Celebrating Success, Shaping the Future

25 Years

Conference Program
25th Annual HIV/STD Conference
October 25-27, 2016 • Crowne Plaza Hotel • Springfield, Illinois

Sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Public Health Association
Greetings and welcome to the 25th Annual Illinois HIV/STD Conference, “Celebrating Success, Shaping the Future.” The Illinois Department of Public Health’s (IDPH) HIV and STD programs, and the Illinois Public Health Association, along with a state and local advisory committee have designed a conference that promises to enhance your knowledge and renew your commitment to preventing STIs in Illinois.

In 1991, IDPH hosted the first HIV/STD Conference, bringing together persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), researchers, clinicians, local health departments, allied health professionals, community based organizations, activists, and government entities to share and educate each other about HIV and STDs. Over the past 25 years, we have shared successes and tackled hurdles together. Today, we highlight one of those successes, the Department’s launch of a new PrEP Medication Assistance Program.

This week, we gather to reflect and recommit to continue the work that must be done to reduce new infections, end the HIV epidemic, and shape a better future for all communities.

The conference agenda offers sessions designed to address the educational and training needs of professionals in the fields of public health, social work, corrections, primary and secondary education, substance abuse treatment, and other related fields. Workshops include information on treatment adherence, program management, HIV and Corrections, biomedical interventions, and harm reduction to name a few. We are fortunate to be able to continue to provide relevant, professional continuing education opportunities and are pleased that you are able to join us for these next few days.

Thank you for your attendance and commitment to preventing and managing HIV and other sexually transmissible infections. We look forward to continuing our partnerships and sharing best practices as together, we work to eradicate HIV/AIDS and other STIs in Illinois.

Sincerely,
Nirav Shah, MD, JD
Director, Illinois Department of Public Health
The conference planning committee welcomes your participation in the **25th Annual Illinois HIV/STD Conference, “25 Years...Celebrating Success, Shaping the Future.”**

A comprehensive approach must be used to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The ultimate goal of this conference is to provide new ideas and practical information to assist your everyday work. The conference will foster connections across disciplinary lines to share effective prevention approaches and research findings, to examine state-of-the-art medical management of HIV and STDs, to strategize around the best ways to get services to those in need, and to learn about current and emerging policy issues.

Come share your experiences, learn from colleagues and network with others who face the same challenges in combating sexually transmissible diseases, including HIV.

This activity is co-hosted by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Public Health Association.

**Purpose:** To enable attendees to learn a comprehensive care approach used to prevent further spread of HIV/AIDS and STDs.

**Target Audience:** Registered nurses, health department personnel, health educators, allied health professionals, public health professionals, counselors, case managers, social service and other community-based agency staff, HIV and STD educators, mental health and substance abuse counselors, social workers, teachers, HIV/STD counseling and testing personnel, and persons directly affected by HIV/AIDS and STDs.

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**Thank you** to the program staff and committees for their guidance, suggestions, and efforts that have made this year’s conference one that will benefit all in attendance. Their dedication is truly appreciated!
REGISTRATION
The conference registration booth is located on the Plaza Level of the hotel. For the convenience of all conference attendees, the booth will be open during the following hours:

- **Tuesday, October 25**: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Wednesday, October 26**: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, October 27**: 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.

CONFERENCE BADGES
Your conference badge is your ticket to all sessions, meals, and special meetings. Please remember to wear it at all times.

EXHIBIT HALL
Do not miss the opportunity to visit the exhibits and speak to the experts about the latest and greatest HIV/STD information. The Exhibit Hall, located in Plaza H/I/J, will be open from Noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, October 26.

GOING GREEN
The 2016 HIV/STD Conference Planning Committee is dedicated to having a "greener meeting." Conference speakers have been asked to post their handouts online thus eliminating paper handouts. Handouts can be found on the IPHA Website, www.ipha.com, for thirty (30) days after the conference. Participants are encouraged to recycle badges, papers, plastic bottles, or anything else that can be recycled. Thank you for your contribution to making this conference environmentally friendly.

