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Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council
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MEETING AGENDA

COMMITTEE: Community Empowerment Committee
Date/Time: January 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Location: Governmental Center Room A-337
Chair: Lorenzo Robertson **Vice Chair:** Pat Fleurinord

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *Welcome, Review meeting ground rules, Statement of Sunshine, Introductions, Moment of Silence, Public Comment*
2. **APPROVALS:** 1/3/17 Agenda, 11/1/16 Minutes
3. **STANDARD COMMITTEE ITEMS**
   a. Testimonials
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   a. None.
5. **MEETING ACTIVITIES/NEW BUSINESS**

Goal/Work Plan Objective #:	*Accomplishments*
CEC Survey (Handouts A1-A3)	ACTION ITEM: Review CEC Survey results from previous BTAN event.
HIVPC Retreat Follow-up/Next Steps	ACTION ITEM: Discuss next steps for CEC based on feedback from Retreat.
CEC Education, Training and Events	ACTION ITEM: Plan for community outreach events and training date, topic and logistics.

6. **GRANTEE REPORTS**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
8. **AGENDA ITEMS/TASKS FOR NEXT MEETING: Date:** TBD **Venue:** TBD

Agenda Items/Tasks for next Meeting (Work Plan Item/Goal#)	*Information requested (i.e. data, research, etc.) action to be taken, presentation, discussion, brainstorm etc.*
CEC Work Plans, Policies and Procedures	ACTION ITEM: Review, discuss, and approve new work plans.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR MEETING EVALUATIONS

THREE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE BROWARD COUNTY HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

• Linkage to Care • Retention in Care • Viral Load Suppression •

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MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: Community Empowerment Committee
Date/Time: November 1, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Location: Governmental Center Room A-337
Chair: Lorenzo Robertson **Vice Chair:** Pat Fleurinord

	Members	Present	Absent		Guests
1	Arencibia, Y.	X			Sands, C.
2	Bhrangger, R.	X			
3	Burgess, D.	X			**Grantee Staff**
4	Dennis, B.		A		Morris, R.
5	Fleurinord, P. *Vice Chair*	X			Anderson, T.
6	Franks, H.	X			
7	Katz, H.B.		A		**HIVPC Staff**
8	Lint, A.	X			Johnson, B.
9	Marcoviche, W.	X			Ewart, L.
10	Parker, P.		E		Oratien, V.
11	Robertson, L. , *Chair*	X			
12	Robertson, P.		A		
	Quorum = 7	**8**			

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. The Chair welcomed all present. Attendees were notified of information regarding the Government in the Sunshine Law and meeting reporting requirements, which includes the recording of minutes. Attendees were advised that the meeting ground rules are present, for reference. In addition, attendees were advised that the acknowledgement of HIV status is not required but is subject to public record if it is disclosed. The chair, committee members, guests, grantee staff and support staff self-introductions were made. A moment of silence was observed.

2. **APPROVALS:**

Motion #1: To approve today's meeting agenda
Proposed by: Lint, A. **Seconded by:** Franks, H.
Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion #2: To approve 8/2/16 meeting minutes
Proposed by: Franks, H. **Seconded by:** Fleurinord, P.
Action: Passed Unanimously

3. **STANDARD COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Testimonials:
Members discussed their experiences at the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA). One member talked about her experience of participating in the transgender tract. She said that she received a lot of feedback, it was a wonderful event that drew a large crowd, and would like to find a way to thank the Grantee for providing unaffiliated consumers with the opportunity to participate. The Vice Chair commended the host committee and

stated that the Black Treatment AIDS Network (BTAN) praised Broward County and highlighted the great work done in this county.
The Chair also attended the pre-conference National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) event, "HIV 50+ Strong & Healthy," and looks forward to the implementation of this training tool across the country. The Chair also attended the Ujima Men's Collective Conference. Participants expressed gratitude for the conference's structure, which focused on the person as a whole rather than simply being Black, gay, and HIV positive.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. None.

