
Broward County HIV Prevention Planning Council

Advisory Groups Updates

FUNCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE BROWARD COUNTY HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COUNCIL (BCHPPC)

The Broward County HIV Prevention Planning Council (BCHPPC) is a government-community partnership created to help foster a coordinated system of care, where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person regardless of age, gender identity, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socio-economic circumstances, will have unfettered access to high quality, life extending care, free of stigma and discrimination.

The BCHPPC is built on a model of partnership between the federal government, local and state health department and community participation. HIV prevention planning is a process that is based on the concept that the best way to respond to the HIV epidemic is through local decision making.

Membership of the BCHPPC is comprised of a maximum of 28 members who apply and are appointed to represent various expertise and multiple community experiences. The membership is selected to achieve parity, inclusion and representation of the priority populations. The body includes key stakeholders in HIV prevention, care and related services and organizations that can best inform and support the development and implementation of a jurisdictional HIV prevention plan.

BCHPPC consist of three teams and seven advisory groups. The seven advisory groups are open to community members and agencies.

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PERINATAL ADVISORY GROUP

Group purpose:

Educate and train Health Care providers on the latest Health Human Service guidelines for pregnant HIV positive woman.

Next Advisory Group meeting dates:

November 16, 2017

December 21, 2017

Updates:

- 58 Perinatal Toolkits have been distributed to date
- Distributed RED Binder (includes HIV Perinatal information) to the 8 laboring hospitals

Upcoming events/activities:

- A Women and HIV CME Series - October 19, 2017
- Hosting a Women and PrEP Summit - October 27, 2017
- 12th Perinatal HIV Symposium - November 2, 2017

Contacts:

Government Co-Chair: Yvette Gonzalez - Yvette.Gonzalez@flhealth.gov

Community Co-Chair - Vacant

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOLS YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Group purpose:

To provide HIV prevention information and support to Broward County public schools and the youth served.

Next Advisory Group meeting dates:

November 9, 2017

December 14, 2017

Updates:

- Will review and consider the inclusion of PrEP information to the Human Sexuality Curriculum. Curriculum can be found at browardprevention.org
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data for 2016 is currently under review and analysis to be disseminated to the community in 2018

Upcoming events/activities:

Your Child's Sexual Health ~ Let's Talk About It Parent Information and Conversation Sessions

- Tuesday, October 17 - McArthur High School - 6501 Hollywood Blvd. Hollywood 754-323-1200, 1:00-2:30 & 7:00-8:30
- Thursday, November 2 - Dillard High School - 2501 NW 11th St Ft. Lauderdale 754-322-0800, 1:00-2:30 & 7:00-8:30
- Monday November 6 - Atlantic Tech. High School - 4700 Coconut Creek Pkwy. Coconut Creek 754-321-5100, 1:00-2:30 & 7:00-8:30
- Tuesday, November 7 - Northeast High School -700 N.E. 56th St. Oakland Park 754-322-1550, 1:00-2:30 & 7:00-8:30

Need participants, people to come and provide input/share resources

Contacts:

Government Co-Chair: Sebrina James - sebrina.james@browardschools.com

Community Co-Chair: Lorenzo Robertson - lrobertson@pridecenterflorida.org

MSM ADVISORY GROUP

Group purpose:

To provide recommendations and suggestions for improving and achieving greater accountability for HIV/AIDS prevention programs and activities targeting men who have sex with men in Broward County.

Next Advisory Group meeting dates:

November 13, 2017

December 11, 2017

Updates:

- Introduction of new Advisory Group Co-Chairs:
Community co-chair: Mark Reyes from Urban League.
Government Co-Chair: Emilio Aponte Sierra Paretti
- Set up a workgroup to review the Group's Work Plan
- Cancellation of Men's Health and Wellness Conference because the Gay Statewide Summit is in Fort Lauderdale around same dates. Group decided to work for a 2018 Conference for June.

Upcoming events/activities:

- 2018 Men's Health and Wellness Conference Planning committee needs volunteers to work in the planning of this conference, contact Co-Chairs if interested

Contacts:

Government Co-Chair: Emilio Aponte Sierra Paretti - Emilio.AponteSierraParetti@flhealth.gov

Community Co-Chair: Mark Reyes - mreyes@ulbcfl.org

TRANSGENDER ADVISORY GROUP

Group purpose:

THIA/T-House Transgender Advisory Group addresses issues such as the general health and wellbeing of the transgender community, as well provide prevention education and testing to facilitate risk reduction from HIV and other infectious diseases in the transgender and gender non-conforming community.

