

How to Build Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV (PLWH): Provider and PLWH Perspectives

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**The Voices of PLWH Workgroup
HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)
Health Resources and Services
Administration (HRSA)**



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Overview

- Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities
- Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care



HIV/AIDS Bureau Vision and Mission

Vision

Optimal HIV/AIDS care and treatment for all.

Mission

Provide leadership and resources to assure access to and retention in high quality, integrated care, and treatment services for vulnerable people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

- Provides comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people living with HIV
 - More than half of people living with diagnosed HIV in the United States – more than 550,000 people – receive care through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)
- Funds grants to states, cities/counties, and local community based organizations
 - Recipients determine service delivery and funding priorities based on local needs and planning process
- Payor of last resort statutory provision: RWHAP funds may not be used for services if another state or federal payer is available
- 84.9% of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients were virally suppressed in 2016, exceeding national average of 59.8%



Source: HRSA. Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Annual Client-Level Data Report 2016; CDC. HIV Surveillance Supplemental Report 2016;21(No. 4)



Learning Objectives

- **List key elements needed for an active and thriving PLWH advisory board**
- **Identify new practices and strategies for establishing and maintaining an advisory board and for addressing barriers.**
- **Describe the expectations and needs of PLWH who serve on a advisory board so that organizations may better meet their needs and benefit from their engagement**



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Workshop Agenda

1. **Introduction and Context – 5 minutes**
2. **Panel Discussion: PLWH and RWHAP providers share their experiences and lessons learned – 30 minutes**
3. **Brainstorm Ideas: – 20 minutes**
4. **Vote on best or new ideas – 10 minutes**
5. **Q&A**



Workshop Presenters

PLWH & Providers

- **Billy Fields, New York, NY**
- **Mark Grantham, Chattanooga, TN**
- **Shellye Jones, Los Angeles, CA**
- **Barbara Messick, Miami, FL**
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