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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Opening Plenary

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Break / View Posters

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Plenary 2: SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Government

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM

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Sessions

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Plenary 3: SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Transgender Health

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Plenary 4: SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Service Providers

5:20 PM - 5:30 PM

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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Plenary 5: SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Science

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Plenary 6: SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Health Departments

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Sessions

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Plenary 7: SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Communities

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AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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PLENARY 1

Opening Plenary

Welcome from Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, now in her fifteenth term as the Congresswoman for the District of Columbia, is the Chair of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. She serves on two committees: the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Before her congressional service, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to serve as the first woman to chair the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She came to Congress as a national figure who had been a civil rights and feminist leader, tenured professor of law, and board member at three Fortune 500 companies. Congresswoman Norton has been named one of the 100 most important American women in one survey and one of the most powerful women in Washington in another. The Congresswoman's work for full congressional voting representation and for full democracy for the people of the District of Columbia continues her lifelong struggle for universal human and civil rights.

Keynote by Harold J. Phillips



Harold J. Phillips, MRP, is Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP). In this position, he leads the effort to set the Administration's domestic HIV/AIDS priorities. This includes monitoring and implementing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), consulting with the Office of Management and Budget, coordinating with others on the Domestic Policy Council, the National Security Council, and the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator to ensure America's response to the HIV epidemic is accelerated, comprehensive and reflective of the lived experiences of those at risk of and living with HIV. This work is done to reduce the number of new HIV transmissions, improve the quality of life for people living with HIV and end the HIV epidemic.

Prior to joining the White House, Mr. Phillips served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. There, he coordinated the initiative's activities across the Department's operating divisions.

SPEAKERS

Eleanor Holmes Norton, Congresswoman for the District of Columbia in the U.S. House of Representatives

Harold J. Phillips, Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy

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PLENARY 2

LIVE Q&A

SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Government

The concept of a syndemic approach to disease intervention and modeling was proposed more than two decades ago. This strategy highlighted the SYNChronistic interplay of societal forces and their effect on shaping epidemics. Across all levels of local, state, and federal governments, collaborations, investments, and innovations are made that aim to address the epidemics of HIV, sexually-transmitted infections (STIs), viral Hepatitis, and substance use disorder.

Through their community lens and vision, speakers will highlight the way in which their government's response to those epidemics best examines and addresses the systemic or structural factors that disproportionately affect community engagement in, access to, and utilization of health services—looking particularly across racial and ethnic minority populations and the LGBTQ communities.

Speakers will also discuss the need to sustain existing evidence and outcomes-based services in their current forms, while also intensifying efforts, policies, and program innovations that address the social determinants of health and continued breakdown of healthcare silos for prioritized communities.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Laura Cheever, HRSA/HIV/AIDS Bureau

Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, CDC / Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention

James Macrae, HRSA / Bureau of Primary Health Care

Dr. Leandro Mena, CDC / Division of STD Prevention

Dr. Jonathan Mermin, CDC / National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

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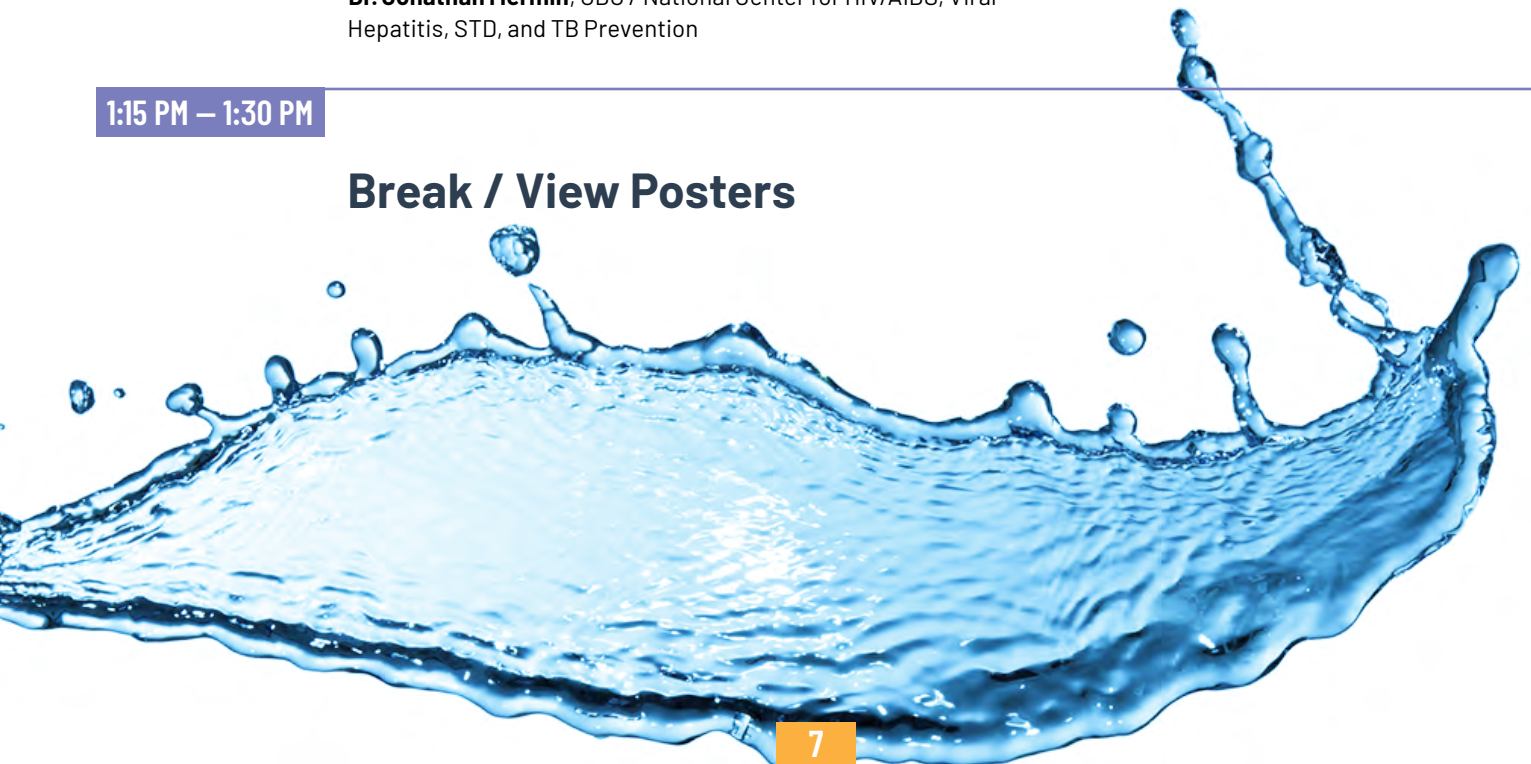
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SESSION

