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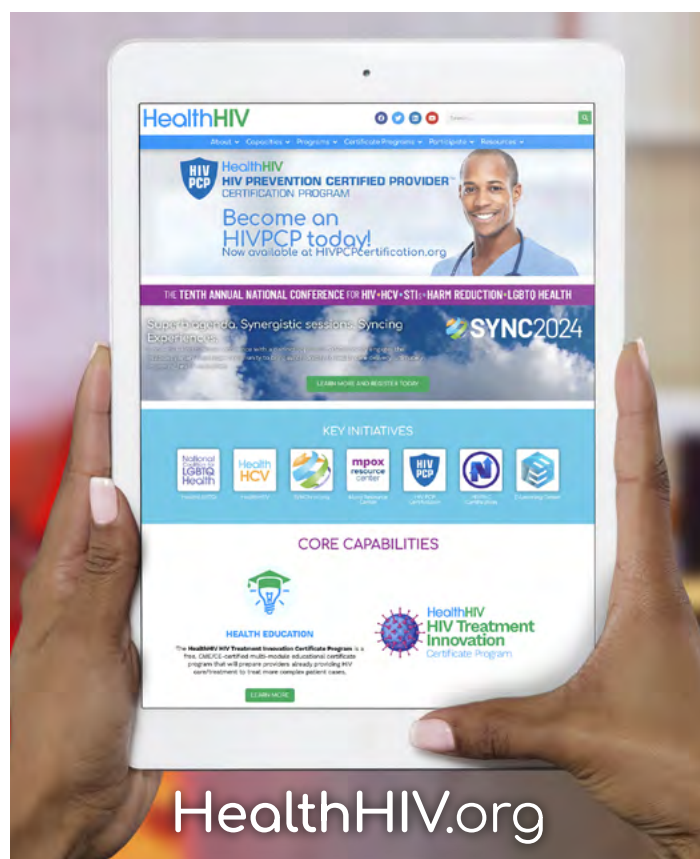


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## WELCOME TO SYNC!

The SYNC 2024 theme, “Bringing SYNChronicity to Life: SYNCing the Elements of Life with Health,” reflects aligning the fundamental elements of life – earth, water, air, and fire – with the sphere of HIV, HCV, STIs, Harm Reduction, and LGBTQ Health. SYNC 2024 provides multi-disciplinary content to a diverse community of participants, encouraging purposeful interaction and interconnectedness to collectively understand and address the changing health care landscape and its impact on health care delivery and outcomes. Join us in exploring the SYNChronicity of these elements in elevating health and harmony.



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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

WED  
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2:00pm – 6:00pm

## INSTITUTES

State of HIV Prevention and PrEP in 2024  
PrEP Navigation Certification  
Black Women in HIV Prevention  
Healthy Aging  
HIV Criminalization  
Beyond Daily Oral PrEP  
PrEP Access for All  
CANN Monitoring Report

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## 9:00am – 10:30am OPENING PLENARY

Today's Landscape: The State of HIV, HCV, STIs, Harm Reduction, and LGBTQ Health

## 10:45am – 12:15pm TRACK SESSIONS

Harm Reduction • HIV Prevention • STIs • HIV Treatment • Hepatitis C • LGBTQ Health

## 12:30pm – 2:00pm LUNCH PLENARY

Government Healthcare Agencies Bringing Synchronicity to Healthcare Delivery

## 2:15pm – 3:45pm TRACK SESSIONS

Harm Reduction • HIV Prevention • STIs • HIV Treatment • Hepatitis C • LGBTQ Health • Syndemics

## 4:00pm – 6:00pm SYNC SESSIONS

Sex-Positive Care • Harm Reduction • HIV Care • Sexual Health • Health Equity • Depression • Advocacy

FRI  
31

## 9:00am – 10:30am PLENARY

Reestablishing the Fundamentals to Help Accelerate PrEP Uptake

## 10:45am – 12:15pm TRACK SESSIONS

Harm Reduction • HIV Prevention • STIs • HIV Treatment • Hepatitis C • LGBTQ Health • Syndemics

## 12:30pm – 2:00pm CLOSING LUNCH PLENARY

Igniting Health Equity: Visioning Syndemics and Advocacy

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

The schedule presented here is subject to change as the agenda is finalized.

