquired HIV by 2/3
3. Link 90% of those diagnosed with HIV to care within one month of diagnosis
4. Engage 90% of people diagnosed with HIV in care
5. Ensure that 90% of those engaged in care will achieve viral suppression
6. Eliminate disparities in HIV outcomes

### Results

The *Ending the Epidemic* report with the goals and action items was released to the public in May 2019.

On May 19, Mayor Briley signed an executive order that created the *Ending the Epidemic Advisory Council*.

A list of nominees for the advisory council, including community stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds that are all passionate about ending HIV in Nashville, was submitted to the Mayor for vetting.

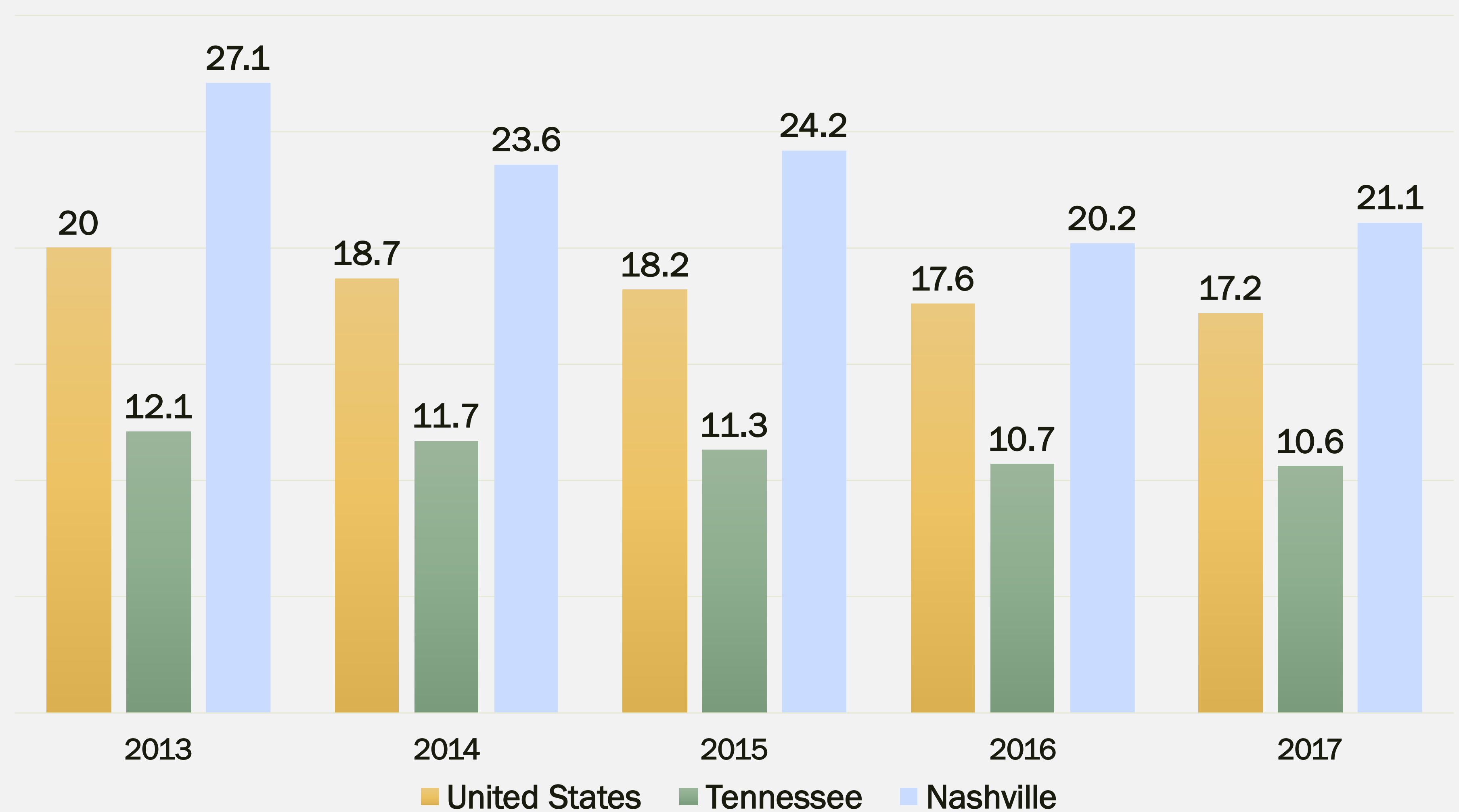


Figure 1. Rate Of new HIV diagnoses from 2013- 2017  
Rate: number of people newly diagnosed with HIV per 100,000

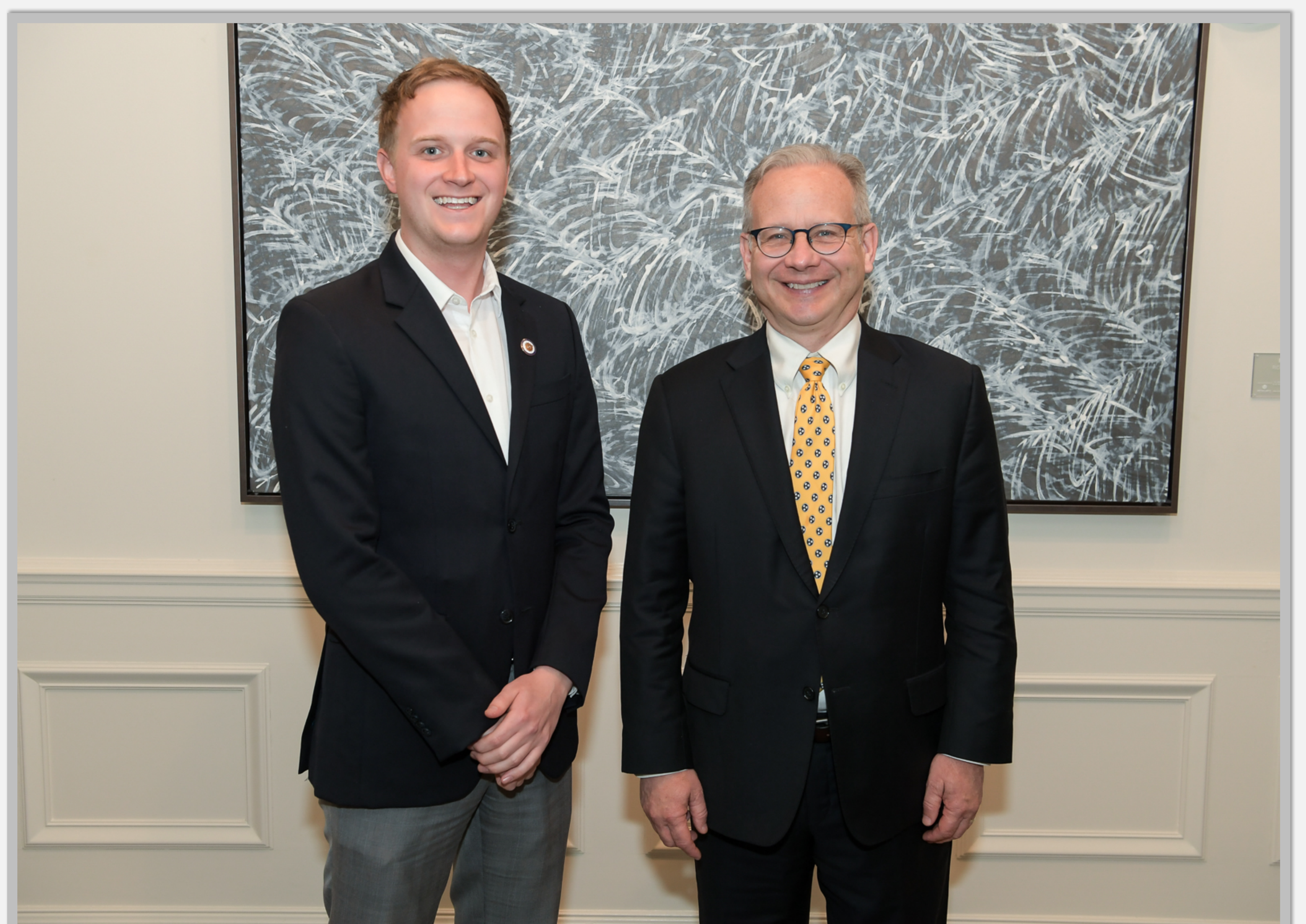


Figure 2. Evan Butler with Mayor David Briley

### Next Steps

- › Signing the executive order was just the beginning of what will be a long and tedious process.
- › The members on the Advisory Council are not yet final; once they are, swift action is critical to ensure proper steps are taken to meet the goals in an allotted timeline.
- › Despite a new mayor being elected, *Ending the Epidemic* remains at the forefront of the office's health-related initiatives.