Impact of COVID-19 on ASOs, CBOs, Service Providers

The course of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States echoes that of HIV over the past four decades, with racial and ethnic groups and sexual and gender minorities bearing a disparate burden of both diseases. The pandemic has further exacerbated the psychosocial determinants that have created barriers to HIV prevention and health services for many people at risk and living with HIV. This session will review the results of the COVID-19 Rapid Risk and Resiliency Project (R3A), an exploratory sequential multiple methods study that sought to produce a deeper understanding of the lived experiences of HIV service providers (clinical and non-clinical) and customers of HIV prevention and care services in Washington, DC and Maryland.

The presentation will outline the facilitators, barriers, lessons learned and best practices. It will further engender a discussion about next steps in providing HIV prevention and care services during a pandemic, including support for rapid adoption of service delivery models; restoring access to services for customers of HIV prevention and care services; and introducing changes to strengthen systems capacity to prepare for future disruptions.

SPEAKERS

Circe Gray Le Compte, HealthHIV
Erin Starzyk, HealthHIV
Gerran Thomas, HealthHIV

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SESSION

HIV, HCV, STI, and COVID-19-Related Stigma, Racism, Homophobia, and Transphobia: Intersections, Social Determinants, and Structures

In this session, participants will learn how stigma, racism, homophobia, and transphobia create interrelated oppressions that fuel, amplify, and reinscribe the ongoing marginalization of under-served populations in the U.S. Speakers will discuss how these oppressions are multifaceted, driven by social norms and policies at the national, state, community, interpersonal, and individual levels, and have historically driven disparate burdens of HIV, HCV, STIs, and now COVID-19. Special emphasis will be placed on addressing the marginalization of individuals and groups living at the intersection of under-served populations, identities, age groups, and disease states, and the unique stressors introduced by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Speakers will describe current policies and programs being developed and currently in place to address social determinants, including gentrification, homelessness, poverty, and under/unemployment, in an effort to facilitate unfettered access to prevention, treatment, and care services and improve health outcomes.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Circe Gray Le Compte, HealthHIV
Cordella Lyon, Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas
Dr. Sohail Rana, Howard University
Dr. Brandon Wilson, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health

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SESSION

Telehealth: Implementation During COVID-19; Implications Moving Forward

Telehealth encompasses a broad range of healthcare activities, such as direct provision of health services by video or phone, use of apps or text message services to promote health, integration of remote monitoring or wearable devices to provide real-time health data measures, and tele-mentoring consultations. The uptake of telehealth has been slow in the United States for the delivery of healthcare services for individuals with chronic conditions like HIV and viral hepatitis. The COVID-19 pandemics offered providers and patients the opportunity to deliver and receive remote healthcare services via telehealth. This session will provide learners an overview of telehealth models used delivery of prevention, care, treatment, and support services for individual with chronic conditions, as well as, to forecast future use of technology in healthcare.

SPEAKER

Michael Shankle, HealthHIV

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SESSION

LIVE SESSION

SYNCing on HIV Planning: From EHE to Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Planning

This SYNC session is developed for health departments, HIV planning bodies, or other HIV planners and will focus on the recent CDC/HRSA Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan Guidance for 2022-2026. Presenters from JSI representing the Integrated HIV/AIDS Planning TA Center (IHAP TAC) will provide a brief overview of the guidance and its the changes from the 2015 guidance. Then they will facilitate a discussion on the changing HIV landscape since 2015, concerns or questions on the recent guidance, challenges that health departments and HIV planners foresee, and how the IHAP TAC can provide support.