5. MEETING ACTIVITIES/NEW BUSINESS

a. Participation Survey: Members reviewed the CEC Participation Survey, which will be used during outreach at community events. The Planning Council manager stated that during events we want to learn more about the audience and community that we serve, as well as their knowledge, barriers and beliefs regarding being infected with or affected by HIV. Members made edits including adding in contact information, housing as it affects health, and "other" options so that surveyed individuals can express concerns that are not listed. The Grantee representative thought the survey should give people the option of including contact information and suggested they be used as a screening tool to make follow up more convenient.

Motion #3: To Accept this survey as written, with the corrections identified by members of the Committee.
Proposed by: Arencibia, Y. **Seconded by:** Franks, H.
Action: Passed Unanimously

b. Upcoming Events: The Vice Chair suggested a community event being held on November 12th from 12-4 p.m. in Dania, FL. Any community member who gets tested will receive $5 off a haircut. Members agreed to table at the event and hand out surveys, working in pairs for 2 hour shifts. The Chair is on the World AIDS Day ad-hoc committee, and informed CEC of its plans for the "Walk of No Shame." This will be held in the Sistrunk area at Esplanade Park. The Chair stated that the committee wants to hold this walk in the Black community, one of the most disproportionately impacted communities in Broward. This event will also include a concert featuring Keyshia Cole, tabling opportunities, and testimonials. One member also informed the committee of an upcoming Diversity Fashion Show, in partnership with Latinos en Accion on November 10th. The Vice Chair also discussed community events planned for 2017, including a Black AIDS Awareness Day on February 7th and Women and Girls' Day on March 10th.
The Planning Council Manager would like the members to consider integration of community meetings and events. Integration will be discussed at the Planning Council Retreat on December 8th, with collaboration being a focus throughout the next 5 years.

c. Post-Appointment Training: Members suggested different training topics which would benefit newly appointed Planning Council members. Ideas included Robert's Rules of Order, acronyms used at meetings, Florida Sunshine Law, conflicts/abstentions and Part A services. The goal of the training is to equip members with the information to be effective Planning Council members and leaders.

6. GRANTEE REPORTS

Grantee representatives informed the committee of the submission of the FY 2017 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part A grant, the Grantee's role as part of the USCA host committee, and the Affordable Care Act's open enrollment. The grant highlights the work done by Broward County's Part A program, and was turned in prior to the submission deadline. As an active part of the host committee, the Grantee attributed USCA's positive outcome to the myriad aspects that have not been there in previous years. The success of the event was attributed to Broward's local flair and ability to do more with less. During the Affordable Care Act's open enrollment period, grantee staff will be going to agencies and pushing to have clients reenrolled. The goal is to ensure coordination of the process between the Grantee, CIED, Part B, and ADAP. Clients must be enrolled by December 15th in order to be covered beginning

January 1st. One members stated that the United policy, which will not be available in 2017, covers feminization but is not cost effective for those members who are HIV positive because the medication co-pays are too high. This is a problem for the Transgender community who would have to choose between the two for medical coverage. Grantee representatives explained United was no longer available on the ACA Marketplace, and will look into suitable alternatives for individuals seeking coverage for both HIV and Transgender health care.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. AGENDA ITEMS/TASKS FOR NEXT MEETING: **Date:** December 8, 2016 **Venue:** TBD

Agenda Items/Tasks for next Meeting (Work Plan Item/Goal#)	*Information requested (i.e. data, research, etc.) action to be taken, presentation, discussion, brainstorm etc.*
HIVPC Retreat	ACTION ITEM: Full day, mandatory retreat for HIVPC and standing committee members

