

# Supporting Planning Councils/ Planning Bodies in Improving HIV Services: Staff Sharing Session

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# Workshop Background

- EGMC asked by the HRSA/HAB Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs (DMHAP) “to assess the perceived successes, key structural issues, abilities, challenges, and technical assistance (TA) needs of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program’s (RWHAP’s) Part A Planning Councils/Planning Bodies (PCs/PBs) in assuming their legislatively required responsibilities”
- Assessment included a Voluntary Request for Information (VRI) that led to:
  - Development of a contact list of PC/PB Support managers
  - Responses indicating a need for peer contract and sharing of experiences and best practices
  - Several jurisdictions recommended a PCS sharing session at this Conference plus ongoing opportunities for mutual support

# Workshop Purpose

Provide a forum for PC/PB Support (PCS) staff to:

- Share successes and challenges
- Discuss how you are helping PCs/PBs improve the system of HIV services and performance along the HIV care continuum
- Explore innovative ways for addressing changes and challenges facing PCs/PBs
- Identify professional opportunities and challenges for PCS staff
- Identify possibilities for ongoing peer communications and support

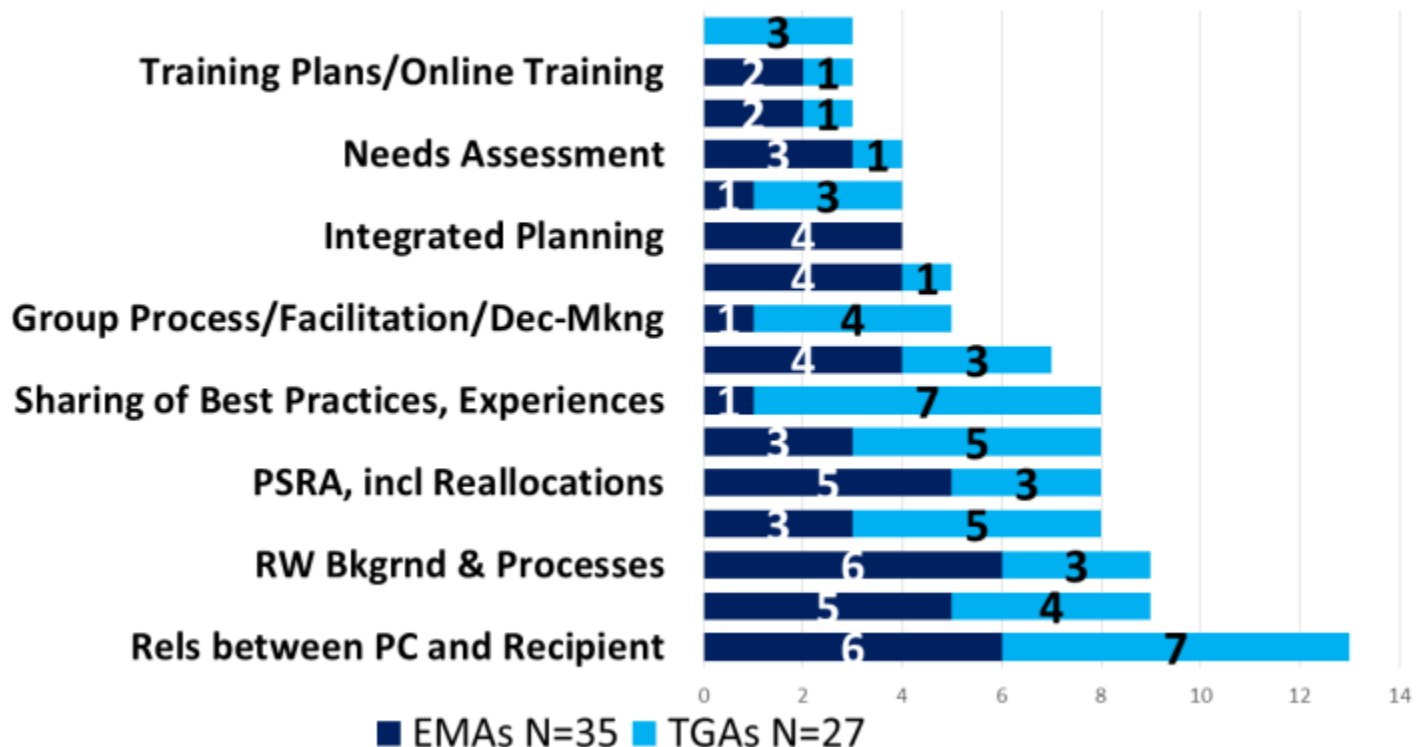
# Workshop Objectives

1. To describe at least 3 common challenges facing PCs/PBs and 3 innovative strategies that have been used successfully to increase PC/PB capacity to strengthen HIV services and improve performance on the HIV care continuum
2. To identify at least 1 strategy or model to strengthen your PC/PB and at least 1 other colleague you can contact for advice and support
3. To identify strategies for increasing peer communications throughout the year

# Job-related Issues from Assessment

- **Varied and often challenging roles** in supporting PC members & leadership
- **Complicated and widely varied relationships with recipient/Administrative Agent** - re authority, PC funding, access to data
- **Burden of implementing legislative requirements and meeting HRSA/HAB expectations** is heavy for TGAs & smaller EMAs – requirements the same, regardless of funding level
- **Lack of direct contact with HRSA/HAB/DMHAP** – limited access to information, new policies, webinars
- **Expectation that PCS manager is an expert on all aspects of Ryan White** – legislation, policies, HRSA/HAB expectations
- **Extensive orientation and training needs**, but limited resources and few up-to-date national materials or tools
- **Limited access to peer support or technical assistance**

# Unmet Training and Technical Assistance Needs Individual Responses [N=62]



# Possible Topics for Discussion

- The changing environment for Ryan White PCs/PBs
- What is working well for Planning Councils and PCS staff
- Most important challenges
- Successful strategies for addressing challenges
- Interest in continued peer contact/sharing

# Discussion of Issues & Needs

## Sharing of Best Practices



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