SPEAKERS

Julie Hook, JSI
Gretchen Weiss, JSI

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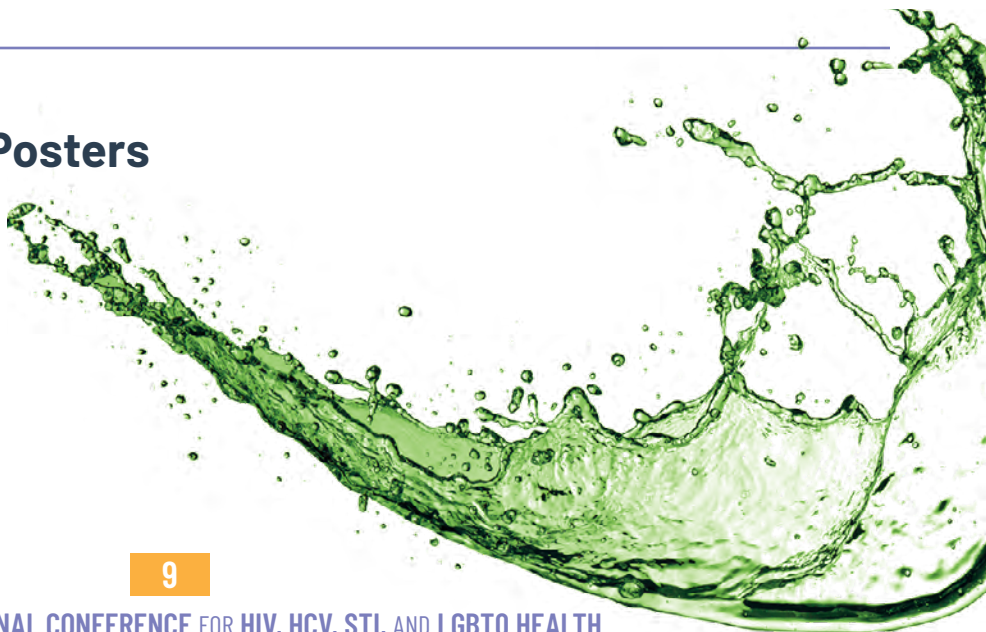
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PLENARY 3

SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Transgender Health

This plenary session will explore lessons learned, challenges and strategies for increased engagement within Transgender Communities to ensure retention in both treatment and prevention services.

SPEAKERS

Aryah Lester, Transgender Strategy Center
Zakia McKensey, Nationz Foundation
Diana Oliva, Gilead Sciences
Bamby Salcedo, Translatin@ Coalition
Mimi Shelton, Destination Tomorrow

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PLENARY 4

LIVE Q&A

SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Service Providers

AIDS Service Organizations/Community-Based Organizations, social service agencies, and health centers employ the front-line workforce implementing national strategies and services to end the epidemics. The effects of HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis, and COVID-19 are only amplified in communities by the social determinants of health. Operating in a pandemic has placed extraordinary stress on the safety net services and the front-line workforce caring for under-served communities, all the while illuminating the vulnerabilities and resiliencies of the systems of care. This plenary session will explore how service providers are advancing the goals of the national strategies, addressing social determinants of health, and ensuring the resiliency of the front-line service providers.

SPEAKERS

Guillermo Chacón, Latino AIDS
Dazon Dixon Diallo, SisterLove
DeMarc Hickson, Us Helping Us
Kathie Hiers, AIDS Alabama
Tyler TerMeer, Cascade AIDS Project/Prism Health
Mojgan Zare, Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition

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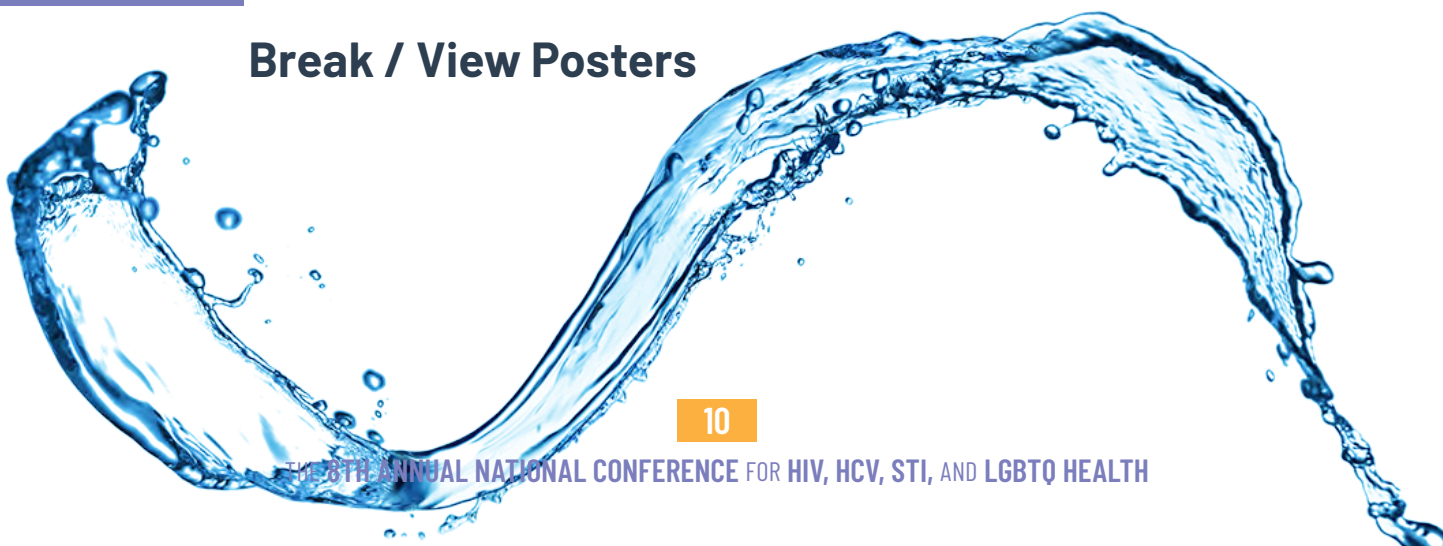
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Hepatitis C Institute: SYNCing on Hepatitis C Elimination

