THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RYAN WHITE

PLANNING COUNCIL OF DALLAS. TX





UPCOMING RWPC MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 @ 2PM **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 @ 9AM RWPC COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 @ 9AM PLANNING & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 @ 2PM NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 @ 12PM CCC MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27 @ 5:15 PM ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING



A Letter from Office of Support...

Thank you all for your wonderful contributions throughout this past quarter. As members, your additions are deeply valued.

We appreciate how you all challenge each other for the betterment of the Planning Council, as well as vourselves.

We are truly grateful for the moments of laughter and learning. Our work together stengthens our community, and that's something to be proud of.

Office of Support Staff

Executive

Consumer Education

Evaluation

Consumer Education

RWPC

Review of Allocations Committee Recommendations

CCC

HIV & Youth Forum Planning

take a look-WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON?

Needs Assessment

2021 Mini-Needs Assessment Project

Planning & Priorities

FY 2020 Standards of Care

Allocations

FY 2022-23 Resource Allocations

Let's talk about **HIV testing!**



HIV TESTING RECOMMENDED PART OF ROUTINE EALTH CARE.

HIV often shows no symptoms.

RAPID TESTS PROVIDE RESULTS

IN LESS THAN



20 MINUTES!

NOT A FAN OF NEEDLES?

ASK ABOUT:

ORAL SWAB TEST

FREE AND LOW-COST **ESTING IS AVAILABLE** ACROSS THE U.S.

Let's Talk About HIV Testing! - Greater Than AIDS

WEOAIDS



PROBLEMATIC

AIDS (when referring to the virus, HIV)

High(er) risk group(s)

Victims. Sufferers. Contaminated. Sick

PREFERRED

HIV HIV and AIDS (when referring to both)

High-risk behavior Key populations

People/person with HIV

To catch AIDS To catch HIV To pass on HIV To be diagnosed with **AIDS**

To acquire HIV To transmit HIV

Positives HIVers AIDS or HIV carrier(s)

HIV-positive people

People/person with HIV



LET'S TALK ABOUT PREVENTION

WEOAIDS

• Condoms: When used consistently, condoms are highly effective in protecting against HIV, as well as many other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Condoms are also the only method of protection that prevents both pregnancy and disease. Like male condoms, female condoms are another barrier method of protection

Click here to find out more about condoms.

 PrEP: This once a day pill is available by prescription for people who do not have HIV and want added protection. When taken as prescribed, PrEP is highly

effective at preventing HIV. Studies show it is more than 99% effective at preventing sexual transmission, and more than 74% effective from drug injection transmission.

Click here to find out more about Prep.

• Clean injection equipment: Needle-exchange programs in many cities offer free, clean syringes and provide a safe means of disposal of used ones. Only use syringes that come from a reliable source.

Click here to find drug treatment programs near you.

• Treatment as Prevention: In addition to improving health, antiretrovirals (ARVs), the prescription medications used to treat HIV, also prevent the spread of the virus to others by lowering the amount of virus in the body, often to levels undetectable by standard lab tests. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) there is "effectively no risk" of sexual transmission to others when the viral load is undetectable.

Click here to find out more about HIV treatment.

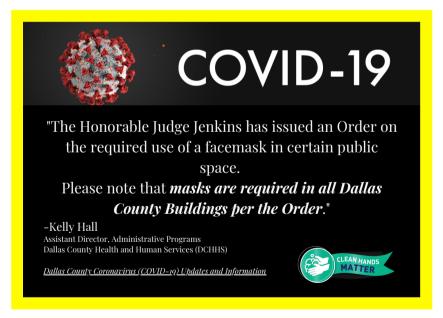


We need you!

The Ryan White Planning Council is a community group that has been appointed by the County Judge, to plan the organization and delivery of HIV services for the Dallas EMA, HSDA funded by Part A, MAI Part B, & State Services of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act. Each council member is a caring, dedicated volunteer who was carefully selected to represent the general public, persons living with HIV, funded service providers, and other health and social service organizations.

Please contact RWPC Office Of Support at (214)819-1840 for an application and/or more information.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual LifeWalk 5K- October 3, 2021 Register today at: <u>LifeWalk 2021</u>

HIV & Youth Forum - October 7 at 12:00 p.m.

Call for Leadership will begin in October, be sure to request a Leadership application from Office of Support if interested

Empower Dallas- Details Pending

Q3 COMMITTEE DELIVERABLES

Executive- Orientation and Training

RWPC- Committee Project Final Approvals

P&P- Priority Service Ranking

Needs Assessment- Mini Needs Assessment

Evaluation- Assessment of the Administrative

Mechanism (AAM)

Allocations- FY 2022 PRSA Ranking/ Resource CCC- Community Forums

ESTABLISHED QUORUM 93% IN Q3





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE BORN IN JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER!