

Metropolitan Jacksonville Area HIV Health Services Planning Council

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

By Katrina Williams, MHA

Just a friendly reminder that COVID-19 continues to spread throughout our community. I wanted to give you a friendly reminder to wash your hands frequently, sanitize your space, and wear a mask when you are not able to socially distance.

The Planning Council is doing a lot of great work but has more tasks ahead. We cannot complete our goals without the public joining our Standing Committees. Please review these brief descriptions to determine which committee interests you.



The Continuum of Care Coordination Committee is currently reviewing data to write our 2022-2026 Integrated Comprehensive Plan (ICP). This plan discusses how our Transitional Grant Area (Duval, Clay, St. Johns, and Nassau Counties) will work together to stop the spread of HIV. The committee currently has a writing team that is drafting the plan. However, they cannot do it alone and need your help. You do not have to be a great writer or have any formal education in writing. All you need to do is have ideas, time, and compassion to end this epidemic.

The Community Connections Committee is for individuals living with or affected by HIV, representatives of Ryan White funded agencies, and others. After meeting virtually for the safety of our members, this committee has resumed meeting in person. These monthly meetings provide lunch, so an RSVP is required to attend. This committee provides education at meetings and community events, as well as distributes condoms.

There are other Standing Committees that you can join, and you don't have to be a member of the Planning Council. At Planning Council meetings, the Committee Chairs provide summaries about the work being done within their committees. The real work is done during the Standing Committee meetings.

By joining a Standing Committee, you will be giving up 2.5 hours per month, but that pales in comparison to what you will get in return. It will give you the opportunity to build relationships, give personal support to our community, and help us win this fight. I encourage you to reach out to the Planning Council Support Staff (Kandrade@coj.net) or any person on the Planning Council for more information and details about meeting dates and times. I look forward to seeing each of you at our committee meetings and witnessing what we can all accomplish together.

NEW FACES: GET TO KNOW A MEMBER

By Mary Stokes-Outing-Glenn

HIV/AIDS was the last thing on my mind in the early 80's in New Orleans when there were rumors going around the office that this one and that one had the disease because of their lifestyle -- it could never be me! Fast-forward to September 14, 1990, the day I received my positive test results. I was still thinking it couldn't be me, but it was, and I had a decision to make. I could do nothing, or I could fight. So, the battle began.

Because of my shame, I never went back to my primary physician, but thank God for the wonderful workers at the Duval County Health Department Main Street Clinic and their resources for medical care, medications, and mental health counseling that were in place for me to access. Part of their advice was to be part of the answer and not just allow situations to happen to me.

I attempted to involve myself in every aspect of HIV. Besides caring for myself, I wanted to help prevent others from making the same mistakes that I made. For those who were already positive, I wanted to attempt to express their needs by being in the meetings before we received Ryan White funding. In 1994, I asked to be on the first Planning Council, which I was honored to serve until 2001 when I had to leave due to medical issues.

Here we are in 2021 and again I answer the call for persons living with HIV, who are not aligned to an agency receiving Ryan White funding, to be part of the answer. Hopefully, I will be able to offer insights about the needs of those of us living with HIV and are unable to speak for themselves.

SAVE THE DATE: MONTHLY CALENDAR

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bylaws 2 - 4 pm 1809 Art Museum Dr	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8 Membership 2 - 4 pm 1809 Art Museum Dr	9 Community Connections 12 - 1 pm 515 W 6th St Cont of Care Coord 2 - 4 pm 3435 University Blvd N	10	11
12	13 Priority and Allocations 2 - 4 pm 3435 University Blvd N	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Executive 2 - 4 pm 1809 Art Museum Dr	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Planning Council 3 - 5 pm UF Health Mason Room 580 8th St W		

HOW TO ATTEND PLANNING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council and Committee meetings. The current options for attending include:

- Physically Present: Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings in person. Due to COVID 19 distancing guidelines, meetings are taking place in several locations and masks are strongly encouraged.
- Electronically: At this time, the option for guests to attend electronically via Zoom is only available for Planning Council meetings and not Committee meetings.
- For more information, contact PlanningCouncil@coj.net or 904-255-3346.

MEETING MINUTES

See what we've been up to! Read our [meeting minutes](#) here:

<https://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/social-services/ryan-white-c-a-r-e-act,-part-a/planning-council/about-us#MEETING%20MINUTES>

PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Jacksonville does not endorse any of the following events.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

At the Intersection of SUD, HIV, and Covid-19: Why Trauma Informed Care Matters (Virtual)

September 9, 2021 1 – 2 pm

Register here:

https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0087-0004-4a2dcbee759e48bd85e011517325e6f9

Oral Health and HIV in the African American Community (Virtual)

September 13, 2021 12 – 1 pm

Register here: https://www.seaetc.com/event/?ER_ID=83164

Ending the HIV Epidemic Southeast Region Community Member Virtual Listening Session

September 14, 2021 2 – 3:30 pm

Register here: [https://hrsa-](https://hrsa.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscCuqzksHoUft1wiry-8kr9S49Vdr44)

[gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscCuqzksHoUft1wiry-8kr9S49Vdr44](https://hrsa.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscCuqzksHoUft1wiry-8kr9S49Vdr44)

UF CARES presents the 25th Annual Infectious Diseases and HIV Conference of Northeast Florida (Virtual)

September 17, 2021 8 am – 5 pm

Registration is \$10 and can be completed at

UFHealthJax.org/HIVcare by Sept. 14.

8th Annual National Conference for HIV, HCV, STI, and LGBTQ Health/SYNChronicity Conference (Virtual)

September 21 – 22, 2021

Registration is \$90 ([apply to attend for free](#))

Register here: <https://sync2021.org/register/>

Oral Health and HIV in the Latino/a/x Population (Virtual)

September 27, 2021 12 – 1 pm

Register here: https://www.seaetc.com/event/?ER_ID=83165

September HAB You Heard Webinar

September 29, 2021 2 – 3 pm

Register here: https://hrsa.gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_0mGuX360T4G0RvWk0gx8Cg

ONGOING EVENTS:

COVID-19 Vaccine Locations in Jacksonville

Click here: <http://duval.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/COVID-19/index.html>

COVID-19 Testing Locations in Jacksonville

Click here: <https://www.jaxready.com/covidtesting>

COVID-19 Antibody Treatment at Jacksonville Main Library

Click here: <https://www.coj.net/welcome/news/city-announces-details-for-covid-19-antibody-treat>

Beacons of Hope HIV Support Group at Lutheran Social Services

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 3 – 5 pm

4615 Philips Highway Jacksonville, FL 32207

Refreshments will be provided. For More Information Please Contact James Perrigan at 904-739-7015.

UF CARES Community Advisory Board (CAB)

Every 3rd Tuesday of each month 11:30 am – 1 pm via Zoom

Email michael.kyger@jax.ufl.edu or call 904-244-5466 for more information.

HIVCareNow Testing and Events Calendar

<http://hivcarenow.com/calendar/testing-calendar.html>

The Planning Council is a legislatively mandated group of diverse community members who work to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of HIV/AIDS health services. The

Planning Council members participate in processes including identifying community needs, assessing the capacity to meet those needs, and allocating Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) resources.

We are always looking for new members! Members go through a rigorous interview process and are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville to represent a particular demographic.

For more information, please contact the Planning Council Support Staff at PlanningCouncil@coj.net or 904-255-3346.

For more information about the RWHAP, please visit <https://hab.hrsa.gov>.

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