This session will provide an overview of how health departments, healthcare organizations, academic research centers, and community-based organizations are supporting hepatitis C (HCV) elimination efforts around the US. The session highlights speakers from model programs who will review their challenges and successes. Speakers will discuss key considerations for other organizations seeking to expand or initiate their own HCV elimination efforts locally.

SPEAKERS

Terry Kemp-Knick, Virginia Department of Health
Lesley S. Miller, Grady Liver Clinic
Thaddeus Pham, Hawaii Department of Health

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INSTITUTE

LIVE SESSION

Aging with HIV Institute

Providers and Practitioners on the State of HIV Care Coordination

By 2030, nearly 75% of all people living with HIV (PWH) in the US will be aged 50 and older. 84% will most likely have at least one (1) additional co-morbidity; 28% will have three (3)—compared with only 19% of those not living with HIV. And while older PWH have shown higher rates of service engagement compared with their younger counterparts, the successes prolonging “physical” health is undermining other aspects of successful aging with HIV and their interventions. Together with community leaders, provider participants will discuss and frame their shared experience conversations into adaptive and innovative recommendations and evidence-based interventions that reduce disability and improve service delivery for PAWH.

SPEAKERS

Jon Appelbaum, Florida State University College of Medicine
Scott Bertani, HealthHIV
Donna Sweet, University of Kansas School of Medicine

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Aging With HIV Roundtable: Care Coordination Includes Enhanced Quality of Life

With improved access to antiretrovirals, people are now aging and living longer with HIV (PAWH). While the care cascade highlights our shared medical successes, it doesn't show the entire picture of the true “costs” of graying of HIV. In fact, health systems often overlook the underlying problem of HIV's distinctiveness—especially as we age. In an increasingly bio-medicalized context of care delivery, what does successful aging with HIV look like? This roundtable brings together people living and aging with HIV (15 years or more) to review and reflect upon the current capacity and future constraints of the HIV and aging care and prevention services sectors, and the discrete needs that follow.

SPEAKERS

Tez Anderson, Let's Kick ASS
Michele Lopez, GHMC
Val Wojciechowicz, CAN Community Health

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INSTITUTE

HIV Prevention Institute: Impact of Policies on PrEP Access and Utilization

Given the current complexity of the United States healthcare system, implementation of health policies and strategies to mitigate barriers to HIV prevention are needed if we are to achieve our goals towards ending the HIV epidemic. The USPSTF Grade A recommendation and federal guidance requiring insurers to make PrEP and ancillary services available to individuals without cost-sharing is welcome news in efforts to expand access to PrEP. Our panelists will explore the impact the guidance from the USPSTF recommendations will have on access to PrEP, forthcoming long-acting options, and what barriers arise from utilization management techniques.

SPEAKERS

Scott Bertani, HealthHIV
Mauda Monger, My Brother's Keeper
Carl Schmid, HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute

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Fiscal Health Institute: Realizing the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Fiscal Monitoring Standards in Practice

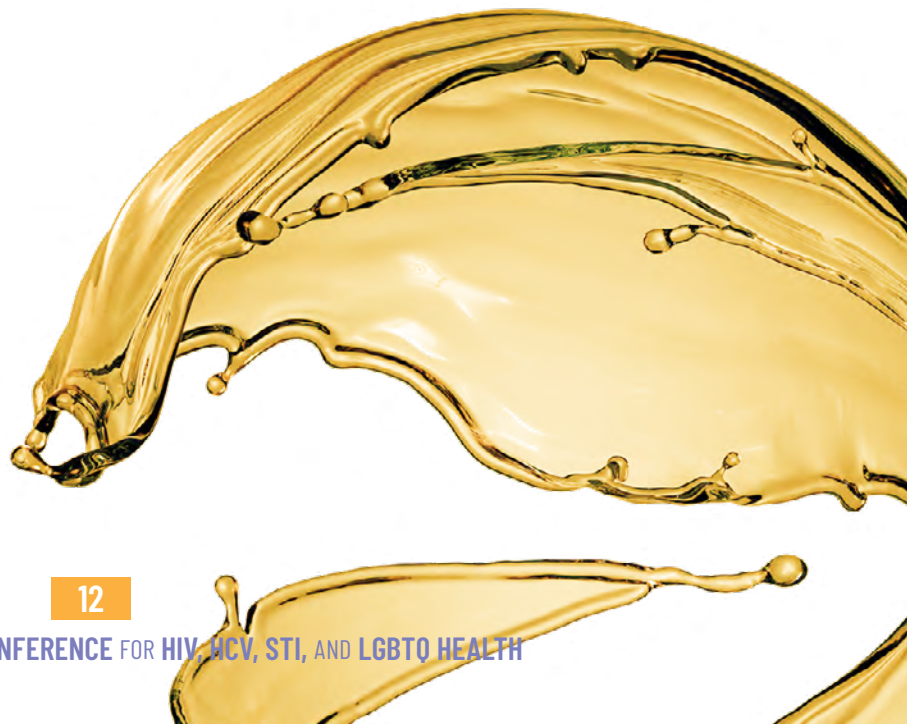
Understanding the expectations regarding policies and procedures for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Fiscal Monitoring Standards is important to ensure compliance and programmatic success. This session will provide practical solutions for properly implementing the RWHAP Fiscal Monitoring Standards, including, a review of select standards and a discussion of how these can be actualized in practice through the use of policies and procedures.