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MAY 2024

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May 29 @ 2:00 pm-3:30 pm EDT

State of HIV Prevention and PrEP in 2024: Certification Maintenance for HIVPCPs

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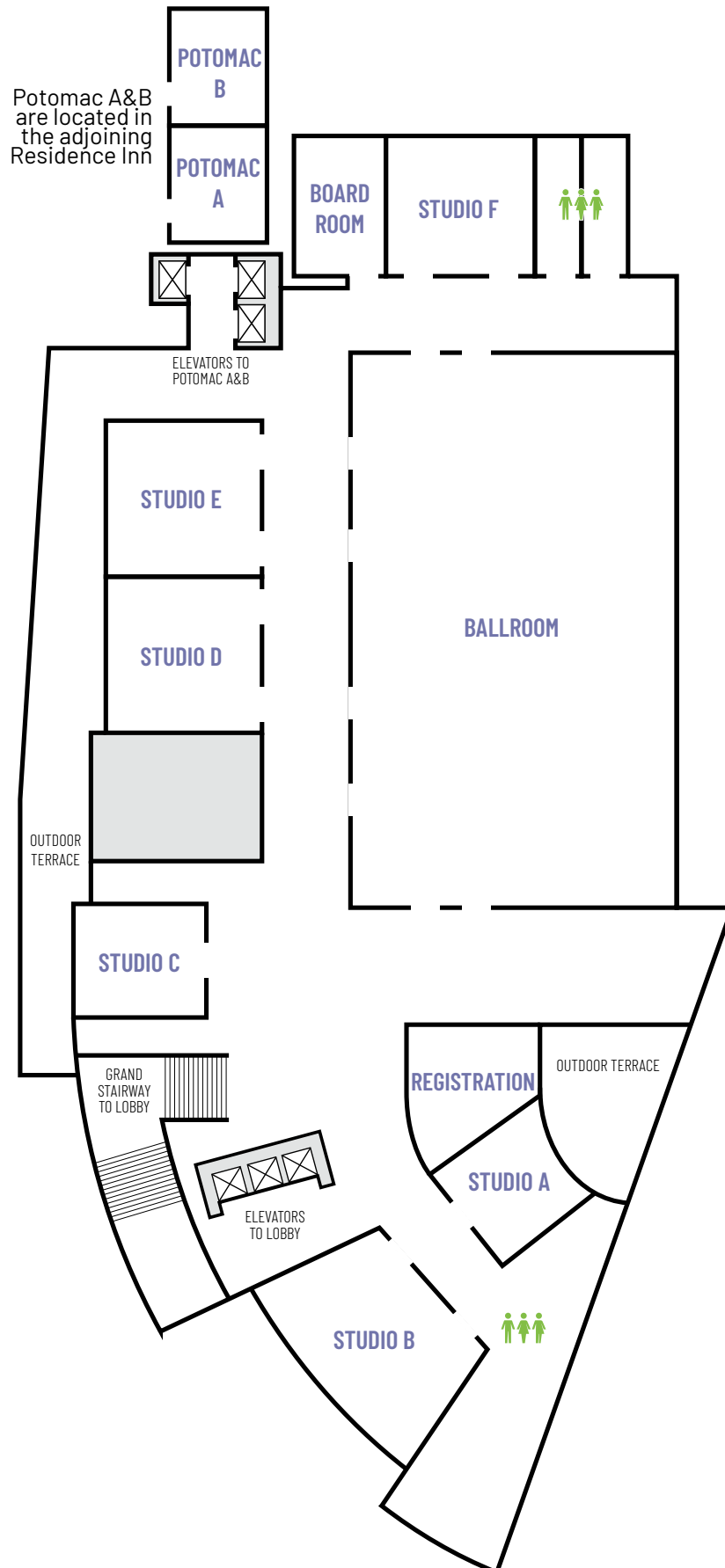
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# AGENDA • WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

WEDNESDAY

## CERTIFICATION SESSION • 2:00PM – 3:30PM

2:00pm–3:30pm

Studio D



### State of HIV Prevention and PrEP in 2024: Certification Maintenance for HIVPCPs

As featured in HealthHIV's HIV Prevention Certified Provider™ (HIVPCP) Certification Program, this 90-minute institute provides an update on the current state of the HIV epidemic, key biomedical advances in HIV prevention, and evidence-based approaches to HIV prevention. HIVPCPs who were certified in 2023 can get re-certified live at SYNC 2024. Individuals who earn their certification as an HIV Prevention Certified Provider (HIVPCP) receive a listing in the national online directory of HIVPCPs.