Next Advisory Group meeting dates:

November 6, 2017

December 4, 2017

Updates:

- Initiated the implementation of The South Florida Transgender Study; which will be the first qualitative and quantitative study based on the primus of community based participatory research. We have engaged key stakeholder's in the Trans community, as well as leading researchers from south Florida.
- Formed collaborations and organized committee to develop and implement Trans Awareness Month events
- Provided support to the TransInclusive Group (TIG) with their first LGBT Prom

Upcoming events/activities:

- *The Renaming Ceremony*
Wednesday, November 8th 7:00PM at the Sunshine Cathedral
An evening dedicated to the celebration of rebirth and affirmation of the rite of passage to self-definition when one chooses their new name and clears a redefined path for their future. The evening includes music, spoken word, with refreshments to follow.
- *Film Documentary screening "Majesty Girls"*
Thursday, November 16th - 6:30 PM at the Pride Center - Schubert Building, Main Room
A documentary that brings a spotlight to trans women who have accomplished and overcome self-doubt, discrimination and transgender violence.

Panel discussion with the director. Refreshments to follow.
Free Confidential HIV Testing

- *TDOR (Trans Day of Remembrance) Observance*
Monday, November 20 2017 From 7:00-9:00
Join us as we honor the lives of our murdered sisters and brothers with a commemoration and call to action for those who have lost their lives due to bias and hatred based on gender identity or expression worldwide.
- *PrEP Educational Ice-cream Social*
- *3rd Annual Transgender Equality Awards*
November 27th- 7:00PM-9:00PM at the Infiniti Lounge
An evening acknowledging those who have advanced Transgender equality in the community.

All Events Are Free and Open to The Public

Contacts:

Government Co-Chair: Bishop S.F. Makalani-MaHee - SF.MakalaniMaHee@flhealth.gov
Community Co-Chair: Tatiana Williams - twilliams@pridecenterflorida.org

LATINOS EN ACCIÓN ADVISORY GROUP

Group purpose:

To empower and educate our community in Broward County in regards to HIV/AIDS issues and about Hispanic/Latino community needs.

Next Advisory Group meeting dates:

November 15, 2017
December TBA, 2017

Updates:

- Successful 2017 Hispanic Leadership Awards Ceremony occurred October 11, 2017 commemorating National Latino AIDS Awareness Day
- On October 10, 2017 The Sentinel thru Facebook live conducted a conversation/interview in Spanish with Jorge Gardela (Community Co-Chair) on behalf of Latinos en Acción discussing the 2017 National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

Upcoming events/activities:

- *Health Fair: Mes de la Salud de Las Americas* in commemoration of the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD)

On Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 8 am – 2pm at 3130 Commerce Parkway, Miramar, FL 33025 (Inside Unilatina International College)

Contacts:

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Community Co-Chair: Jorge Gardela - gardelajorge@gmail.com

BLACK TREATMENT ADVOCATES NETWORK/BLACK AIDS ADVISORY GROUP**BTAN/BAAG Group purpose:**

The Black Treatment Advocates Network (**BTAN**) is the only collaboration of its kind that links Black Americans with HIV into care and treatment, strengthens local and national leadership, connects influential peers, and raises HIV science and treatment literacy in Black communities.

Black Aids Advisory Group (**BAAG**) purpose is to foster and develop linkages between community leaders and community based organizations to the Department of Health Broward by providing resources and strategies to increase quality HIV/AIDS services to minority communities.

Next Advisory Group meeting dates:

November 07, 2017

December 05, 2017

Updates:

- On October 7th BTAN co-hosted a community event with Broward House at Vans Carwash. (61) tests were conducted (HIV & STD) and the group distributed 2,000 condoms. This was an opportunity to speak to the community about HIV and provide resources in the area.

Upcoming events/activities:

- World AIDS Day 2017 activities are being planned. More information will be emailed out soon.

Contacts:

Government Co-Chair: Krystle.Kirkland-Mobley@flhealth.gov

Community Co-Chair - pfleurinord@browardhouse.org

Group purpose:

To provide recommendations on strategies, goals and actions for the coordinated implementation of PrEP as a biomedical HIV Prevention strategy in Broward County. Act as a resource/advisor to all other BCHPPC advisory work groups who include PrEP-specific goals in their work plans

Next Advisory Group meeting dates:

November 29, 2017

December 20, 2017

Updates:

- Co-supporting a PrEP Summit for Women
- Developing a sexual health assessment tool and training program for providers

Upcoming events/activities:

- PrEP Summit for Women 10/27 –
- FDOH- Broward

Contacts:

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Community Co-Chair - Michael Macocco - MMacocco@sunserve.org