SPEAKERS

Jana Collins, KADAP Income Reinvestment Program

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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PLENARY 5

LIVE Q&A

SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Science

SYNCing to end the HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STI, Opioid, and COVID-19 epidemics through science starts with a recognition that the many of the same forces and inequities that drive one epidemic fuel the rest, and that scientific advancements in one field can lead to breakthroughs in another. During the height of the pandemic, advancements in COVID-19 vaccine research advanced at a stunning pace. These advancements were expedited, in part, by the groundwork laid by more than 30 years of HIV vaccine research.

This plenary will look at the latest in scientific advances in prevention and treatment research. Speakers will provide diverse perspectives on the state of the field today, including opportunities, obstacles ahead, and priorities for actions moving forward.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr, Columbia University / HIV Prevention Trials Network

Dr. Myron Cohen, Univ. of North Carolina / HIV Prevention Trials Network

Dr. Lawrence Corey, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Inst. / HIV Vaccine Trials Network

Gregorio Millett, AmFAR

Dr. Steven Shoptaw, University of California, Los Angeles

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PLENARY 6

LIVE Q&A

SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Health Departments

Health departments are at the forefront of ending the HIV epidemic in the U.S. Starting in 2019, 57 jurisdictions were accountable for making and tracking progress towards national EHE goals and indicators. One year later, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in unprecedented opportunities and challenges to meeting these goals. As telehealth services expanded, some individuals increased engagement in HIV care. Conversely, fewer individuals accessed HIV prevention and care services, the public health workforce shifted priority away from HIV to COVID-19 response, HIV planning transitioned to all-virtual, and many service providers had to suspend services or close their doors. While health departments continue to face obstacles, they have adapted and innovated to reduce new HIV infections in their jurisdictions. This plenary session will explore progress, challenges, and strategies towards meeting the EHE goal and indicators over the past year.

SPEAKERS

Anthony Fox, DC Department of Health

Emalie Huriaux, Washington State Department of Health

Oskian Kouzouian, Health and Human Services

Fernando Mena-Carrasco, Maryland Department of Health

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SESSION

CANN – Annual National Monitoring Report on HIV/HCV Co-Infection

The Community Access National Network (CANN) – in collaboration with HealthHIV, HealthHCV, and the National Coalition for LGBT Health – is hosting the 6th Annual National Monitoring Report on HIV/HCV Co-Infection. During the community roundtable, CANN will present its annual report on the state of co-infection in the United States, including a summary of the HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch. HealthHIV also will report on its Fourth Annual HealthHCV State of HCV Care National Survey. This event is sponsored by the ADAP Advocacy Association, Avita Pharmacy, Janssen Pharmaceutical of Johnson & Johnson, Merck, and ViiV Healthcare.

SPEAKERS

Jen Laws, HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch

Marissa Tonelli, HealthHIV

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SESSION

Black Women's Health: SYNCing and Inspiring Actionable Steps Towards Health Equity

The health of Black women is too often measured by poor health outcomes that result from barriers to quality health care, racism, and discrimination associated with the experiences these women face when accessing medical care in the U.S. Creating safe and equitable healthcare is a key component to addressing health disparities among Black women. HealthHIV is committed to reducing discrimination and stigma experienced by Black women and in 2021 launched a Black Women's Health survey to provide insight and depth to Black women's healthcare experiences.

Black women who participated in the survey reported being treated as stupid (33%), being stared at by strangers (28%), and feeling that their ideas were minimized or ignored (29%) when engaging with medical providers. Speakers will discuss the state of Black women's health in the United States, the challenges faced by Black women accessing care, and actionable steps healthcare providers can take to make healthcare more equitable for Black women. The speakers will unpack the social determinants of health which impact Black women's health and outline comprehensive and sustainable strategies to provide more equitable and culturally appropriate healthcare.

SPEAKERS

Jasmine Anthony, HealthHIV
Michelle Lopez, GMHC
Dr. Erin Starzyk, HealthHIV

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SESSION

Capacity Building Providers SYNCing to Enhance HIV Prevention in the U.S.

This roundtable discussion will present current and upcoming offerings in capacity building assistance (CBA) as well as ideas for innovative approaches to meeting the demands of learners to enhance preventing HIV in the United States.

