

# Metropolitan Jacksonville Area HIV Health Services Planning Council

Council News and Updates

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## A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

*By Dawna Cornelissen, Chair*

April brings growth and renewal as we enjoy the mild temperatures before summer arrives. This month, we will focus on training and education. A biannual member training will take place on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 4 p.m. The training teaches members how to participate in the planning processes, updates them on legislative and policy changes, and refreshes them on local rules and procedures. The training is a requirement of members, but is open to the public. No business will take place during the training. There will also be a training on the priority setting and resource allocation (PSRA) process in April. PSRA is the primary legislative responsibility of the Planning Council and it requires input and participation from the public. The date and time is to be determined (TBD) at this time. However, the training is a very important component of the process, so don't miss it. Contact Karen Andrade at [PlanningCouncil@coj.net](mailto:PlanningCouncil@coj.net) or 904-255-3346 to find out when the training will take place.

Last month, the Planning Council convened the first meeting of the grant year. The officers for 2022-23 are myself as Chair, Dan Merkan as Vice-Chair, and Mary Glenn as Community Representative. The committees also convened with new chairs and co-chairs. The chairs and co-chairs for 2022-23 are as follows: Bylaws Committee Chair is Chuck Flaherty, Community Connections Committee Chair is Mary Glenn and Co-Chair is Timm Purcell, Continuum of Care Coordination Committee Chair is Paula Burns and Co-Chair is Dan Merkan, Membership Committee Chair is Timm Purcell and Co-Chair is Mary Glenn, Priority and Allocations Committee Chair is Dan Merkan and a co-chair is TBD, and the Needs Assessment Ad-hoc Committee Chair is Justin Bell.

We are always looking for members of the public to join our non-governance committees which are **Community Connections**, **Continuum of Care Coordination**, **Priority and Allocations**, and **Needs Assessment**. These are the committees that focus on planning processes and community engagement. Learn more about the committees here: <https://tinyurl.com/ytjue2z2>. Contact Karen Andrade at [PlanningCouncil@coj.net](mailto:PlanningCouncil@coj.net) or 904-255-3346 to sign up.

I wanted to highlight HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) relaunched website. The new URL is [ryanwhite.hrsa.gov](https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov). The website navigation has also changed to help people find what they are looking for more quickly and efficiently. Here are direct links to the main navigation categories:

- [About the Program](#) – General information about the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP), including its parts and initiatives, program funding, legislation, history, and more.
- [HIV Care](#) – How to get HIV care and treatment through the RWHAP, find a RWHAP provider near you, and view a list of state HIV/AIDS hotlines.

- **Grants** – Resources to help manage a RWHAP grant, including information on reporting requirements; clinical care guidelines and quality of care resources; the performance measures portfolio; and policy notices and program letters.
- **Data** – RWHAP-related data, slide decks, reports, and tools, including the RWHAP Compass Dashboard.
- **Resources** – RWHAP resources, including fact sheets, infographics, expert panel summaries, webinar recordings, newsletters, and the eLibrary.

Lastly, if you still haven't signed up for the HRSA HAB Ryan White email list, you can do it here: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHSHRSA/signup/29907>. By signing up, you'll receive the latest news, resources, and Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program information.

## SAVE THE DATE: MONTHLY CALENDAR – April 2022

Confirm dates, times, and locations of meetings with the Planning Council Support Staff at [PlanningCouncil@coj.net](mailto:PlanningCouncil@coj.net) or 904-255-3346.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	5	6	7 Bylaws Committee 1809 Art Museum Dr 2 - 4 pm	8
11	12 Needs Assessment Ad-hoc Committee 1809 Art Museum Dr 2 - 4 pm	13 Membership Committee 1809 Art Museum Dr 2 - 4 pm	14 Community Connections 515 W 6th St 12 am - 1 pm <hr/> CCC Committee* 1809 Art Museum Dr 2 - 4 pm	15
18	19 Executive Committee 1809 Art Museum Dr 2 - 4 pm	20	21 Annual All-Member Training Via Zoom** 2 - 4 pm	22