#### SPEAKERS

► **Aniruddha Hazra, MD** is Associate Professor of Medicine University of Chicago, and Medical Director, UCM Sexual Wellness Clinic.

## INSTITUTES • 2:00PM – 4:00PM

2:00pm–4:00pm

Studio E

INSTITUTE



### HIV PrEP Navigation Certification (HIVPNC) Institute

Get certified in HIV PrEP Navigation live at SYNC 2024 during this 2-hour institute. HealthHIV's HIV PrEP Navigation Certification (HIVPNC) Program is the only certification program offered to providers and allied health professionals focused on preparing providers to guide community members in their use of PrEP over time. HIVPNC is designed to support and empower both clinical and non-clinical providers in providing inclusive, affirming PrEP navigation services backed by current data and clinical best practices. Upon successful completion of all modules in this program, participants earn their HIV PrEP Navigation Certification (HIVPNC) and receive a listing in the national online directory of HIVPNCs.

#### SPEAKERS

► **Alan McCord** is an eLearning Writer/Editor at HealthHIV.

► **Leo Sheridan, MLS, CCHW, PBT** is Capacity Building Assistance Manager at HealthHIV.

2:00pm–4:00pm

Studio F

INSTITUTE



### SYNCing to Empower Black Women in HIV Prevention: Health Departments and HBCUs

This session is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of the current landscape of HIV prevention for Black women—from both a Health Department and HBCU perspective, emphasizing the need for culturally competent, multimodal strategies that are feasible and scalable. Participants will gain insight into practical approaches for reducing HIV and STI risk among one of the most vulnerable populations in the U.S.

Health Department staff will highlight the benefits of engaging with the community in several ways, including, the engagement of community based organizations in a Black women's microgrant program aimed at supporting existing programs to increase their capacity to deliver health and wellness services to cisgender Black women in the District of Columbia and staff from an HBCU will share details of programming recently launched to empower Black women by pairing educational and arts initiatives through strategic partnerships with other Universities and non-profit organizations dedicated to HIV prevention.

#### SPEAKERS

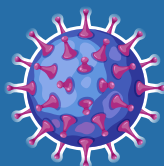
► **Stacey Dyce** is Program Officer for Behavioral Health Integration for the Maryland Department of Health.

► **Joanne Adelberg, MS** is a Family Advocate/Genetic Counselor at Howard University.

► **Ashley Coleman, LICSW** is a Supervisory Public Health Analyst within the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, Tuberculosis Administration (HAHSTA) at the DC Department of Health.

► **Maranda C. Ward, EdD, MPH** is an Assistant Professor and Director of Equity in the Department of Clinical Research and Leadership in the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

► **Shelby Wallington, MSW** is Prevention and Outreach Specialist at Community Family Life Services.



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2:00pm–4:00pm

Studio C

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## Navigating Healthy Aging: Innovation, Challenges, and Equitable Health Solutions

This institute will open with an overview of HealthHIV's Third Annual State of Aging with HIV™ National Survey. Presenters will then demonstrate that despite advancements in treatments, our communities continue to face significant health challenges. The institute will highlight the importance of promoting elements like physical resilience and recovery capacity, especially for older persons with HIV—and more broadly, the aging population. Through discussions with panelists, we will provide a prime opportunity to expand and deepen the dialogue, building on established agendas or introducing emerging ideas to enhance the health and well-being of everyone as we age. Panelists will underscore the value of medical innovation and its positive impact on community health, highlighting the significant return on investment. They will also stress the importance of investing in quality-of-life enhancements, showcasing their wide-ranging benefits. These innovations are essential not only for improving health outcomes but also for enhancing community well-being.