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair hosts a Couple Speak event at the Pride Center.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Consumer	PLWHA	Absences	Count	Meeting Month:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Attendance Letters
				Meeting Date:	5	2	C	C	5	9	5	2	C	C	1		
			1	Arencibia, Y.	N- 5/5					X	A	A			X		W-8/10
1		0	**2**	Bhrangger, R.	X	X			X	X	X	X			X		
1	1	0	**3**	Burgess, D.	X	X			X	X	X	X			X		
	1	0		Creary, K.	X	X	Z-4/1										
		3		Culpepper, K.	X	A			A	A		W-6/10, R 7/15					
	1		**4**	Dennis, B.	N- 5/5					X	X	A			A		
		1	**5**	Fleurinord, P., V. Chair	X	X			X	X	X	X			X		
		1	**6**	Franks, H.	X	X			X	X	A	X			X		
1		1	**7**	Katz, H.B.	X	X			X	X	X	E			A		
		0		Lewis, L.	X	Z-2/1											
1		2	**8**	Lint, A.	X	X			A	X	X	A			X		
1		0	**9**	Marcoviche, W.	X	X			X	X	X	X			X		
		2		Myers, L.	A	A	Z- 4/31										W-3/10, Z-4/26
1		3	**10**	Parker, P.	A	A			X	X	A	X			E		W-3/10

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			11	Robertson, L., Chair		N-4/1			X	X	X	X			X		
1	1	3	**12**	Robertson, P.	X	E			A	X	X	A			A		
1		0		Runkle, D.	E	X	Z- 4/29										
	1	1		Wilkins, D.	A	E	Z-3/1										
				Quorum = 7	11	9			8	12	8	7			8		

Legend:
X - present
A - absent
E - excused
NQA - no quorum absent
NQX - no quorum present
N - newly appointed
Z - resigned
C - cancelled
W - warning letter
R - removal letter

CEC Survey Summary

The CEC survey was updated at the committee's November meeting to better gain information about the barriers and beliefs regarding HIV infection within the community. Members broadened the scope of answers to the survey questions in order to:

- better engage respondents
- improve the form as a means of providing feedback and as a screening tool
- reflect identified barriers to care and beliefs regarding HIV infection within the community

CEC Survey Questions

1. Demographic Information: Age, Zip Code, Gender, and Race/Ethnicity
2. Are you or anyone you know HIV-positive?
3. How do you pay for your healthcare services?
4. How would you rate your health?
5. What is the hardest part about staying healthy?
6. If I could change anything about or add anything to my HIV care, it would be:
7. Can we call you to participate in a focus group or to help you get more information about HIV care?

CEC Survey Results

In an effort to start integrated planning activities specific to CEC, the Chairs took on the responsibility of utilizing the survey on November 12th, 2016 at a Black Treatment Advocates Network (BTAN) event in the Southeast Broward area.

Most respondents identified themselves as:

- **Black non-Hispanic (76.5%)**
- **Male (76.5%)**
- Between the ages of 35 and 54 (70.6%)

Of those community members surveyed:

- **47.1%** identified as being or **knowing someone who is HIV-positive/were aware of Ryan White Part A services.**

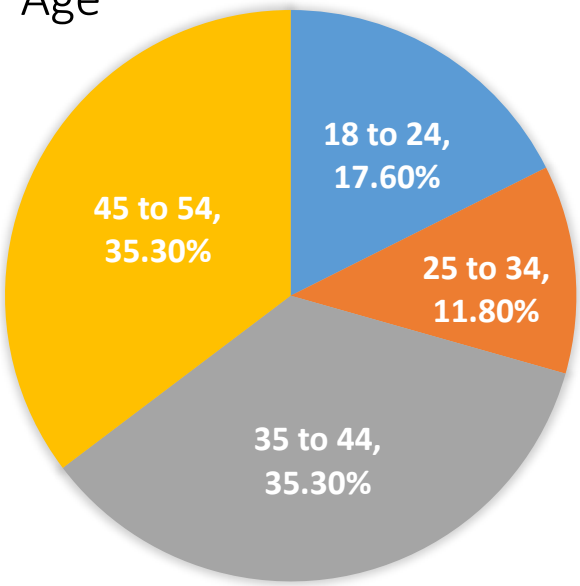
Respondents' answers indicated that most feel healthy and do not have problems staying healthy. However, **housing and support ranked among the strongest barriers to staying healthy at 20% each.**

Also, 20% of respondents in the "Other" category, cited **forgetting to take medication, lack of funds, and accessing appointments.**

