

BROWARD HIVPC

NEWSLETTER

Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA)

The HIVPC uses needs assessment data as well as data from other sources to set priorities and allocate resources. This means the members decide which services are most important to people with HIV (priority setting) and then agree on which service categories to fund and how much funding to provide (resource allocations).

The HIVPC completed two cycles of reallocating funds, removing monies from underutilized services, and moving them to underfunded services. During its August 24, 2023, meeting the Council approved the reallocation of \$2,094,362 for Part A Core and Support Services and 238,092 in MAI Core and Support services, totaling \$2,332,454. Then at the December 5, 2023, meeting, approved the reallocation of \$737,649 for Part A Core and Support Services and \$333,077 in MAI Core and Support services, totaling \$1,070,726.

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JOIN THE HIV PLANNING COUNCIL FOR A MEETING

- The Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council (HIVPC) believes in the power of people with HIV to guide their own care.
- For 30 years, this Council has elevated the voices of Broward's Ryan White Part A consumers. HIVPC does this by empowering its members to plan services provided by the program.
- To do this work, the HIVPC relies on its 5 standing Committees to review community information and make informed decisions.

- Any Broward County resident with an interest in the care of the HIV community can join a Committee and have his, her, or their voice heard. From there, join the Council to see how each Committee adds to the HIVPC's knowledge and action.

COME SEE US IN ACTION!

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Clinical Quality Management (CQM)

The BRHPC Clinical Quality Management team facilitated two training sessions for the Ryan White Part A Network:

A Quality Improvement Perspective on the Reciprocal Influence between Mental Health and HIV: July 11, 2023

Dr. Elisa Davis is a licensed psychologist and assistant professor at the University of Miami's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She has experience in addiction and recovery, mood disorders, stress, and

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trauma. Dr. Diaz has also presented at multiple conferences for the South Florida Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center, lecturing about mental health illness and its impact on medical adherence for individuals with HIV. Dr. Diaz discussed common health issues among the HIV population, such as depression, anxiety, and PTSD. She also addressed barriers to HIV care related to mental illness and provided resources and interventions that healthcare providers could utilize to reduce mental illness's adverse effects on HIV care.

An Overview of the Ryan White Part A System Training: August 18, 2023

CQM staff Danielle Liao provided training to one of the Ryan White Part A subrecipients, Centralized Intake and Eligibility Determination (CIED). The attendees were primarily CIED specialists. The presentation was an overview of the Ryan White Part A system with a breakdown of the core medical and support services. She ended the presentation by distributing a reference guide of agencies by service providers to each attendee.

National HIV/AIDS Aging Awareness Day, September 18th

Written By: Von Biggs, Vice Chair of the Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council

National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, observed on September 18th, is a poignant reminder of the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals with HIV as they age.



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The reallocation of Ryan White Part A program funds was conducted according to the standard priority setting and resource allocation procedure. The HIVPC's PSRA Committee adhered to legislative requirements for the proper use of funds and reallocated resources to service categories, which include:

Part A Core Services

- 1.Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services
- 2.AIDS Pharmacy Assistance
- 3.Oral Health Care
- 4.Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing
- 5.Medical Case Management (Disease Case Management)
- 6.Mental Health Services
- 7.Substance Abuse Outpatient Care

Part A Support Services

- 1.Non-Medical Case Management Services including Centralized Intake &
- 2.Eligibility Determination (CIED)
- 3.Emergency Financial Assistance
- 4.Food Bank/ Food Voucher
- 5.Legal Services



Von Biggs, Vice Chair of the
Broward County HIVPC

As someone who has been living with HIV for almost a decade and is now 59, this day holds profound significance in my life. It's an opportunity to reflect on my journey, celebrate resilience, and shed light on the unique experiences of aging with HIV.

The past few decades have witnessed remarkable advancements in HIV treatment and care. What was once considered a fatal diagnosis has transformed into a chronic manageable condition, largely thanks to antiretroviral therapy (ART). These medical breakthroughs have given me a prolonged life and the chance to embrace my passions, relationships, and dreams well into my golden years. However, progress comes with its own set of challenges, particularly related to aging.

Aging with HIV presents a distinct set of challenges that intersect physical, emotional, and social realms. Physically, the virus can accelerate aging, leading to an increased risk of age-related illnesses such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and certain cancers. Navigating these health concerns alongside HIV management requires diligent self-care and regular medical check-ups. Emotionally, the journey of living with HIV is marked by resilience and occasional setbacks.

The years have brought their share of anxiety, fear, and stigma. Reconciling my past with the present and acknowledging our progress as a society has been a significant part of my emotional journey.

Socially, the stigma associated with HIV persists, often leading to isolation and strained relationships. While society's understanding of the virus has improved, there is still work to dispel misconceptions and foster inclusive communities.

National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day provides an invaluable platform to challenge stereotypes surrounding both HIV and aging. The image of a person with HIV as young and frail is outdated. Standing at the crossroads of age and experience, I embody strength, wisdom, and a zest for life. My story exemplifies the countless individuals defying expectations, living vibrant lives, and contributing meaningfully to their communities.

At 59, I've recognized that well-being encompasses more than physical health. It extends to mental, emotional, and social well-being as well. Engaging in activities that bring joy, cultivating a strong support network, and prioritizing mental health are essential components of a holistic approach to living with HIV and aging gracefully.

As someone who has witnessed the evolution of the HIV landscape, I believe that raising awareness and advocating for comprehensive sex education, accessible healthcare, and support for individuals living with HIV is crucial. My journey underscores the importance of dismantling the stigma attached to HIV and promoting understanding and empathy.

National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day reminds us that the intersection of HIV and aging is a complex terrain that demands our attention and compassion. As a person living with HIV at 59 years old, I embrace this day as an opportunity to share my journey, dispel stereotypes, and advocate for a world where everyone, regardless of age or HIV status, can lead a life filled with dignity, love, and fulfillment. Together, we can transform challenges into triumphs and create a future where aging with HIV is marked by strength, resilience, and unwavering hope.