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Michael Hodin, PhD** is CEO of the Global Coalition on Aging.
- ▶ **Cheri Lattimer, RN, BSN** is Executive Director of the National Transitions of Care Coalition (NTOCC).
- ▶ **Lauren Banks, MFA, M.Div** is Executive Director of the National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition.
- ▶ **Ronald Johnson, BS** is Chair of the U.S. PLHIV Caucus.
- ▶ **Sue Peschin, MHS** is president and CEO of the Alliance for Aging Research.
- ▶ **Scott Bertani, MNM** is Director of Advocacy at HealthHIV.
- ▶ **Sarah Brodt, MPH, CHES** is Associate Director of Research and Evaluation at HealthHIV.
- ▶ **Steve Wood** is Sr. Education and Advocacy Coordinator at HealthHIV.

INSTITUTE • 2:00PM – 6:00PM

2:00pm–6:00pm

Potomac A/B

INSTITUTE

This session is not eligible for CE credits.

## Unveiling HIV: Challenging Assumptions on Molecular Surveillance and Criminalization

Thirty states in the U.S. criminalize people living with HIV (PLHIV), targeting them through specific laws or enhanced penalties on the basis of their health status. Research shows that these laws are disproportionately used to prosecute Black people, who are already disproportionately targeted by other forms of criminalization and surveillance. There exists a long history of the criminalization of LGBTQ and Non-Binary folks on the basis of their sexualities and gender identities as well. The techniques used to identify and target people for surveillance and criminalization have advanced at the speed of technological progress, hurried along through the proliferation of databases (public and private), social media, and algorithms.

It is against this backdrop that the CDC promotes Molecular HIV Surveillance (MHS), a program through which a national database of personal health data is collected without PLHIV's knowledge or consent. PLHIV and advocates have challenged MHS both as a violation of their rights to control the use of their medical information as well as a program that puts their data (and freedom) at risk. Many states have limited protections for data collected as a part of public health surveillance, and in fact some states encourage health departments to cooperate with law enforcement. This cooperation between local health departments and law enforcement erodes the relationships between medical providers and patients and reinforces the long-standing medical mistrust from marginalized communities.

These are the complex and interrelated issues that the attendees of this institute will have the opportunity to learn about and unpack. Experts will ground attendees in an understanding of HIV criminalization as well as the efforts that attendees can join for modernizing HIV criminalization laws and eradicating HIV related stigma. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn more about MHS and why PLHIV and advocates are so concerned with a program whose ostensible purpose is the promotion of public health. Finally, panelists will educate attendees on the interrelationship between different forms of surveillance, focusing on different ways in which reproductive autonomy is targeted as a case study. Through facilitated panel discussions and other activities attendees will have the opportunity to learn from PLHIV and advocates about these important issues and challenge their assumptions and re-evaluate who is the "public" when we discuss public health.

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Michael Elizabeth** is Public Health Policy Strategist at the Equality Federation.
- ▶ **Kamaria Laffrey** is Co-Executive Director for HIV Policy Reform at the SERO Project.
- ▶ **Kae Greenberg** is a Staff Attorney at the Center for HIV Law and Policy (CHLP).
- ▶ **Jada Hicks** is a Staff Attorney for the Center for HIV Law and Policy (CHLP).
- ▶ **Tami Haught** is the Co-Executive Director for the SERO Project.
- ▶ **Benjamin Brooks, JD, MPH** is the Associate Director of Policy and Education at Whitman-Walker Health.
- ▶ **Kelly Flannery** is Policy Director for Positive Women's Network (PWN).
- ▶ **Martha Sichone-Cameron, MPH** is Executive Director of The International Community of Women Living with HIV – North America.
- ▶ **Olivia G. Ford** is Editorial Director for The Well Project.
- ▶ **Kerry Thomas** is a Community Strategist for Decriminalization for the Sero Project.



## INSTITUTE • 3:30PM - 6:00PM

3:30pm-6:00pm

Studio D

INSTITUTE



## Mobilizing Towards PrEP Access For All



Hosted by PrEP4All, this Institute will focus on several ways that participants can immediately engage in the movement for equitable PrEP access.