MEALS
Full conference registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and break on Wednesday and Thursday.

SESSION INFORMATION
Concurrent session attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis. If your first choice session reaches capacity seating, please select an alternate session. At times, the conference rooms may be cold. Please dress appropriately.

EVALUATIONS
Evaluations will now be on-line. The evaluation link will be e-mailed to the participants after the conference and also will be available on the IPHA website for 30 days after the conference.

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You can follow us on Twitter: #HIVCONF16

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS
Licensed Attendees:
The IDHS/DDD, as licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to sponsor continuing education units (CEUs) for training events, is reviewing the program for approval for the following licensed attendees: Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Licensed Psychologists.

Addiction Counselors: This activity has been submitted to the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association (IAODAPCA) for continuing education credits. Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES): Illinois Public Health Association is a designated provider of continuing education contact hours (CECH) in health education by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing Inc.

Teachers: The Illinois State Board of Education is providing CPDUs (Continuing Professional Development Units): A special "Evidence of Completion Certificate" will be issued at the conclusion of the conference. The certificate of attendance will be free for all participants.

Attendance certificates will be e-mailed 45 days after the conclusion of the conference to participants who have completed an evaluation. Continuing education certificates will be mailed up to 90 days after the conclusion of the conference.
**Murray Penner** is Executive Director at NASTAD. Murray joined NASTAD in 2001 and previously served as Director of NASTAD’s Care & Treatment Program and most recently as NASTAD’s Deputy Executive Director. Murray oversees all NASTAD programs [including Health Care Access, Health Systems Integration, Health Equity, Prevention, Hepatitis, Global and Policy & Legislative Affairs] as well as NASTAD’s overall operations. Murray has strong expertise and experience in HIV and hepatitis treatments as well as drug pricing. Prior to NASTAD, Murray served as the Coordinator for the Fort Worth Area Ryan White HIV Planning Council. He received his Bachelor Degree in Social Work from Bethel College in North Newton, KS, and is pursuing his MPH from The George Washington University.

**Dave Kern** is the Deputy Commissioner for the Chicago Department of Public Health HIV/STI Bureau. Kern also served as CDPH’s HIV Prevention Director in the early 2000’s. Before coming back to Chicago, Kern worked as Manager of Infectious Disease Prevention for the Washington State Department of Health and as Director of Prevention for the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors in Washington, DC.

**David Ernesto Munar**, President and CEO of the Howard Brown Health, has devoted his entire professional career to building comprehensive systems of care and prevention that meet the needs of vulnerable populations. Since joining Howard Brown in 2014, Munar has focused his efforts in ensuring the delivery of excellent health and wellness services to LGBTQ people and allies at the organization’s two clinics, research office, and homeless youth drop-in center in Chicago. Howard Brown also operates a chain of resale stores that generate unrestricted revenue to support its programs and services. Under Munar’s stewardship, Howard Brown increased its patient based by 25%, settled longstanding debt, and established a two-month operating reserve. The organization recently achieved Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status, a designation that will allow it to open a new satellite clinic on Chicago’s far northside.
Plenary Speakers

David Ley is a clinical social worker and health care consultant who has worked with trauma impacted communities for over 35 years. He has worked in the Philadelphia Prisons, in Child Development and Adult Family Services and in a community health center with many clients dealing with the effects of Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, HIV, substance abuse and serious accident, injuries and death. As a consultant he has been involved since the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the regional planning of HIV services in Philadelphia and Chicago, and in providing technical assistance to agencies developing programs to address the needs of severely impacted populations.

Demetre Daskalakis is the Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of HIV Prevention and Control of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He received his medical education from NYU School of Medicine and completed his residency training in 2003 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He also completed Clinical Infectious Disease fellowships at the Brigham and Women’s | Massachusetts General Hospital combined program. He received his Masters of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. He has been a career-long physician activist in the area of HIV treatment and prevention among LGBT people.

