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HIV Planning Group Stakeholder Meeting

- The Pennsylvania HIV Planning Group (HPG) and the Pennsylvania Division of HIV Disease (PA DOH) hosted a stakeholder meeting in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, April 23rd. The purpose of this meeting was to engage stakeholders around the Integrated HIV Plan for Pennsylvania.



- The HPG and PA DOH hosted around 75 attendees. Presentations centered on AIDS Free Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania HIV Intergrated Prevention and Care Plan, and The Department of Health, Division of HIV Disease. A townhall forum was conducted after the meeting to get stakeholder feedback. Atteneedees had the oppurtunity to fill out feedback surveys. Those surveys are currently being reviewed.

Announcements from the Divsion of HIV Disease (DOH)

- In a recent edition of *The Lancet HIV* medical journal, Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, an NYU professor and Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health (CLAFH) director, touched on what he described as the "underappreciated youth HIV crisis," noting the rise in new HIV diagnoses among youths. A summary of his findings can be found at www.tinyurl.com/HIVAmongYouth. (Provided by Jill Garland)

OF THE 39,782 HIV DIAGNOSES IN 2016:

8,451 WERE AMONG
YOUTH* AGED 13 - 24

6,848 WERE AMONG
YOUNG GAY AND
BISEXUAL MEN

4 OUT OF 5 YOUTH DIAGNOSED
WITH HIV WERE AGED 20 - 24

21% OF ALL NEW HIV DIAGNOSES IN THE US WERE AMONG YOUTH

Provided by the CDC. Full fact sheet found at www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/group/age/youth/cdc-hiv-youth.pdf



- The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health researchers recently reported that they have "developed an all-in-one immunotherapy approach that not only kicks HIV out of hiding in the immune system, but also kills it." A summary of their findings can be found at www.tinyurl.com/UPMCHIVTreatment.

The Pennsylvania HIV Planning Group

- The Pa HIV Planning Group (HPG) is a diverse group of community members and planning partners working to enhance HIV prevention and care efforts in Pennsylvania. Visit www.stophiv.com for more information!
- HPG meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. The next HPG meeting is **September 11th and 12th** at the Best Western Premier Central Hotel located at 800 E. Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Meetings begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Meeting agenda coming soon to www.stophiv.com.



The Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program Advisory Council

- The Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) Advisory Council provides guidance and recommendations to the SPBP in serving people living with HIV.
- Meetings are held quarterly and rotate between in-person meetings and WebEx conference calls. To learn more and see a list of upcoming meetings, visit www.tinyurl.com/SPBPAC.
- To apply for a seat on the SPBP Advisory Council, please contact SPBP Advisory Council Chair John Haines directly at c-johaines@pa.gov or by phone at (717) 703-9171.



Thursday, July 25th, 2019
Web-Ex Conference Call
10:00am-12:00pm

HIV Prevention and Care Related Trainings

- The HIV Prevention and Care Project (HPCP) provides many Capacity Building (CB) and technical assistance services, including specialized technical assistance around engaging men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM), programming assistance, needs assessments, Web-based learning opportunities, and hosting distance-based meetings.
- The next available Capacity Building training is for "Intergrating Hepatitis Into Your HIV Work" and is scheduled for June 13th in Allentown, PA. Visit www.stophiv.com to see the full list of Capacity Building offerings and training.



The Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education Training Center Trainings



- The MAAETC provides HIV education, consultation, technical assistance and resource materials to health care professionals throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.
- Upcoming trainings and seminars in Western Pennsylvania range from topics such as "HIV Case Management Updates" and "Mental Health is Public Health: The Intersection of Substance Use, Trauma, Suicide and HIV," to "AIDS Free Pittsburgh: Routine HIV Screening Community of Practice" and more.
- For a complete list of trainings throughout the Commonwealth and other states, visit www.maaetc.org/events/browse.

New Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Education (CE) Trainings

- The DOH is announcing the following free CME/CE trainings from Health/HIV:
 - *State of the Science in HIV: Navigating Advances in Testing and Treatment to Optimize Patient Outcomes*
 - *HCV from Screening to Cure: A Closer Look at Changing At-risk Populations and an Evolving Treatment Landscape*
 - *Breaking Down the Barriers to PrEP: The Patient Journey from Misconceptions to Effective HIV Prevention*
- For a complete list of trainings, visit www.tinyurl.com/CME-CETrainings. **Page 3**

