

# Metropolitan Jacksonville Area HIV Health Services Planning Council

Council News and Updates

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## A WORD FROM THE VICE CHAIR

*By Dawna Cornelissen, MSW*

As we head into the fall season, the Planning Council is moving into the last half of the 2021/22 planning year. Although it has been a bumpy first six months, we have learned many valuable lessons that will help the Planning Council move forward. One of my favorite sayings is “what doesn’t bend, breaks.” To me, it means that we have to be flexible and embrace change or else we will break and no longer work. As we finish out the planning year, we should all remember that sometimes we have to bend to meet the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in our community.



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## NEW FACES: GET TO KNOW A MEMBER

*By Heather Kilpatrick, Esq.*

My name is Heather Kilpatrick. I am a staff attorney at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. (JALA). JALA hired me straight out of law school almost 20 years ago. I have been assigned to the Ryan White unit as a staff attorney since 2006. I have been involved with the planning council in some capacity since 2007.

Ivel, Kentucky is my hometown. Ivel is a small town in Eastern Kentucky with a population of approximately 500. I attended a few colleges, but eventually graduated from Coastal Carolina University with my bachelor's degree. I obtained my law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville.

It is my goal and desire to continue representing Ryan White clients and their families in civil law matters for as long as JALA receives funding for our services. I adore and admire my clients and I am honored to assist them with their legal needs. It is my hope that our services reduce stress, conflict, and insecurities in their life, thus enabling them to focus on their health outcomes.

Outside of JALA, I have raised 5 children, ages 14 to 28. I am in a lovely relationship that will unite in marriage in the very near future. I love to travel and cruise. I love to watch football and eagerly anticipate a winning season for the Jaguars with our rookie quarterback by 2024.

SAVE THE DATE: MONTHLY CALENDAR

# October 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	5	6	7 Bylaws Committee 1809 Art Museum Dr 2 - 4 pm	8
11	12 Ad-hoc Needs Assessment University Branch Library 2 - 4 pm	13 Membership Committee 1809 Art Museum Dr 2 - 4 pm	14 Community Connections FSCJ 11:30 am - 1 pm  CCC Committee* University Branch Library 2 - 4 pm	15
18	19 Executive Committee 1809 Art Museum Dr 2 - 4 pm	20	21	22
25	26	27	28 Planning Council UF Towers Charter Room 3 - 5 pm	29

\*Continuum of Care Coordination

## 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](mailto:PlanningCouncil@coj.net) or 904-255-3346.

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## 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>

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## PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **2021 Rural Journey to Change Virtual Leadership Conference**

Every Friday in October

Register here: [https://www.seaetc.com/event/?ER\\_ID=83491](https://www.seaetc.com/event/?ER_ID=83491)

#### **Health Literacy: Why Does It Matter (Virtual)**

October 5, 2011 1 – 2 p.m.

Register here: <https://www.maaetc.org/events/view/18803>

#### **Medical Case Management Insurance Benefits Navigation Webinar**

October 5, 2021 1 – 5 p.m.

Register here: [https://www.seaetc.com/event/?ER\\_ID=77699](https://www.seaetc.com/event/?ER_ID=77699)

#### **2021 National Sexual Health Conference (Virtual)**

October 6 – 8, 2021

Registration is \$445.

Register here: <https://www.sexualhealth2021.org>

#### **The Harms of HIV Criminalization Webinar**

October 8, 2021 1 – 3 p.m.

Register here: [https://www.seaetc.com/event/?ER\\_ID=83343](https://www.seaetc.com/event/?ER_ID=83343)

#### **Integration of Opioid Use Disorder and HIV Treatment Webinar**

October 8, 2021 12 – 1 p.m.

Register here: [https://nahewd.org/event/648/?instance\\_id=8](https://nahewd.org/event/648/?instance_id=8)

### **Impact of COVID-19 on the LGBTQ Community Webinar**

October 19, 2021 10 – 11 a.m.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/du832rp6>

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Stigma (Hybrid)**

November 15 – 19, 2021

Cost range \$10 - \$80

Register here: <http://www.whocanyoutell.org/2021-conference>

### **US Conference on HIV/AIDS (Virtual)**

December 2-3, 2021

Registration is \$295

Register here: [uscha.life](https://uscha.life)

### **Northeast Florida World AIDS Day Committee Luncheon**

December 3, 2021 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Riverfront

Cost is \$40 per person

To register, call 904-356-1612 ext. 116 or email [jkloke@nfanjax.org](mailto:jkloke@nfanjax.org).

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 11:30 am – 1 pm via Zoom

Email [michael.kyger@jax.ufl.edu](mailto: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>

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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](mailto:PlanningCouncil@coj.net) or 904-255-3346.

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

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