Since 2018, PrEP4All has led the charge for a federally-funded National PrEP Program for un- and underinsured individuals, leading to the Biden Administration calling for \$9.8 billion over ten years for the "PrEP For All To End The HIV Epidemic" initiative in the White House FY2023 budget request. PrEP4All and our partners have since mobilized with legislators, federal stakeholders, and community members to push Congress to approve funding for a National PrEP Program. We are also leaders in the fight to ensure access for insured individuals, convening urgent community town halls in response to the threats posed by *Braidwood v. Becerra*.

Join PrEP4All for an interactive institute that will focus on uplifting the voices of PrEP users, providers, and community members to address policy and cost barriers that impact PrEP access for uninsured and underinsured individuals, as well as looming legal threats impacting cost and access for insured individuals.

## SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Jeremiah Johnson** is Executive Director at PrEP4All.
- ▶ **Michael Chancley, MSW** is Communications and Mobilization Manager at PrEP4All.
- ▶ **Kenyon Farrow** is Communications Director at AVAC.
- ▶ **Kevin Chadwin Davis** is a Clinical Quality Management Project Specialist for Dallas County Health and Human Services.
- ▶ **Jason Watler** is an advocate for sexual health and disease prevention and an Early Intervention Service Manager at Terrific, Inc.
- ▶ **Latonia Wilkins** is a Case Manager at Thrive SS.
- ▶ **Jenny Collier, JD** is a consultant for PrEP4All.
- ▶ **Carl Schmid** is Executive Director of the HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute.

## INSTITUTE • 4:00PM - 6:00PM

4:00pm-6:00pm

Studio A

INSTITUTE

This session is not eligible for CE credits.

## Beyond Daily Oral PrEP



Get to know APRETUDE, including a discussion with a patient ambassador, followed by early insights from the PILLAR & EBONI implementation science studies.

## SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Alexandra Jordan** is a Community Engagement Specialist at Viiv Healthcare.
- ▶ **Nanlesta Pilgrim, PhD, MPH** is Senior Director of Global Implementation Science for Prevention at Viiv Healthcare.
- ▶ **Toyin Nwafor, MD** is Senior Medical Director, Prevention at Viiv Healthcare.

## INSTITUTE • 5:00PM - 6:00PM

5:00pm-6:00pm

Studio B

INSTITUTE

This session is not eligible for CE credits.

## CANN and HealthHCV's 9th 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 Annual National Monitoring Report on HIV/HCV Co-Infection. During the SYNC session, 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 will present data and implications from its State of Harm Reduction Inaugural National Survey.

## SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Jen Laws** is President and CEO of the Community Access National Network.
- ▶ **Rainier Simons, MHI** is a consultant with Community Access National Network.
- ▶ **Sarah Brodt, MPH, CHES** is Associate Director of Research and Evaluation at HealthHIV.



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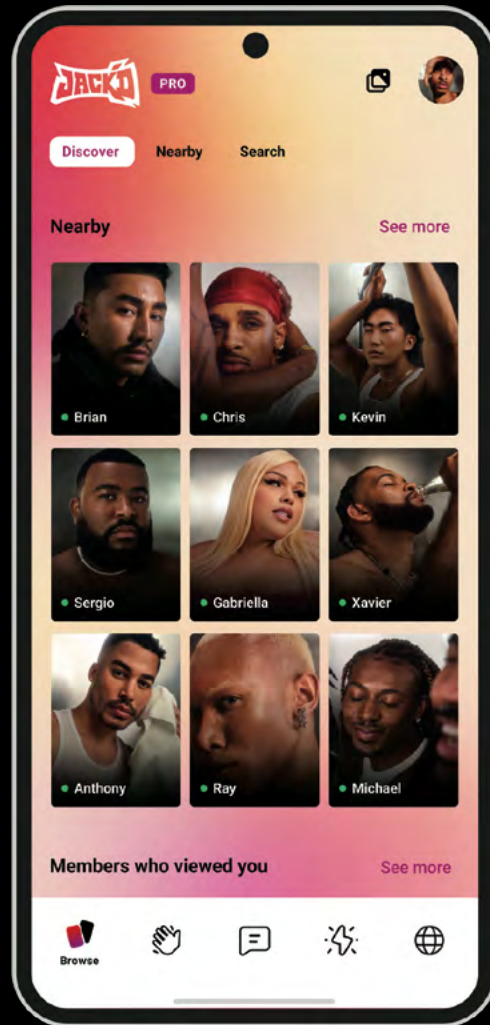
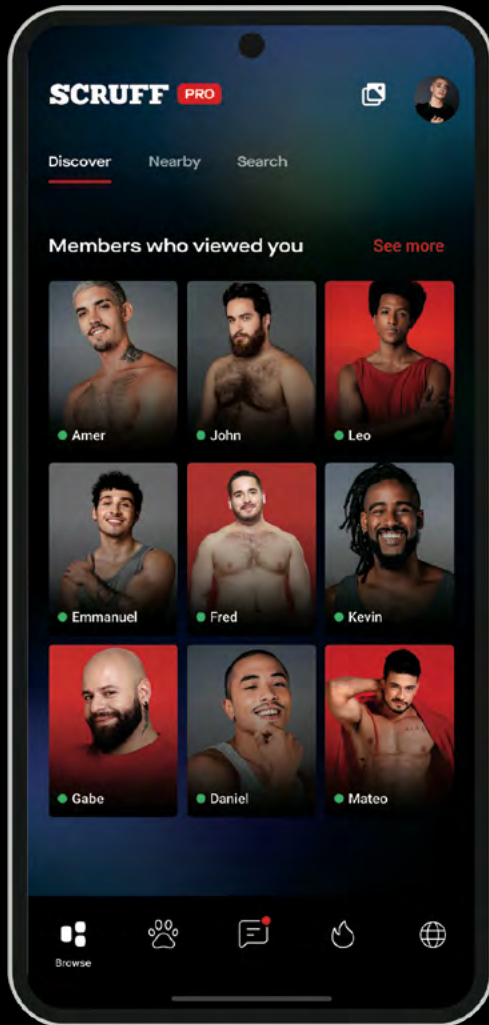


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# AGENDA • THURSDAY, MAY 30

## OPENING PLENARY • 9:00AM - 10:30AM

9:00am-10:30am

Ballroom

PLENARY



### Today's Landscape: The State of HIV, HCV, STIs, Harm Reduction and LGBTQ Health

This plenary session will feature subject matter experts in each of the five SYNC focus areas to share the current "state of" and future implications in HIV, HCV, STIs, harm reduction and LGBTQ health. Each expert will discuss the most recent biomedical advancements, research, and policy impacts in their focus areas.

#### SPEAKERS

- **Brian Hujdich** is Executive Director of HealthHIV and the National Coalition for LGBTQ Health.
- **Monica Gandhi MD, MPH** is Professor of Medicine and Associate Division Chief (Clinical Operations/Education) of the Division of HIV, Infectious Diseases, and Global Medicine at UCSF/San Francisco General Hospital.
- **Hyman Scott, MD, MPH** is the Clinical Research Medical Director at Bridge HIV in the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH), and an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).
- **Aniruddha Hazra, MD** is Associate Professor of Medicine University of Chicago, and Medical Director, UCM Sexual Wellness Clinic.
- **Andrea M. Lopez, PhD** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Maryland.
- **Christopher S. Hall, MD, MS, AAHIVS** is the Chief Medical Officer at Avita Care Solutions.
- **Jessica Deerin, PhD, MPH** is a Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor with the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## TRACK SESSIONS • 10:45AM - 12:15PM

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio F

### Harm Reduction Track, Session 1

- Centering People in the Sex Trade: Harm Reduction Tools for Better Health
- Leveraging HIV and HCV Advocacy Opportunities to End the Epidemics

#### SPEAKERS

- **Matisse Monty** is a Sex Worker Outreach Specialist at the Victory Connector.
- **Riko Boone** is a Director of the HIV Project at Treatment Action Group (TAG).
- **Joelle Dountio Ofimboudem** is the Acting HCV project director at Treatment Action Group.