SPEAKERS

Walt Colt, HealthHIV
Henrietta Croswell, Primary Care Development Corporation
Melissa Kelley, HealthHIV
Moya Brown-Lopez, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Jacqueline Peters, ETR
Kelly Reinhardt, CPN/University of Missouri-Kansas City

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SESSION

SYNCing LGBTQ+ Health Equity Across 50 Cities (and Beyond)

At this summer's WorldPride celebration in Copenhagen, the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) launched a groundbreaking study on LGBTQ+ health equity across 50 cities worldwide. In addition to a comprehensive desk review of public health data, research, laws, and policies, this study included a survey of 275 key informants on a variety of LGBTQ+ health equity issues. Beyond health outcomes and healthcare access, this report takes a broad look at LGBTQ+ health, including social determinants of health, criminal justice issues, discrimination, and resilience. At this session, we will discuss the report and its findings with some additional highlights and analysis specifically for SYNChronicity.

SPEAKERS

Corey Prachniak-Rincón, International Association of Providers of AIDS Care

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SESSION

CURED Documentary: A Presentation by the Co-Directors

Described as "fascinating" (Hollywood Reporter), "riveting" (The Queer Review) and "astonishingly rich ... one of the best documentaries of this or any year" (British Film Institute), CURED chronicles the battle waged by a small group of activists and their allies who declared war against a formidable institution — and won a crucial victory in the modern movement for LGBTQ equality.

Until 1973, the medical establishment classified every gay person — no matter how well-adjusted — as the victim of a disease. As long as lesbians and gay men were "sick," progress toward equality was impossible. CURED takes viewers inside the David-versus-Goliath battle that led the American Psychiatric Association (APA) to remove homosexuality from its manual of mental illnesses.

Even though CURED highlights a story from the past, it offers lessons that are profoundly relevant today. This film reveals how a handful of determined individuals can create lasting social change. Watch the trailer for CURED at <https://www.cureddocumentary.com>.

The film will be broadcast on PBS as a part of the acclaimed documentary showcase, Independent Lens, on October 11th – National Coming Out Day. You can tune in at 10/9c (check local listings). CURED will also be available to stream for free on pbs.org and the PBS app for 30 days after the broadcast.

In this session, co-directors Bennett Singer and Patrick Sammon outline the groundbreaking discoveries they made during the production process for CURED and how this chapter of LGBTQ history relates to other social justice movements.

SPEAKERS

Patrick Sammon, Co-Director and Co-Producer of CURED
Bennett Singer, Co-Director and Co-Producer of CURED

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PLENARY 7

LIVE Q&A

SYNCing to End the Epidemics Through Communities

The “SYNCing to End Epidemics Through Communities” plenary session will feature community and organizational representatives from diverse communities throughout the U.S. working with communities to address the social determinants of HIV, HCV, STIs, opioid use, and now COVID-19 through a health equity and social justice lens. A dynamic panel of speakers will discuss their approaches to establishing equitable partnerships with under-served populations within their communities, most notably racial and ethnic groups and sexual and gender minorities, to create and implement dynamic interventions and initiatives geared to improving health outcomes at the community and individual levels. Speakers will share how they engage stakeholders and promote these initiatives within their communities, as well as evaluate their impact, using information gleaned from assessments to address gaps in services and identify directions for future efforts. The session will conclude with a panel discussion during which speakers will sync intersections in their unique approaches to improving community-based health, emphasizing those that are transportable and replicable within other communities.

Learning objectives for this session are:

- Detail how research and community-based organizations build relationships with communities to create innovative initiatives to address the social determinants of HIV, HCV, STIs, opioid use, and COVID-19;
- Describe how research and community-based organizations work with local communities and other stakeholders to develop and implement interventions and initiatives grounded in health equity and social justice addressing HIV, HCV, STIs, opioid use, and COVID-19;
- Determine how research and community-based organizations use data to assess intervention and initiative impact and address gaps in delivery; and
- Describe intersections among community-based interventions and initiatives, noting the replicable and transportable approaches that can improve health outcomes at the community and individual levels, most notably racial and ethnic groups and sexual and gender minorities.

SPEAKERS

Mandy Altman, Hepatitis Education Project
Kelly Ducheny, Howard Brown Health
DeMarc Hickson, Us Helping Us
Murray Penner, Prevention Access Campaign
Dan Scales, Vivent Health

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HIV Prevention Institute: “How for Now”: Overcoming Barriers and Routinizing HIV Self-Testing

Adapting to an ever-changing pandemic landscape has both created barriers and sparked innovation in the field of HIV testing. Programs have been forced to adapt in order to meet clients where they are by effectively updating and changing services based on the frequent shifts in national, state, and local COVID-19 protocols. Providers are tasked with effectively communicating these changes to their patients and promoting strategies to keep them engaged in care. This session will cover the shift from in-person testing to self-testing models, exploring successes, barriers, innovation, and routinizing HIV testing in this time.

SPEAKERS

Carla A. Mena, Hands United at Latino Commission on AIDS
Kate Curoe, Washington University in St. Louis
Pam Pitts, OraSure Technologies, Inc.
Daniela Simba, Hands United at Latino Commission on AIDS
Nkechi Onyewuenyi, Legacy Community Health
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Fiscal Health Institute: Identifying, Tracking, and Monitoring Ryan White Program Income to Enhance Patient Outcomes

Is your organization generating income from third party payors or the 340B pharmacy program and have a Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program? This session will provide an overview of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) program income requirements; explain how to track and monitor program income; and explain how to effectively plan and budget program income for service expansion.

SPEAKERS

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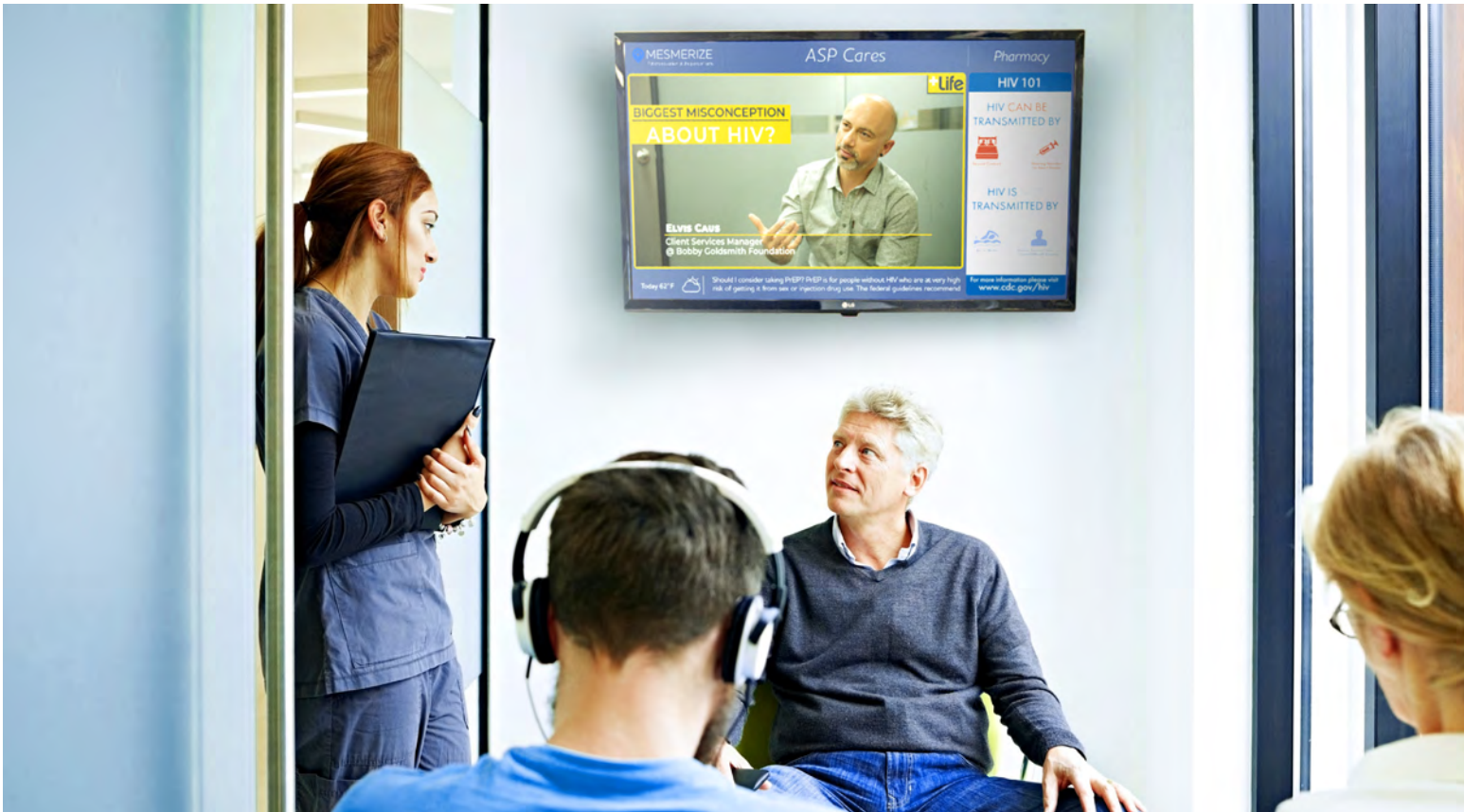
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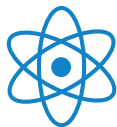
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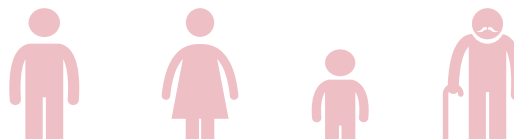
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3 Take an active role in your health care.



Ask your provider questions.

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Talk to your family and friends about staying healthy — it may be difficult but it's important!

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HIV PREVENTION, CARE, AND TREATMENT

- ▶ A Longitudinal Model of Communication Networks Among HIV Service Providers in a Ryan White System
- ▶ Adapting Research to the Real World: Lessons Learned from the Center for Innovation and Engagement
- ▶ Addressing the HIV Epidemic Through Bi-national Coordination and Collaboration
- ▶ Assessing the Program Sustainability of Four Evidence-Informed HIV Care and Treatment Interventions
- ▶ Developing Data-Driven QI Projects: Using Facility-Level Treatment Cascade to Address HIV Care Gaps at FQHCs in New York
- ▶ Implementation of the Rapid Care Model in a North Carolina Public Health Setting
- ▶ Improvements in HIV Viral Load Suppression with Modified Patient Contact Methods
- ▶ Improving Health Outcomes Through Coordinated Care, Housing & Employment Services
- ▶ Innovative Approaches to Community Engagement in the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative
- ▶ Mental and Behavioral Health Integration into the HIV Primary Care Setting
- ▶ Routine Opt-out HIV Testing and Linkage to Care in the Emergency Department
- ▶ New to Integrated HIV Planning? Learn the Basics
- ▶ Strengthening the U.S. HIV Prevention Workforce Through Virtual Learning During a Global Pandemic
- ▶ The RWHAP Best Practices Compilation: Accelerating HIV Program Knowledge Transfer