Peter Leone is professor of medicine and epidemiology at the University of North Carolina. He served for 13 years as HIV/STD medical director for North Carolina DHHS and the North Carolina STAT Program, a unique program to identify and trace Acute HIV infections. Dr. Leone served as the medical director for Wake County Human Services STD and HIV clinics for 12 years prior to taking his state position.

Active in many professional organizations, Dr. Leone is a medical consultant for the National Coalition of STD Directors and served as their board chair in 2009-2010 and again in 2011-2012. He also served on the editorial board for the journal, “Sexually Transmitted Diseases,” and the board for the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association (ASTDA).
Tuesday, October 25

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Registration – Plaza Level

Noon
Lunch Plenary – Crowne Ballroom
Trauma Informed Care and Corrections
• David Ley, MSS, LCSW

Noon – 5 p.m.
Exhibits Open – Plaza H/I/J

1 p.m.- 3 p.m.
Seminars

Making PrEP Work for Women – Plaza E
• Pamela Tassin, BS Ed, CHES
• Sara Semelka, MPA

While the US Food and Drug Administration’s approval of Truvada as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) transformed the HIV prevention landscape for receptive sex partners of all genders, PrEP awareness and access among U.S. women is woefully limited. This interactive session will discuss opportunities and strategies that can be used by health care providers, educators and the public health community to ensure HIV-vulnerable women are aware of PrEP, understand it is a safe and effective prevention option for them, and to share how they can gain access to this intervention. Participants will learn how to engage HIV-vulnerable women in affirming, client-centered discussions about their sexual practices and sexual health needs; integrate the latest information on PrEP into counseling and care for women; and employ strategies that support HIV-vulnerable women in accessing and adhering to PrEP.

Queering Violence: Conversations about IPV, Sexual Violence and Trauma in LGBTQ and HIV+ Communities – Plaza A/B
• Randall Jenson

This interactive, award-winning workshop from SocialScope Productions uses multimedia clips from individual lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) and HIV+ survivors and helps attendees broaden their understanding about the complex ways intimate partner violence, sexual violence and trauma affect LGBTQ survivors and communities.

Providing Health Care to Transgender and Gender Diverse Individuals in Primary Care: An Introduction to Best Practices – Plaza C/D
• Evelyn Figueroa, MD

In this seminar, the presenter will discuss the prominent role that primary care clinicians will have in transgender health care. Attendees will be introduced to common terms/concepts, health concerns, and guidelines that will increase their clinical practice capacity. Further, in order to promote the health and wellness of transgender individuals, clinicians will be provided with examples of common clinical interactions that will promote the highest degree of bedside manner and ethics to optimize the physician-patient relationship.

Creating an Inclusive Environment with Safe Zones – Plaza F
• Heather Hudson, PhD, MPH, MCHES
• Alexander Marshall, PhD, MPH, CHES
• Katy Allison, MPH, CHES

The academic environment is home to an educated and diverse population. However, it often excludes various individuals, particularly LGBT individuals. The presenters are human sexuality educators and researchers who will discuss their individual and collective efforts in the classroom, on campus and in the community. Experiences with development and implementation of the “Safe Zone” program will be shared. The role of a LGBT ally will be discussed as well as activities and suggestions to create a more inclusive environment.
Conference Agenda

Tuesday, October 25 continued

3 p.m. – Break

3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Seminars

#LinkageToBeautiful: Successful Linkage to Care Practices for Newly Diagnosed and Lost to Care HIV+ Individuals – Plaza E
• Erica Gafford, BSW
• Hadeis Safi

This workshop will focus on best practices for Linkage to Care that enhance the connection of those newly diagnosed with HIV or Lost to Care to wrap-around wellness services. Medical advocates from Center on Halsted, the largest LGBTQ community organization in the Midwest, will share experiences that have proven successful in facilitating buy-in and trust from clients.