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio B



### HIV Prevention Track, Session 1

- Spilling the Tea: How Medical Mistrust Impacts HIV/STI Prevention and Treatment for Young LGBTQ+ Black Women and Girls
- Evaluating Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Use of Preexposure Prophylaxis for HIV Within the Military Health System

#### SPEAKERS

- **Daniella Thorne, DrPHA, CHES** is the Associate Director of Sexual Health Education at Advocates for Youth.
- **Stephanie Ajuzie, MD, MC, USN** is a CDC Preventive Medicine Resident.

10:45am-12:15pm

Potomac A



### STIs Track, Session 1

- Hey CIS, Can We Talk...? Black Women, Sexuality, and PrEP
- STD Crisis: A Case for Rapid POC Testing
- Effects of Targeted Provider Education on HIV and STI Testing Rates at an FOHC

#### SPEAKERS

- **Samantha Hughes** is the Associate Director of the Washington University St. Louis CDC Midwest Track 2B Capacity Building Assistance Program.
- **LaTanya Thomas Patton** is the Senior Program Manager for the Washington University in St. Louis Capacity Building Assistance Program.
- **Natalie Miller, NP-C, MSN** is Vice President of Clinical Operations at Adagio Health.
- **Ian A. Cook, PharmD, AAHIVP, BCACP, DPLA** is the HIV Clinical Director for Baltimore Medical System, Inc. (BMS).

THURSDAY

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio E

## HIV Treatment Track, Session 1: Innovations

- Long-Acting Injectables: Improving Team Member Engagement Across Four NYC HIV Clinics
- Implementing a Tailored Approach to Provide Affirming HIV Care to LGBTQIA+ Youth
- Leveraging Medicaid and Hospital BPAs to Link People With HIV to Care

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Carlotta Starks** is a Clinical Program Manager at Mount Sinai Hospital.
- ▶ **Jacob Watson** is an HIV epidemiologist who currently works with the State of Michigan in the Bureau of HIV and STI Programs.

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio A

## Hepatitis C Track, Session 1: Addressing HCV Through a Syndemic Approach

- HIV and HCV Testing and Offering Comprehensive Prevention Services in the Community Health Centers
- Theory to Action: Ending the Syndemic in Tennessee
- Detroit United for Health: Mobilizing Communities to Confront Health Disparities—Syphilis and HCV

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Anthony Lee** is Director of UAB FOCUS at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine.
- ▶ **Sandra Karumberia** is a Data Manager/Linkage at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine.
- ▶ **Ricardo A Franco, MD** is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).
- ▶ **Audrey R. Lloyd, MD** is an Assistant Professor at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine.
- ▶ **Rebecca Amantia, MPH, PhD** is the Director of Harm Reduction Initiatives at the Tennessee Department of Health.
- ▶ **Amber Coyne** serves as the Syndemic Coordination Director at the Tennessee Department of Health.
- ▶ **Charles Madison**
- ▶ **Angela Spino** is a Project Coordinator for the Detroit Recovery Project's Harm Reduction Team.

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio C

## LGBTQ Health Track, Session 1

- Beyond the Binary: An Innovative Educational Workshop Addressing the Health of Non-Binary and Gender Non-Conforming People
- Understanding LGBTQ+ Health Disparities and Methods for Identifying Them
- It's a Start: Online, On-demand LGBTQ+ Mental Health Trainings are a Beneficial Primer for Providers Nationwide

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Kristen MacKay** is Senior Health Project Coordinator at the University of Rochester Center for Community Practice (URCCP).
- ▶ **Jonathan Jordan** is Senior Health Project Coordinator at the University of Rochester Center for Community Practice.
- ▶ **Juhua Wu, MA, PCC** is the Director of the Center for Community Practice (CCP) and faculty at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.
- ▶ **Megan Honeck** is a Senior Health Project Coordinator with the University of Rochester Center for Community Practice.
- ▶ **Aurin Roy** is a Senior Planning Analyst with the Ryan White Program and Data and Assessment Team at Hennepin County Public Health.
- ▶ **Amy Jacobs, LMSW** is a Senior Clinical Social Worker with the HIV/AIDS Treatment Program at the University of Michigan.
- ▶ **Ed Stern** is a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and owner of Queer Ear Mental Health.

