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NEWSLETTER

HIV Health Services Planning Council (HIVPC)

One of the important aspects of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) is its focus on community health planning for HIV care and treatment. Community health planning is a deliberate effort to involve diverse community members in an open public process designed to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of healthcare services in their community. The development of bylaws, policies and procedures, memoranda of understanding, grievance procedures, and training are also crucial for the success of the planning council.

HIVPC End of Year Retreat

On February 22, 2024, the HIVPC ended its 2023-2024 fiscal year with a retreat, encompassing a presentation on the achievements, updates on the integrated planning process, and new upcoming activities for the priority-setting resources allocation process for FY 2024-2025. The training was facilitated by Mr. George Gadson of Geophil Enterprises, who provided a dynamic training series on Identifying Leadership Styles, Effective Leadership, refresher on Roberts Rules of Order, Effective Meeting management, Effective Member Engagement, and Effective Community Engagement. The retreat culminated with member appreciation. Each member was recognized for their service and role on the council.

A special Dedication Award was presented to Dr. Timothy Moragne, a foundational member of the Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council from November 27, 1990. His outstanding and dedicated commitment to the cause of HIV advocacy and awareness is pivotal in shaping policies, implementing programs, and fostering a sense of community resilience in the face of the HIV epidemic. The planning council support staff was surprised with the "Unsung Hero Awards" for our unwavering devotion to the HIVPC, steadfast commitment, and dedication.



Join the Planning Council!

The Council is seeking people with HIV to contribute their time, ideas, and expertise to serve on the Planning Council and its committees.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PLANNING COUNCIL SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER



Mandy Lacroix is our new HIV Health Planner. She was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and raised in South Florida. She is a graduate of New York University, with a master's in public health degree and a concentration in epidemiology. Before joining BRHPC, she worked in insurance and finance. Mandy says that she has always cared about helping her community and decided that working in public health would be the best way to do that.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Priority Setting Resource Allocation and Community Empowerment Committees of the HIVPC will be hosting its Listening Session, to hear from individuals receiving HIV health care on Wednesday, April 24th. The event will be at the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center from 3 PM-5 PM. "We want to hear from you! Your issues and your recommendations!"

Scan the QR Code to register:

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Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee (PSRA) & Community Empowerment Committee (CEC)
Present: **THE 2024 HIVPC RYAN WHITE PART A LISTENING TOUR**
SAVE THE DATE
We want to **HEAR** from **YOU!**
Your **ISSUES**
Your **RECOMMENDATIONS!**
Topic: **The Challenges of Living Healthy with HIV in Broward County**
Wednesday 24 April
L.A. LEE YMCA/MIZELL COMMUNITY CENTER
1409 NW 6th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
3 PM - 5 PM
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
LIVE THIS IS A RECORDED PUBLIC EVENT
QR Code: <https://r.2024HIVPC.org/12441343>

Clinical Quality Management (CQM) Activities

Clinical quality management is a federal component of the Ryan White program. The CQM Team provides support to the Ryan White Part A Recipient (Broward County) and the network of contracted agencies providing care to clients living with HIV. A vital component of the CQM program is quality improvement projects. Quality improvement activities and projects aim to improve the process and quality of care.

Provider Appreciation Week February 5th -9th



**RYAN WHITE PART A
2023 PROVIDER
APPRECIATION
WEEK**

Virtual Learning Sessions + More
February 5 - February 9, 2024
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Zoom Conference Call

Join us for a week of informative sessions and virtual gatherings as we celebrate all of the hard work you have accomplished this year!

Mon. 2/5: Ryan White Updates
Tues. 2/6: Quality Awards Presentation
Wed. 2/7: "Beyond the Binary: LGBTQ+ Gender Diversity in HIV/AIDS Advocacy" | Trillion Ingram
Thurs. 2/8: "Tips for Implementing the Positive Peers Project into Practice" by Jennifer McMillen Smith
Fri. 2/9: "Self-Care Resiliency & Stress Management for Healthcare Providers" | Sonya Wright

Provider Appreciation Week is a week of informative sessions and virtual gatherings celebrating all the hard work Ryan White Part A providers have accomplished throughout the fiscal year 2023-2024. The week started with Ryan White Program Updates, followed by the Quality Awards presentation on Tuesday. During the award ceremony, we recognized the agencies that have shown improvement over the past year in the Ryan White Part A program. The remainder of the week consisted of three training workshops for the Ryan White Part A providers: Beyond the Binary: LGBTQ+ & Gender Diversity in HIV/AIDS Advocacy, Positive Peers: A nationwide app connecting young people with HIV to each other & retaining them in care, and Self-Care, Resiliency & Stress Management for Healthcare Providers. For the Beyond the Binary workshop, Trillion Ingram, a Ryan White Part C medical case manager at Empower U Community Health Center, led the conversation on the history of LGBTQ+ and provided tips to help improve the overall care of LGBTQ+ individuals. Jennifer McMillen Smith is a licensed independent social worker who created an app that connects young people living with HIV, which helps to retain them in care. She shared the process of creating her app and the many features that made it successful with the youth population. Lastly, we ended the week with a self-care and stress management session for the providers, led by a licensed mental health counselor, Sonya Wright.

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