Demographics

HANDOUT A2

Age



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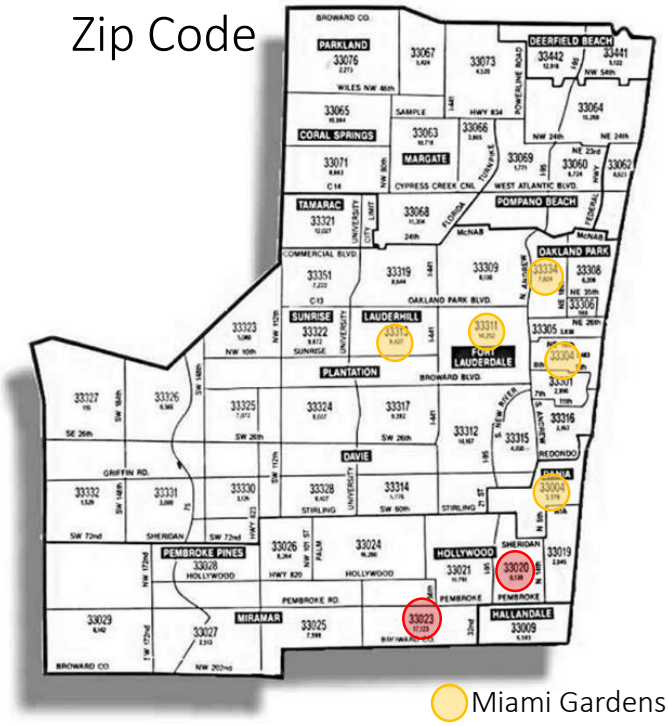
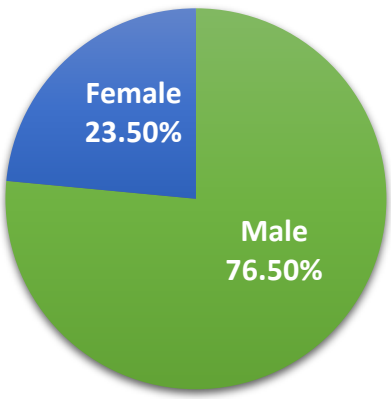


Gender



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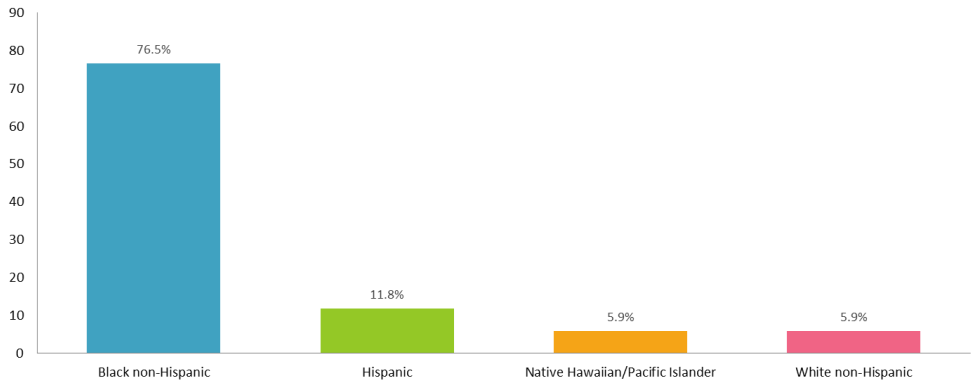