Young African American Men who have Sex with Men – How is Stigma Impacting HIV Testing Decisions in Illinois? – Plaza A/B
• Gina Lathan, ABD, MPH

The interactive seminar will focus on how stigma affects YAAMSM HIV testing decisions. Current research includes a comprehensive examination on how stigma affects HIV on individual and environmental levels. Minimal research has explored through a cultural responsive lense, how stigma affects HIV testing decisions among YAAMSM and provided insight on barriers and challenges to engaging HIV testing among YAAMSM. The seminar will also highlight recent qualitative research findings from an Illinois study with YAAMSM on how stigma affects their HIV testing decisions. The seminar will address the psychological impact of social determinants of health upon YAAMSM; the external social conditions and structures; stigma and discrimination towards same sex behavior; the role of family and community support; internalized homophobia; the expectation of rejection and concealment; and, service provider roles and responsibilities.

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HIV, Women, Mental Health and Substance Abuse – Plaza F
• Terra Stone, PharmD, AAHIVE

The purpose of this session is to review common mental health disorders seen in HIV infected patients and discuss how these may affect HIV. The presenter will also review substances of abuse and how they may affect HIV disease, including DDIs and adherence.

Wednesday, October 26

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast – Crowne Ballroom

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Registration – Plaza Level

8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Opening Plenary – Crowne Ballroom
Keynote: High Impact Prevention Panel
• Murray Penner, BSW
• Dave Kern
• David Munar
Wednesday, October 26  

10:15 a.m.  
Exhibits Open/Poster Session  
– Plaza H/I/J

10:45 a.m.  
Workshop I

Addiction as a Response to Developmental Trauma: The Role of Attachment and Attunement in Providing Care – Plaza E

• Chaz Franke, MSW, LCSW

This training will look into the specific ways in which attachment and early childhood events can contribute to addiction, self destructive behaviors, and difficulty with interpersonal connection. Looking through the lens of traumatic experience and developmental trauma, presenters will discuss strategies that assist providers in creating environments that promote long lasting change, deep connective process, and a holding space for difficult topics.

Treating Teens Where They Are: Onsite Sexual Health Education and STI Screening in Chicago Public Schools – Plaza A/B

• Lisa Masinter, MD, MPH, MS, FACOG
• Sarah Franseen, MPH
• Hilary Golden, BS
• Lara Altman, MPH, MSW

Teens in Chicago are at significant risk for STIs and unintended pregnancy, so the Chicago Department of Public Health has been providing sexual health education and onsite STI screening in Chicago Public Schools since 2009, and has partnered with Planned Parenthood of Illinois to provide direct services on behalf of CDPH to expand this program. The STI Education and Screening Program now provides education, STI screening, and linkage to care to CPS high schools, City Colleges, school-based health centers, and community-based organizations that serve youth. In 2015, CDPH was awarded a five year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate this program.

Sustaining Your Organization through Third Party Billing – Plaza C/D

• Jeffery Erdman, BS

While local health departments (LHDs), community-based organizations (CBOs), and other health care providers in Illinois are some of the most common providers of HIV testing and other HIV services, few of them have developed capacity to bill public or private payers/insurance carriers. Third-party billing is essential to these organizations’ long-term viability, as Illinois is in the worst budget crisis in its history, the state is seeing a reduction in HIV funding every year from the federal government, and local organizations struggle to stay in business. This presentation will guide organizations through the key steps in setting up third-party billing programs to sustain HIV services and other essential programming.

Making Reproductive Justice a Reality for PLWHIV – Plaza F

• Pamela Tassin, BS Ed, CHES
• Sara Semelka, MPH

Since 2014, national and global health authorities as well as professional health care associations have released guidelines, recommendations, and opinions stating clearly that PLHIV of all genders should be offered comprehensive reproductive health care services, including preconception care, and PrEP. Despite such developments, many PLHIV and their partners remain unaware of these advancements, the possibilities they afford, and how to access them. Stigma and biases towards PLHIV having children; opinions about which clinicians are responsible for certain types of conversations and care; lack of knowledge about safer conception strategies; and perceptions about patient/client knowledge all contribute to practice gaps. This session will increase providers’ ability to assess and affirm fertility desires and pregnancy planning—conception and contraception for—people living with and vulnerable to HIV so as to integrate such information into clinical care.
The Benefits of HIV Care in IDOC through Telemedicine – Plaza G

Brian W. Drummond, BSW, CCJP, CADC MISA I

The Telemedicine Program overview will engage and educate the audience on how to best work with the HIV/AIDS Impacted Corrections Client who has been medically stabilized, achieved a sustained virological response, and prepared for transition back into the community. Educate audience on ideas of how to get buy-in and develop an alliance with the reentry participant to promote a seamless transition and continued wellness and the likelihood of a successful reentry.

12:15 p.m.
Lunch Plenary – Crowne Ballroom

Keynote: #AsktheHIVDOC

Dr. Demetre Daskalakis

1:45 p.m. – Break

2 p.m.
Workshop II

Hepatitis C Linkage to Cure: Utilizing Lessons Learned from HIV to Build a Model for HCV Navigation – Plaza E

Audra Tobin

Dr. Glick

This workshop will include a 35-minute presentation on the Mount Sinai Hospital’s Hepatitis C Linkage to Care Program, including program development, linkage to care model, program outcomes, and lessons learned. The audience will then be broken into small working groups based on organizational type (e.g., hospital, outpatient clinic, community-based organization, etc.) for 20-minute discussions on assessing agency capacity for providing HCV services, implementation strategies, and challenges and solutions. The workshop will conclude with a 15-minute large-group discussion summarizing working group discussions and planning next steps.

HEPCCATT: A Novel and Comprehensive Approach to Hepatitis C Care – Plaza A/B

Andrew Aronsohn, MD

This presentation will describe a novel program providing a package of HCV related services to people living in Chicago. This model spans from diagnosis to cure with emphasis on comprehensive and sustainable methods aimed at eradication of HCV.

PrEP Case Management: Retention Outcomes for HIV Vulnerable PrEP Initiates – Plaza C/D

Matthew Lowther, MSW, MPH

This presentation will explore PrEP case management program outcomes for retention to PrEP care with HIV vulnerable populations. The populations of focus will be Black and Latino young men who have sex with men (BLYMSM) and transgender women of color (TWOC). Results suggest that PrEP case management can increase PrEP follow-up appointment attendance for BLYMSM and TWOC, aiding PrEP adherence and sustaining patient engagement in PrEP care. These promising results illustrate an innovative approach to PrEP linkage and engagement that could help lower HIV infection in these high incidence populations.

Illinois CAPUS Peer Advocates – The Community Health Worker Cohort – Plaza F

Michael Maginn

Peter McLoyd

Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA’s) have served in vital roles such as Peer Navigators, Outreach Workers, and Health Advocates. Today’s session provides an opportunity to update those in attendance, on recent efforts to growing and evolving the Illinois PLWHA’s workforce from one that’s grant funded to a more sustainable Community Health Worker (CHW) model.
Reflections from Deconstructing Homophobia and Transphobia Training: Sharing of Best Practices – Plaza G

- Kimberly Cleveland, MS
- Jada Sims

This session will demonstrate the value of homophobia and transphobia workshops/trainings and how to analyze stigma, while addressing social determinates for accessing health care in clinical and nonclinical settings. Increase knowledge surrounding institutional changes to create a better understanding of need, in efforts to minimize current disparities.

3:15 p.m. – Break / Poster Session

3:45 p.m.
Workshop III

Peoria County’s Reproductive Health Collaboration – Using Data and Aligning Resources – Plaza E

- Monica Hendrickson, MPH
- Holly Bill, BS, CHES
- Maureen Langholf, MSEd

This presentation will discuss Peoria County’s Reproductive Health Workgroup, highlighting the strength of the collaboration in promoting data driven decision making and usage of best practices. The Reproductive Health Workgroups membership exceeds 25 member organizations and meets routinely to review a common dashboard on the status of five key strategies. The group has worked on changing school district policy, promoting a youth advisory committee, conducted CEU events for providers, implementing provider-patient key questions, aligned programming, and expanded awareness.

The Practice of Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction and its Impact on Health – Plaza A/B

- Bridget Rolens, MA

This session will cover the history and benefits of using Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) techniques to live a healthier life and will include a mindfulness-guided meditation.

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Drug User Health Across the Continuum – Plaza F

- Magalie Lerman

This presentation will provide a comprehensive national overview of HIV and viral hepatitis prevention, care, and treatment among people who inject drugs (PWID). Session topics include the HIV/HCV and overdose syndemics, rural vulnerabilities, harm reduction, and Medicaid reform that addresses drug abuse.

Project Elevate: Using Digital Storytelling to Decrease STI, Stigma and Create Public Health Policy – Plaza G

- Brooke Greene, MA
- Alan D. Johnson, MPH

Based in Chicago, Project Elevate (PE) is an innovative STI prevention and treatment campaign using social marketing and mobile apps designed by and for young women of color (YWC) and young transgender women of color (YTWC). This presentation will review Project Elevate’s purpose, goals, and activities and Storyography’s purpose, process and outcomes. The participants formed a Youth Advisory Board and attended monthly meetings designed to build knowledge base and leadership skills, and to instruct participants in best practices for peer outreach, advocacy, and
education. The crafting of digital stories through Storyography enhances self-efficacy, and the final media is utilized as a community dissemination tool that also illuminates the unique challenges faced by hidden and underserved communities, which can support system level policy changes. This session will demonstrate how Project Elevate and Storyographers worked together to create a series of digital stories, events, and programs that are innovative, educational and culturally relevant.

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**Wednesday, October 26 continued**

6:30 p.m.
**Night at the Movies – Plaza G**

“PRIDE,” a historical comedy-drama film nominated for a Golden Globe Award, is inspired by an extraordinary true story. It’s the summer of 1984, Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike, prompting a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists to raise money to support the strikers’ families. Initially rebuffed by the Union, the group identifies a tiny mining village in Wales and sets off to make their donation in person. As the strike drags on, the two groups discover that standing together makes for the strongest union of all.

**Thursday, October 27**

7 a.m. – 10 a.m.
**Registration – Plaza Level**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
**Breakfast – Crowne Ballroom**

8:45 a.m.
**Workshop IV**

**A Client-Centered Approach to HIV Care – Plaza E**
- Eddie Gonzalez
- Adrian Ellis
- Eric Perry
- Adriana Maldonado
- Nikki Moody

This session will introduce the model of care utilized at Howard Brown Health to link newly diagnosed patients (specifically cis-gender and trans-men age 25 and older) into ongoing HIV care. Patients are enrolled in the program and coached through the initial diagnosis. Linkage to Care Specialists collaborate with the patient and provider to ensure long-term success with HIV treatment which includes providing HIV education, assessing medication readiness and providing treatment and adherence support. Additionally, Linkage to Care Specialists provide referrals for community supportive services, support with access to prescription assistance programs, and help patients in managing stigma and challenges of HIV disclosure. Ultimately, this model of care empowers patients to achieve an undetectable viral load and self-sufficiency within six months.

**Falling through the Cracks: Challenges and Opportunities of Acute HIV Infection – Plaza A/B**
- Sara Baghikar, MD
- Rebecca Eavou, AM, LCSW
- Audra Tobin, BS

Interactive case studies are used to discuss challenges and opportunities of acute HIV infection and illustrate the current practices and timelines of engagement in HIV care in three clinical sites in Chicago. The clinical and public health importance of acute HIV infection is reviewed and the concept of immediate ART initiation for individuals diagnosed with acute HIV is introduced to engage in a discussion about feasibility of immediate ART initiation in clinical and community-based settings.
Thursday, October 27 continued

People Styles at Work – Plaza C/D
• Jamie Burns, Ed.M.

Why is it so hard to work well with some people? “People Styles at Work” will give you practical advice and tips to help you recognize your own work personality, read others’ body language and behavior to identify the best ways to work with them, make small adjustments to improve the quality and productivity of your interactions, and relate to others less defensively and more effectively – no matter how they act.

Using Surveillance to Link to Care: Effective Implementation of Surveillance Based Services – Plaza F
• Valerie Johansen, MPH
• Sara Zamor, MPH

This presentation aims to educate all participants about effective strategies to implement a successful outreach and linkage to care program for people living with HIV utilizing surveillance data. In addition, this presentation will examine an integrated prevention and care model to promote data to care for this population.

Challenges Associated with Tuberculosis Management in Patients with Comorbid Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders – Plaza G
• Robert J. Morgan, III, MD, PhD

Presenters and attendees will discuss the challenges surrounding mental illness and substance use disorder comorbidities in the Tuberculosis patient population. General case management of the TB patient with mental illness and substance use disorders will be a focus as complications with these disorders may mask TB symptoms and impede treatment options. Presenters will also discuss the management of comorbid diagnoses such as anxiety, major depressive disorder, and tobacco use disorder and the complications associated with TB.

10:15 a.m.
Workshop V

My Peer Advocacy: Two Years and Growing – Plaza E
• John Philbrick

Jaypee Philbrick, a Peer Advocate, will describe his actual experiences, both humbling and humorous, with helping clients navigate the complex world of HIV care. He will discuss specific client cases that illustrate the usefulness of Peer Advocacy. He will outline his experiences in forming a training program, and will demonstrate an online training module he created entitled “Know Your Numbers,” about how to understand an HIV lab report. Jaypee, along with two other Peer Advocates, will interact and answer questions with attendees.

Cannabis as Medicine – Plaza A/B
• Laurie Dunn-Ryznyk, MSPA, PA-C, DFAAPA
• Erin Micenheimer, MSPA, PA-C

This presentation will examine the current status of Illinois law as well as regulatory changes throughout the United States with regard to the medicinal use of cannabis. The endocannabinoid system will be discussed, as well as the pharmacology of phytocannabinoids. Methods of administration, as well as dosing considerations as they apply to pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics will be reviewed. Practical applications, precautions, interactions, and side effects will be included. Additionally, current and future applications, including use in patients with HIV/AIDS will be explored.

What’s IN a Goal? – Plaza C/D
• Arianna R. Smith, MPH

This session will cover the importance of identifying client level barriers to HIV testing and care. During this session, participants will also practice best practices to developing goals and objective that are strengths based and client-centered.

10 a.m. – Break
In the ever-changing HIV prevention landscape, community-based organizations should leverage their ability to mobilize communities with the need to engage medically underserved populations. This workshop will demonstrate a Negative Navigation Model developed by Chicago House and Social Service Agency that also aligns with the HIV Care Continuum. Throughout this workshop you will get best practices in implementing this model as well as learn about strategies to address barriers.

Accessing Affordable Supportive Housing through the Statewide Referral Network – Plaza G
• Lore Baker, BS, MAg

Finding affordable supportive housing options isn’t easy. Stable, safe, affordable housing is the key to managing health and building your life. Come to this workshop to learn more about state managed supportive housing resources and how you can assist the people you work with in accessing these valuable resources.

11:45 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Lunch / Closing Plenary / Awards
– Crowne Ballroom

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. Keynote: STIs in the “Ending HIV” Era
• Dr. Peter Leone

1:15 p.m. Awards:
Peer Recognition
IDOC Recognition
Red Ribbon Awards

1:45 p.m. Closing Remarks
Poster Sessions

Sex Trafficking
- Laurie Dunn-Ryznyk

Electronic Medical Record (EMR)-Based Identification and Re-Engagement of HIV Positive Patients who are Lost to Follow-Up (LTFU)
- Jessica Schmitt

Integration of Clinic-Based, Opt-Out Testing for HCV into an Existing HIV Testing Framework at a Community Health Center in Chicago
- Laura Rusie

Epidemiology of HIV Sexual Risk Behaviors Among Female Prisoners in Lima, Peru
- Vidya Visvabharathy

Falling Out of Care: A Social Worker-Led Initiative to Improve HIV in an Urban Academic Emergency Department
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