25	26	27	28 Planning Council UF Towers Charter Room 580 8 <sup>th</sup> St W 3 - 5 pm	29
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\*CCC = Continuum of Care Coordination  
 \*\* Email [Kandrade@coj.com](mailto:Kandrade@coj.com) for the link

## 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.

## 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:**

#### **Substance Use, Mental Health & HIV Treatment**

April 5, 2022 1 – 2 p.m. EST

Register: <https://www.phntx.org/event/scaetc-substance-use-mental-health-hiv-treatment/>

#### **Ryan White Part A Standards of Care Meetings**

April 6, 2022 9 – 11 a.m.

April 20, 2022 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

BHS Large Conference Room

1809 Art Museum Dr Jacksonville, FL 32207

RSVP: [SArts@coj.net](mailto:SArts@coj.net) or 904-255-3342

#### **The Evolution of HIV/AIDS Policy in the United States (Virtual)**

April 20, 2022 1 p.m. EST

Register: [https://echo.unm.edu/scaetc/event/?ER\\_ID=4671](https://echo.unm.edu/scaetc/event/?ER_ID=4671)

#### **New PrEP Guidelines (Virtual)**

April 20, 2022 12 – 1 p.m.

Register: <https://www.neaetc.org/events/view/19827?ct=t>

#### **Strides for Pride 5k, Fun Run, Pets for Pride Photo Fun-raiser**

April 23, 2022

Cost: \$35 - \$45

Register: <https://www.jasmyn.org/strides-for-pride>

#### **Aging with HIV Comorbidities (Virtual)**

April 26, 2022 1 – 2 p.m. EST

Register: <https://www.phntx.org/event/scaetc-aging-with-hiv-comorbidities/>

#### **Stigma Reduction Strategies (Virtual)**

May 6, 2022 1 – 2 p.m. EST

Register: <https://www.phntx.org/event/scaetc-stigma-reduction-strategies/>

### **National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS**

May 25 – 28, 2022

New Orleans, Louisiana

Early Bird Registration Ends 4/11/22. Registration costs vary:

<https://viethconsulting.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=67998>

### **Save the Date:**

### **National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment**

August 23 – 26, 2022

More info: <https://ryanwhiteconference.hrsa.gov>

### **Save the Date:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual 4K Walk/Block Party: Removing HIV Stigma**

July 9, 2022

Contact [havingincrediblevictory@yahoo.com](mailto:havingincrediblevictory@yahoo.com) for more information.

### **Save the Date:**

### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Infectious Diseases and HIV Conference of Northeast Florida: Pathways to Assuring Health Equity in HIV Care**

October 28, 2022 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

More info:

<https://pediatrics.med.jax.ufl.edu/ufcares/annualhivconference>

### **ONGOING EVENTS:**

### **COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Locations in Jacksonville**

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

### **Additional Info on COVID-19 and People with HIV:**

<https://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/staying-in-hiv-care/other-related-health-issues/coronavirus-covid-19>

### **Positive Attitudes HIV/AIDS Support Group**

Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Christ Church of Peace

1240 McDuff Ave S, Jacksonville, FL 32205

For more information please contact [posatt123@aol.com](mailto:posatt123@aol.com).

### **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 p.m.

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 a.m. – 1 p.m. via Zoom

Email [michael.kyger@jax.ufl.edu](mailto:michael.kyger@jax.ufl.edu) or call 904-244-5466 for more information.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 12 – 1 p.m.

Meetings are currently being held virtually.

Email [tim.purcell74@gmail.com](mailto:tim.purcell74@gmail.com) for meeting info.

### **HIVCareNow Testing and Events Calendar**

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

### **New FDOH HIV 101 Video**

<https://vimeo.com/651650169/db56daaa5a>

**Archived Webinars from the Southeast AIDS Education & Training Center:** <https://www.seaetc.com/education-training/archived-webinars/>

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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 an 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 information about Ryan White eligibility and services in our area, please visit <https://www.hivcarenow.com/get-treated/ryan-white-program.html>.

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

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