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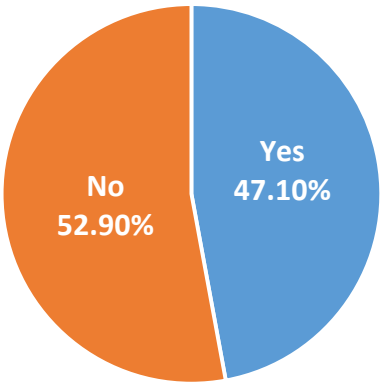
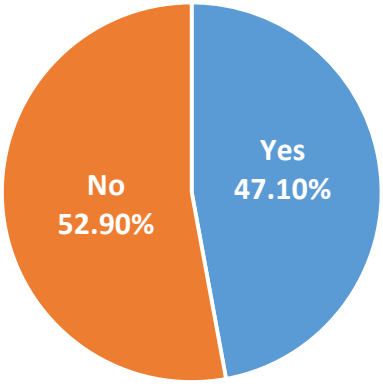
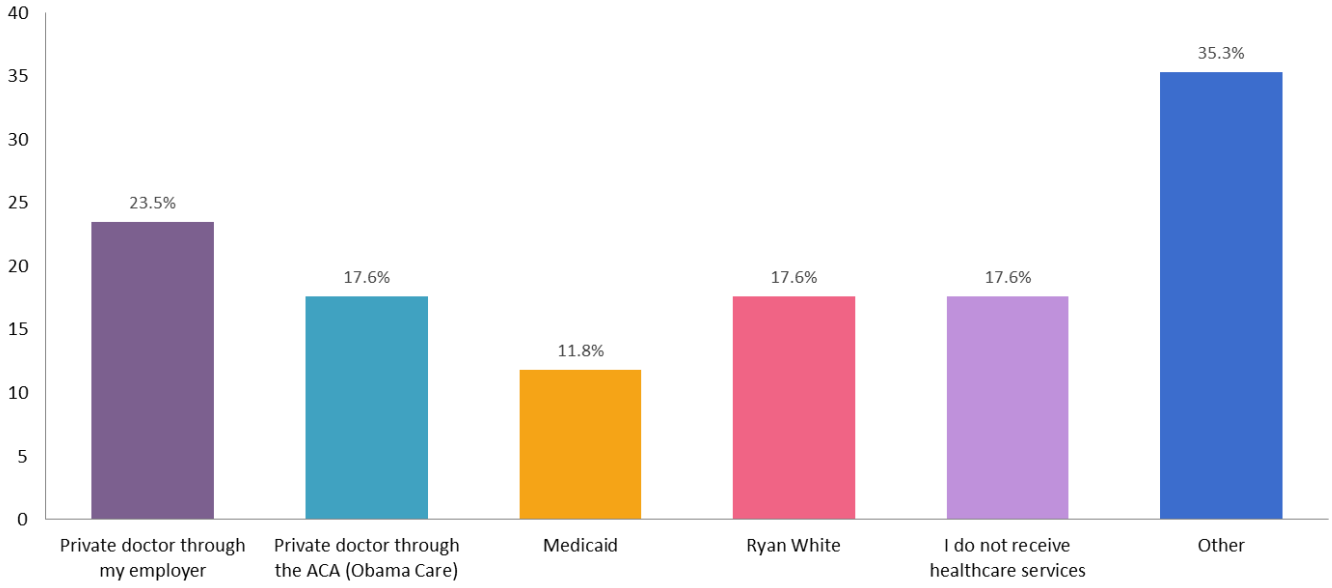
Are you or anyone you know HIV+?



Are you aware of the Ryan White Program?



How do you pay for your healthcare services?