HEPATITIS C

- ▶ DAA Treatment Attitudes Among HIV/HCV Co-Infected Persons Who Delay HCV Treatment
- ▶ Building Capacity in West Texas: HCV Screening, Linkage to Care & Treatment
- ▶ HCV Testing History and Barriers Among PWID in Non-Metropolitan New York State
- ▶ Hepatitis C Testing and Linkage to Care and Treatment through Community Engagement
- ▶ Improving HIV and HCV Routine Testing in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs
- ▶ Benefits of Community Leadership in HCV Elimination Among People Who Use Drugs
- ▶ Risk-Based Screening for Hepatitis C in Persons with HIV
- ▶ Development of a Community-Based Hepatitis C Treatment Program in a Low-Resource Setting in the Southern US

COVID-19

- ▶ Assessing the Role of Local Health Departments in HIV PrEP Implementation Before and During the COVID-19 Response
- ▶ Can Safer Sex Happen to Prevent COVID-19?
- ▶ Employment Extremes: COVID Work-Life and Health Outcomes in YBMSM Living with HIV
- ▶ HOPWA's Resilience During the COVID-19 Pandemic in El Paso, Texas
- ▶ Impact of Telehealth on HIV Care Delivery for BMSM during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- ▶ Maximizing Post COVID-19 PrEP Utilization for Underserved Patient Populations
- ▶ Prioritizing HIV Self-Testing During COVID-19: Virtual Implementation of Self-Testing

- ▶ When Services Must Continue: HIV Home Testing Best Practices in the Time of COVID
- ▶ Prioritizing Disaggregated COVID-19 Race/Ethnicity Data to Increase Cultural Competence in Minority/Under-served Communities

MSM OF COLOR HEALTH

- ▶ Addressing Unmet Service Needs Among Black MSM with Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
- ▶ Advancing Biomedical Adherence in HIV Care for Men of Color Through Community-Research Partnership
- ▶ Integrating Care for Black MSM: Preliminary Findings from the RWHAP SPNS Black MSM Initiative

LGBTQ HEALTH

- ▶ A Critical Intersection: LGBTQ+ Inclusion in SUD Treatment
- ▶ How Information Technology is Helping LGBTQ Healthcare Save Lives Through Early Intervention
- ▶ Implementing Robust Naloxone Distribution Programming to Build Trust Within LGBTQ+ Communities
- ▶ Improving Substance Use Treatment Outcomes Among African American Women and LGBTQ+ Individuals
- ▶ Launching a New LGBTQ Clinic from Within an Existing FQHC System, Leveraging Current HIV Services
- ▶ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Health Care Experiences in a Military Population
- ▶ Levels of Resilience in an Urban Transgender Population in Newark, NJ
- ▶ Sustainability Planning for the Bridges 757 Learning Collaborative: Prioritizing MSM and Transgender Persons of Color
- ▶ Syncing LGBTQ Health and HIV Care Through Interagency Collaboration
- ▶ The LGBTQIA Community and End of Life Care
- ▶ Use of Social Media to Decrease HIV Stigma, Improve HIV Testing and PEP/PrEP Uptake in LGBTQ Youth
- ▶ Experiences of Discrimination in Social Settings Among LGBT Populations in Thailand

WOMEN'S HEALTH

- ▶ Novel Use of Video Logs to Deliver Educational Interventions to Black Women for Disease Prevention
- ▶ Sexual Health in Everything: Prioritizing the Health and Wellness of Black Women
- ▶ Engaging Black Women in Washington, DC's EHE Plan
- ▶ Identifying the Social Determinants of Sexual Health Among Young Women of Color in Los Angeles County
- ▶ Intersectionality with Women Veterans and Minorities

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- ▶ Developing Data Collection Tools to Improve Service Quality
- ▶ Faith Leaders Combating Stigma
- ▶ Implementation of a Medicated Assisted Treatment Program in an Under-served Latinx Community
- ▶ Intersectionality: We Know We Live It. How Do We Capture It in Studies?
- ▶ Sex Can Be Good, Why Can't It Be Safe?: Syncing Epidemics Through Community Engagement
- ▶ Street-Based HIV and OUD Treatment: Front-Line Experiences from the Connecting Care Podcast
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The SYNC 2021 Virtual Platform at Live.SYNC2021.org is your link to all of the SYNC 2021 content. This portal gives you access to the whole SYNC experience from the plenaries and sessions, the networking lounge, resources, posters, and more. Entering the conference is easy! Just enter the email address that you used to register and get ready to SYNC!

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE ISSUES WITH LOGGING IN?

Email us at SYNCinfo@healthiv.org. We will have a team standing by ready to help out.

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The conference agenda is set for Eastern Time.

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WHAT IF I AM NOT AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE?

We hope you will be able to join us for the full dynamic conference however we understand that is not always possible with everyone's busy schedules. The good news is that all sessions will be available to paid registrants to watch on-demand post-conference.

WILL ATTENDEES BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE SPEAKERS?

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