HAB Welcomes New HRSA Administrator

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HRSA’s HIV/AIDS Bureau Vision and Mission

Vision
Optimal HIV care and treatment for all to end the HIV epidemic in the U.S.

Mission
Provide leadership and resources to advance HIV care and treatment to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities for people with HIV and affected communities.
New Look, New URL: The HAB Website Has Officially Relaunched as RYANWHITE.HRSA.GOV!

New website URL: www.ryanwhite.hrsa.gov
The **National HIV/AIDS Strategy (2022–2025)** was released on December 1, 2021.

- Roadmap to accelerate efforts to end the HIV epidemic in the United States by 2030

- Strategy focuses on **four** goals:
  1. Prevent new HIV infections.
  2. Improve HIV-related health outcomes of people with HIV.
  3. Reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequities.
  4. Achieve integrated, coordinated efforts that address the HIV epidemic among all partners and stakeholders.
Implementing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS)

• HRSA developed an Implementation Plan that outlines **specific actions** that it will take to achieve the Strategy’s goals and objectives

• HRSA engaged with the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program stakeholder community in order to hear thoughts and ideas on ways we can support NHAS goals and accelerate our efforts toward ending the HIV epidemic

• HRSA conducted listening sessions with key stakeholder groups, including:
  - Patient Advocacy Organizations
  - HIV Provider Organizations
  - Constituency Based Organizations
  - Coalition Groups
National HIV/AIDS Strategy Quality of Life Indicator Workgroup

**Purpose:** Develop an indicator to measure quality of life for people with HIV

**Key points:**
- Workgroup membership includes ACL, DOJ, CDC, HRSA, NIMH, NIAID, and SAMHSA
- Co-chaired by CDC and HRSA
- Accelerated timeline to complete work – 75 days!
- Utilize existing datasets to identify indicator and future actions
- Community engagement met in late February 2022
HAB Collaboration with ACL and HUD
Collaboration with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Ongoing partnership with the ACL:
- To foster safe, high quality health care for the aging population
- To share information about RWHAP and hear from ACL about their program and services

Long-standing, committed collaboration with HUD:
- Because the RWHAP does not function as a housing provider
- To expand our work with HUD beyond the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOWPA) program
2022 National Ryan White Conference Updates

• Thank you for submitting your abstracts for the 2022 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment

• Nearly 400 abstracts were submitted

• Abstract approvals sent out the week of April 12th
The 2022 NRWC is Going Virtual!

August 23-26, 2022

Conference registration is now open

Moving to an all virtual format

Unlimited virtual participation

No RWHAP part specific caps required

Similar interactive virtual platform like in 2020

All breakout sessions will be pre-recorded
Policy Updates
Gender Affirming Care in the RWHAP Program Letter

- Reaffirms the importance of providing culturally-affirming health care and social services to the transgender community
- Letter is not new policy or approach to the services delivered by the RWHAP
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Updates
New EHE Community Listening Sessions and Telehealth and the RWHAP Executive Summaries Now Available

Access the new resources: https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/resources/expert-panel-summaries
Data Updates
Viral Suppression among RWHAP Clients, by State, 2010 and 2020—United States and 2 Territories

Viral suppression: ≥1 OAHS visit during the calendar year and ≥1 viral load reported, with the last viral load result <200 copies/mL.

* Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Viral Suppression among Priority Populations Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2010 and 2020—United States and 3 Territories

Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.

Viral suppression: ≥1 DAHS visit during the calendar year and ≥1 viral load reported, with the last viral load result <200 copies/mL.

Significant progress has been made in viral suppression among priority populations, but inequities remain, particularly among Black/African American clients, transgender clients, youth aged 13–24 years, and clients with unstable housing.

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*Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.*

HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) Initiative Data Report, 2020
Overview of Report

• The inaugural 2020 HRSA HAB Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. Data Report highlights data submitted to HRSA HAB through the EHE Triannual Module data system.

• EHE Triannual Module data are reported on the calendar year rather than on the budget year.

• To align data reporting with the calendar year, two reporting periods were established for 2020:
  - March through August (6 months)
  - September through December (4 months).
Solutions Leveraged by EHE Recipients to Address COVID-19

Focus on what can be accomplished during a pandemic

Flexibilities that prioritize health and public safety

Scale up services to address demand

Streamline client experience

HRSA HAB-funded EHE staff & resources allowed states and cities to better respond to COVID-19

Source: Unpublished data reflecting EHE implementation activities (March 2020 through February 2021), as reported by 47 RWHAP EHE grant recipients in their EHE Year 1 Non-Competing Continuation (NCC) Progress Report and TriYearly Progress Report. This does not reflect data reported through the EHE Triannual Module.
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