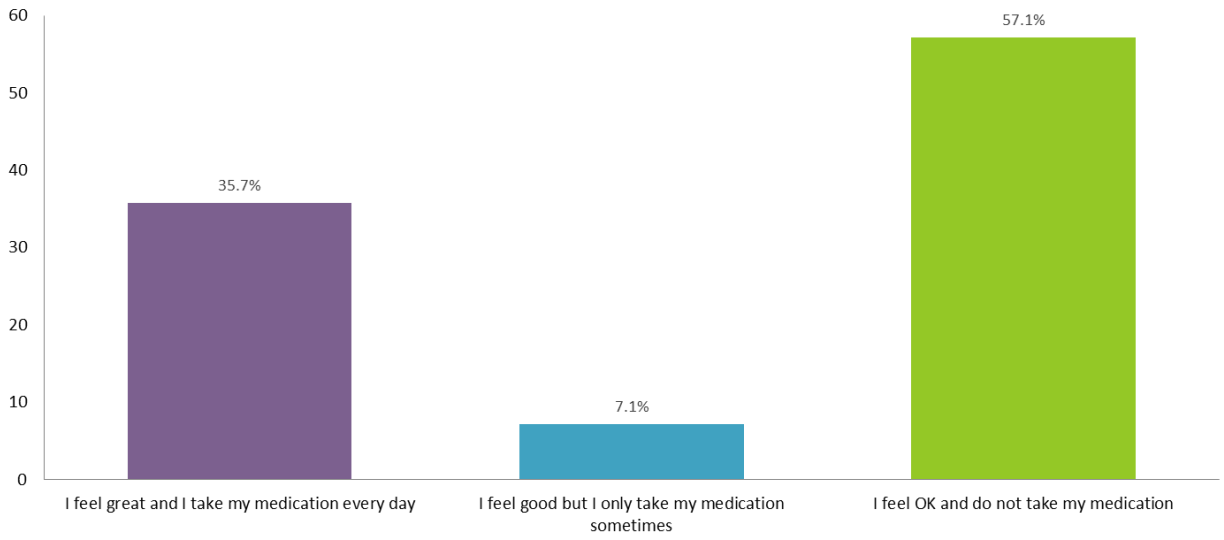


Responses Labeled Other:

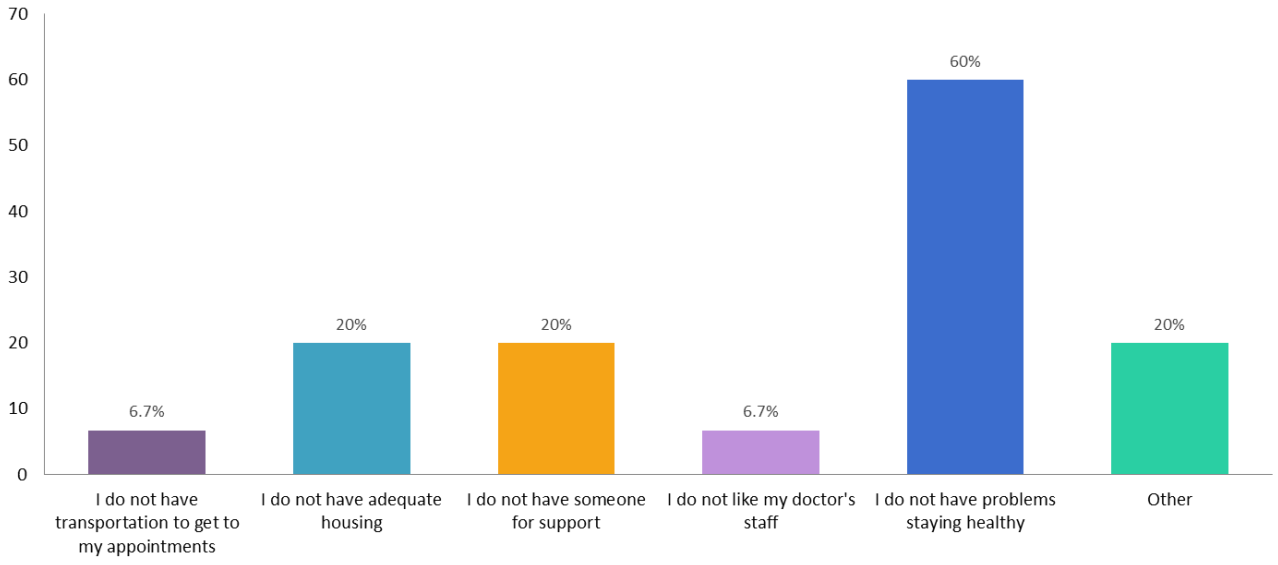
- ❑ No insurance (3)
- ❑ Blue Cross Blue Shield (1)
- ❑ Money Order (1)

HANDOUT A2

How would you rate your health?



What is the hardest part about staying healthy?



Responses Labeled Other:

- ❑ Forgetting to take medications (1)
- ❑ Issues with lack of funds (1)
- ❑ Difficulty accessing appointments (1)

If I could change anything about or add anything to my HIV care, it would be:

- ❑One place for everything and open on Saturday (1)
- ❑The new shots coming out (1)
- ❑An affordable way to cure or treat the virus (1)

Can we call you to participate in a focus group or to help you get more information about HIV care?