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A Letter from Office of Support...

Greetings, we are excited to continue the year with new idea development, education, connection, and advocacy. Thank you for supporting the Ryan White Planning Council of Dallas to extend our reach.

Best,

Office of Support Staff

UPCOMING RWPC MEETINGS

SEPTEMEBER 7, 2022 @ 2PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 @ 9AM RWPC COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 @ 2PM
NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 @ 9AM
PLANNING & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 @ 3PM EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 @ 12PM CONSUMER COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 @ 5:15PM ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

take a look-WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON?

Executive

Review Committee Deliverables

RWPC

Review and Approve Allocations

Committee

Recommendations

Evaluation

FY 21 Assess AAM

CCC

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Forum Planning/ Consumer Education

Needs Assessment

FY 2022 Needs Assessment

Planning & Priorities

FY 2023 Service Priority Setting FY 2022 Standards of Care

Allocations

FY 2022-23 Resource Allocations FY 2023-24 Resource Allocation Projections

HIV & ORAL HEALTH

HIV may wreak havoc on PLWHA's oral health. Oral opportunistic infections are sometimes the first indicator that the immune system is not working properly. Good dental hygiene is an important part of managing your HIV disease. If a PLWHA waits until he or she is having problems with their teeth and gums to see a dentist, he or she can end up dealing with an infection, pain, and tooth loss. However, there are ways to avoid potential health issues.

Dental Health issues can be reduced by:

- Seeing a dentist regularly.
- Brushing teeth at least twice a day.
- Flossing every day. Flossing cleans parts of your teeth that your toothbrush can't reach.
- Taking all of their prescribed HIV medications on schedule, which will protect the immune system and prevent oral opportunistic infections.
- Letting the doctor know if HIV meds are causing dry mouth. There are remedies to help.
- Examining the mouth often and telling a doctor if there are any unusual changes in the way his/her mouth looks or feels.

Visits AIDS.gov for more information.





HIV Treatment Hotline Resources

PERINATAL HIV HOTLINE

Provides clinicians with around-the-clock advice on indications and interpretations of HIV testing in pregnancy, and consultation on antiretroviral use during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and the postpartum period.

1-888-448-8765 | 24 hours, seven days a week

PEPline

Provides expert guidance in managing health care worker exposures to HIV and hepatitis B and C. Clinicians receive immediate post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) recommendations.

I-888-448-49II | Occupational PEP: 11 am to 8 pm EST, seven days a week | Non-occupational PEP: 9 am to 8 pm EST, Monday through Friday; 11 am to 8 pm EST, weekends and holidays

PrEPline

Provides expert guidance on considerations for providing pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to people who don't have HIV as part of an HIV prevention program.

1-855-448-7737 | 9 am to 8 pm EST, Monday through Friday

Part B: AIDS Drug Assistance (ADAP)

Under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part B, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides FDA-approved medications to low-income people with HIV. These people have limited or no health insurance. Grant recipients can also use ADAP funds to:

- Buy health insurance for eligible clients, and
- Provide services that improve access to, adherence to, and monitoring of, drug treatments.

Who receives Part B grants?

The chief elected official of a state or territory receives RWHAP Part B grants. They choose the state departments of health or other state agencies to carry out the grant.

HRSA awards Part B grants, including ADAP grants, to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Which clients are eligible?

The state or territory decides who is eligible based on the following criteria:

• Medical eligibility: HIV diagnosis

residency status.

• Financial eligibility: Usually determined as a percentage of the federal poverty level

Clients must also live in the state or territory. Grant recipients and subrecipients must conduct timely eligibility confirmations, in accordance with their own policies and procedures, to assess if there are changes in a client's income and/or



How do you decide on funding amounts?

- Congress chooses a portion of the RWHAP Part B appropriation for the ADAP base.
- HRSA uses a formula to decide ADAP grant amounts. The formula is based on the number of people reported living with HIV/AIDS in the state or territory in the most recent calendar year.
- ADAP supplemental funds are a 5% set aside of the ADAP base award for states and territories that:
 - Meet the eligibility criteria in the RWHAP statute.
 - Choose to apply for more funding to address the severe need for medication.
- The ADAP Emergency Relief Funding is a competitive grant for states and territories.
 Grant recipients must show a need for more resources to prevent, reduce, or get rid of waiting lists, including through costcontainment measures.

What rules ust ADAPs follow?

Each ADAP decides which medications to include on its formulary and how those medications will be distributed. Each ADAP must:

- Cover at least one drug from each class of HIV antiretroviral medications on their ADAP formulary
- Purchase only FDA-approved medications with RWHAP funds

HRSA also requires:

- ADAP eligibility criteria to be applied consistently across the state or territory
- All formulary medications and ADAPfunded services to be equally and consistently available to all eligible enrolled people throughout the state or territory

Source: HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

PLANNING COUNCIL



ASP Cares Pharmacy presents the 7th Anniversary of the National Strength Conference for Men Living with HIV, a program of In The Community, Inc.. The National Strength Conference is a weekend safe space for offering a Support, Empowerment, Education and Brotherhood along with fun and fellowship. This 4-day event will be filled with Educational Seminars, Motivational Speakers, Breakout Sessions, an opportunity to build skills and leadership, share experiences, mentor new leaders and support veteran leaders.

Healing Together is a retreatstyle program that brings women together for intense selfreflection and education on living with HIV. The idea is to reduce stigma and dismantle structural barriers to living a healthier life.





On Aug. 15, Brooke Nickerson-Henderson assumes the role of executive director of Legacy Cares. After almost 30 years in the role, Melissa Grove will retire.

"I am grateful for Melissa's — and the board's — faith in my leadership and honored to hold the position as the next Executive Director of Legacy Cares," said Henderson. "I recognize I have some large shoes to fill, but I look forward to continuing our legacy, building long-lasting relationships in the community, and strengthening the systems of the organization."

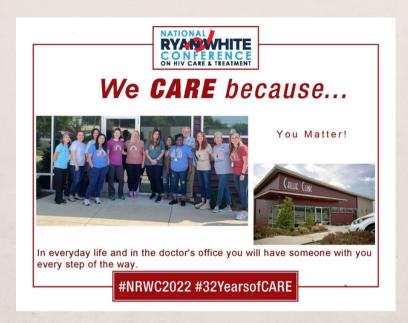


Melissa Grove's Retirement Party will take place on Thursday, September 8, 2022, from 7-9 PM.

Address: Gary Riggs Design 1500 Dragon St., Suite A

Melissa is retiring as Executive Director of Legacy after 25 years.





Callie Clinic participated in the virtual 2022 White **National** Ryan Conference and in the "Share Why You CARE". Callie Clinic has been the sole provider for Texoma residents impacted HIV/AIDS in Grayson, Cooke. and Fannin Counties since 1991.



The local South-Central AIDS Education & Training Center (SCAETC) program will host an 18-session series focused on Transgender health care titled "Forces of Marginalization - Shifting toward effective practices in service of the transgender community". The lunch hour series will occur from 12-1 PM Central Time, Tuesdays and Fridays, October 4 through December 9. Intended for the healthcare workforce, the goal of this series is to help healthcare professionals gain comfort on the topics of gender affirming care, the significance of pronouns and other transgender health care topics. Participants will learn about and understand structural and nonstructural barriers, forces of marginalization, bias, and stigma. They will also learn how to create and monitor wraparound gender affirming services within healthcare facilities.

Join us for this series focused on our transgender community. For more information, please contact lizzy.crigler@prismntx.org.



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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ANYONE INTERESTED IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE WITHIN THE PLANNING COUNCIL, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE OF SUPPORT

Planning Touncil Reflectiveness

Did you help your committee establish quorum for the month of August?

Quorum is equal to two-thirds of the assigned committee members being present at committee meetings. Quorum is essential for being able to conduct business and complete action items.

Planning Council (33 seats): 26 members seated - 7 seats vacant
*RWPC Reflectiveness 35% Non-Aligned Consumers (HRSA requires 33%, Non-Aligned Consumers)

Allocation Committee (15 seats): 6 members (9 seats open)
Evaluation Committee (15 seats): 10 members (5 seats open)
Planning & Priorities Committee (15 seats): 9 members (6 seats open)
Consumer Council Committee (20 seats): 16 members (4 seats open)
Needs Assessment Committee (25 seats): 13 members (12 seats open)





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 8 @ 7PM Melissa Grove's Retirement Party

Friday, September 16, 2022 @ 1p The RWPC CCC Presents: Disclosure & Sero-different

> Friday, October 14, 2022 @ 1p The RWPC CCC Presents: PrEP

November 3-6, 2022 ASP CARES National Strength Conference

Q2 COMMITTEE DELIVERABLES

Executive- Orientation and Training
RWPC- Committee Project Final Approvals
P&P- FY 2023 Priority Service Ranking
Needs Assessment- FY 2022 Needs Assessment
Evaluation- FY 2021 Assessment of the
Administrative Mechanism (AAM)
Allocations- FY 2023 Resource Allocation
CCC- Community Forums





TO READERS CELEBRATING IN JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER