A Letter from Office of Support...

Greetings, from the depths of Our Heart’s we are wishing you and yours a joyful Season filled with love and laughter. We are especially grateful for your continued support and dedication to the RWPC and its success for FY 2022!

Best,
Office of Support Staff

UPCOMING RWPC MEETINGS

- **DECEMBER 7, 2022 @ 2PM**
  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- **DECEMBER 12, 2022 @ 5:15PM**
  ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- **DECEMBER 13, 2022 @ 2PM**
  NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

- **DECEMBER 14, 2022 @ 9AM**
  RWPC COMMITTEE MEETING

- **DECEMBER 15, 2022 @ 9AM**
  PLANNING & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

- **DECEMBER 20, 2022 @ 3PM**
  EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- **JANUARY 4, 2022 @ 2PM**
  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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**take a look—WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON?**

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Cultural Humility in Health Care

Traditional approaches to cultural competency integrate information about individuals into culturally appropriate interactions, treatments, protocols, and standards. Delivering culturally competent care includes efforts like connecting individuals with healthcare providers who have a similar culture or incorporating culture into the clinical environment, such as diverse images of people, flags representing the community’s cultures, and culturally reflective brochures and waiting room literature.

While this traditional approach to culturally competent care incorporates many aspects of a person’s culture, it has inherent biases. First, it draws from traits and experiences at the group level, rather than acknowledging individuality. Second, it generally positions certain traits (often white and heterosexual) as the “norm” and others as alternatives, rather than seeing them as equal, parallel traits. Finally, it suggests that there is an endpoint where one is totally culturally competent. Based on research and experience in the field, providers in all health-related environments to incorporate some of the following best practices:

- Ask About Identity First
- Disease Is Not the Only Issue
- Listen More Than You Speak
- Reflect on Your Own Identity

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.
1-888-448-4911 | 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
San Juan is the capital and most populous city in Puerto Rico. Founded in 1521 by Juan Ponce de León, who named it City of Puerto Rico (Rich Port). The capital of Puerto Rico is the oldest city under U.S. jurisdiction.
The United States Conference on HIV/AIDS’ purpose was to feature sessions on the updated National HIV/AIDS Strategy. The conference was an opportunity for health departments, community-based organizations, people living with HIV, people taking pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), national organizations, medical centers, health care providers, donors, activists, and federal leaders to come together to discuss its implementation.
This year’s theme was Luchando Por Nuestras Vidas: Fighting for Our Lives. USCHA was brought to Puerto Rico to highlight the impact of HIV in Puerto Rico and Latinx populations. USCHA made a promise to hold the conference in Puerto Rico after the devastation of Hurricane Maria and remained committed to assisting with the economic recovery.

Members of the RWPC Leadership team enjoyed meaningful fellowship, informative seminars, and engaging plenary sessions discussing important topics pertaining to HIV/AIDS.

Next year’s conference will be held from September 6-9, 2023, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington D.C.
The Afiya Center (TAC) was established in response to the increasing disparities between HIV incidences worldwide and the extraordinary prevalence of HIV among Black womxn and girls in Texas. TAC is unique in that it is the only Reproductive Justice (RJ) organization in North Texas founded and directed by Black womxn. At TAC we are transforming the lives, health, and overall wellbeing of Black womxn and girls by providing refuge, education, and resources; we act to ignite the communal voices of Black womxn resulting in our full achievement of reproductive freedom.

Congratulations to Afiya center visionary Marsha Jones!

Congratulations to Glenda Blackmon-Johnson, RWPC Office of Support, for being recognized as the Afiya Center's 2022 Community Servant Honoree!

The Afiya Center celebrated its grand opening on October 29, 2022
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Ryan White Planning Council | Home (dallascounty.org)

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

Planning Council 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): 25 members seated - 8 seats vacant
*RWPC Reflectiveness 33% 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)

Q4 COMMITTEE DELIVERABLES

Executive- Orientation and Training, USCHA
Conference RWPC Leadership Team
RWPC- Committee Project Final Approvals
P&P- FY 2023 Priority Service Ranking

Happy Birthday

TO READERS CELEBRATING IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER