

## **ASA/Vivent Health FAQs**

### **AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN (ASA) IS NOW VIVENT HEALTH. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR ASA AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH OR AT-RISK FOR HIV?**

- As Vivent Health we will continue our commitment to providing integrated HIV/AIDS care in Austin via the new HIV Medical Home model of care.
- In the future, we will significantly expand programs and services to build healthier lives for Central Texans at risk and living with HIV/AIDS.
- The expansion includes building an in-house pharmacy, adding five new mental health therapists, increasing food pantry services to five days a week and serving 1000 new patients.
- HIV prevention services are a cornerstone of our holistic work and they will continue.

### **WHY NOW?**

- In recent years, ASA has experienced increasing demand for programs and services as a record number of people are living with HIV/AIDS in and around Austin.
- In Austin, there are currently 6,063 people living with HIV and 17 percent of people living with HIV who do not know their status, according to AIDSvu.
- One out of six people living with HIV in Austin are not getting the care they need.
- With ASA offering the only integrated care for Central Texans impacted by HIV/AIDS, our next step became figuring out how to expand that care to reach all parts of our community, especially as transportation and geography become prominent barriers to care for people in need of ASA's services. That's where Vivent Health comes in to help.

### **HOW WAS THIS DECISION MADE?**

- At ASA, throughout our history, we have always operated through the lens of what is best for persons impacted by HIV/AIDS in our community. We put our mission first when examining our strategic direction and the needs of our patients.
- ASA's Board of Directors recognized that the Vivent Health HIV Medical Home is a powerful way to fight, and ultimately end, the HIV/AIDS epidemic by ensuring people living with and at-risk for HIV have access to integrated, patient-centered care.
- With that in mind, and after extensive due diligence, the ASA Board voted unanimously to move forward as Vivent Health. As Vivent Health, we will maximize access to our quality care and services for the people we serve now and into the future.

### **WHY VIVENT HEALTH?**

- Vivent Health is a national leader in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment and has among the best health outcomes helping people with HIV/AIDS live long, healthy lives in the United States.
- Vivent Health operates the only HIV Medical Home in America recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- An HIV Medical Home is a model of care that offers fully integrated health and social services, including medical, dental, and behavioral health along with pharmacies, case management and social support provided by a team of professionals dedicated to patient-centered care.
- Providing an HIV Medical Home positions us to offer the best outcomes for the people we serve, and to be a strong, financially-stable leader in the fight against HIV.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR CLIENTS AND OUR PROGRAMS?**

- Our focus remains providing the essential services and care which address multiple social determinants of health, with the goal of helping people living with HIV achieve viral load suppression. By becoming a part of Vivent Health, we will be better able to improve health outcomes for people living with and at-risk for HIV.
- Programs will be enhanced through strategic investments to expand our integrated, HIV Medical Home model of care and to assure the people we serve have access to comprehensive services. Likewise, staffing will increase in Austin to meet current and future needs for programming.
- Our legacy programs like The Q will continue, and, in fact, be significantly strengthened.

### **WHAT WILL LEADERSHIP LOOK LIKE?**

- Our local leadership will remain in place and continue to guide HIV/AIDS care in Central Texas. Paul Scott will serve as the Vice President for Vivent Health, Texas and Susan Campion will serve as the Vice President of Operations.
- ASA Board of Directors Noel Landuyt; Aisha White, MD; Kevin Haynes; Jerold McDonald; and Sussann Kotora, MD will join the Vivent Health national board, giving Austin significant representation.
- Mike Gifford is the current Vivent Health President and Chief Executive Officer. Gifford has been with Vivent Health for over 27 years and has served as President & Chief Executive Officer since 2012.

### **WHERE WILL INVESTMENTS AND ALL DOLLARS RAISED GO?**

- All funds raised in Austin will support HIV prevention, care and treatment services in the Austin and Central Texas area.
- The continued support of donors and philanthropic investment in our work will be vital to further expanding our services in the community. Growth in funding will be essential as we grow the number of clients and patients served and continue to grow and evolve our comprehensive set of programs and services.
- We will continue to operate as a Texas nonprofit under our current tax status (501(c)3) and will do so moving forward under our new name, Vivent Health.
- Equally as important, we will now have the ability to advocate at the local, state and federal levels of government to help stabilize and secure public sector investment in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment services in Austin.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NOW?**

- Austin has become the 13th location for Vivent Health, which now operates in Colorado, Missouri, Texas and Wisconsin.
- ASA will rebrand to be recognized as Vivent Health.
- All clients and supporters will be frequently engaged with us as we make strategic investments to expand our integrated, HIV Medical Home model of care.