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio D



## HIV Prevention Track, Session 2

- Prioritizing the Whole Health of Black, Transgender Women through Bundled Interventions and Gender-Affirming Care
- Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Combination HIV Prevention for Black Women
- EHE Today: A Reflection of the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative in the US—Successes and Progress

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Nakysha Hoskins** Interventions Program Manager at Positive Impact Health Centers.
- ▶ **Latonia Wilkins** is a Case Manager at Thrive SS.
- ▶ **Jasmine Ford, MPA, BSW, BA** is the Project Innovate Project Coordinator at THRIVE SS, Inc.
- ▶ **Tamika Martin** is an EHE Advisor with HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau.
- ▶ **Yemisi Odusanya** is the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative Advisor for the HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB).



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## LUNCH PLENARY • 12:30PM – 2:00PM

12:30pm–2:00pm  
Ballroom

### PLENARY

## Government Healthcare Agencies Bringing Synchronicity to Healthcare Delivery

This plenary session features senior officials from federal government healthcare agencies discussing their strategic goals and activities toward enhancing health equity, optimizing operations, and strengthening program management in addressing today's public health challenges across HIV, HCV, STIs, harm reduction and LGBTQ health.

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Admiral Rachel Leland Levine, MD** is the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.
- ▶ **Onyekachukwu Anaedozie, MPH** is Deputy Associate Administrator at the HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care.
- ▶ **Laura Cheever, MD, ScM** is Associate Administrator of the HIV/AIDS Bureau at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- ▶ **Laura Hinkle Bachmann, MD, MPH, FIDSA, FACP** is Acting Director, Division of STD Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- ▶ **Kristin Roha, MS, MPH** is Public Health Advisor for HIV, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and Office of Chief Medical Officer, SAMSHA.
- ▶ **Elizabeth DiNenno, PhD** is Acting Principal Deputy Director, HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care.
- ▶ **Francisco Ruiz, MS**, is Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy.

## TRACK SESSIONS • 2:15PM – 3:45PM

2:15pm–3:45pm  
Studio F

## Harm Reduction Track, Session 2

- **Failing Forward: Syringe Service Program Organizing in Charleston, WV**
- **Impact of a Harm Reduction Program Tailored for Populations Using Crystal Methamphetamine**
- **Building and Strengthening Syringe Services Programs through E-learning**

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Iris Sidikman** is a harm reductionist and MSW candidate in Charleston, WV.
- ▶ **Connor Reynolds** is an Evaluation Specialist within the HIV Care and Treatment Program at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Emma Ramsdell** is a City Research Scientist at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Frances Silva, MPH** is a Quality Management Specialist in the Care and Treatment Program, Bureau of HIV, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Noelisa Montero** is a Senior Research Analyst at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Cristina Rodriguez-Hart, PhD, MPH** is HIV Epidemiology Liaison within the HIV Surveillance Unit of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Justin Knox, PhD** is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Implementation Science and Intervention with the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University.
- ▶ **Kaleigh Cornelison, LMSW, LCSW** is the Project Coordinator II for Evolve: The National HIV E-learning Training Center, a project of ETR.

2:15pm–3:45pm  
Potomac A

## STIs Track, Session 2

- **Effectiveness of a Virtual Patient Simulation at Improving Individualized Sexual Health Care**
- **Understanding Perspectives on Patient-Provider Communication Surrounding Sex, Sexuality, and Substance Use**
- **Express Visits**

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Lindsey Gardner** is Associate Director for the WebMD and Medscape Division of Public Health.
- ▶ **Sara Thorpe, MPH** is Director of Clinical Strategy at Medscape.
- ▶ **Angel B. Algarin** is an Assistant Professor in the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.
- ▶ **Alyssa Robillard** is an Associate Professor at Arizona State University.
- ▶ **Rachel Gur-Arie** is an Assistant Professor with Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.
- ▶ **Joseph Daniels** is an Associate Professor in the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.
- ▶ **Sarah Portle** is a PhD student at the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.
- ▶ **Brittany Tripp** is a Health Educator at Chicago Family Health Center.
- ▶ **Warren Komis** is the Infectious Disease Manager at Chicago Family Health Center.

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2:15pm-3:45pm

**HIV Treatment Track, Session 2**

Studio E

- Engaging People with HIV in a Housing-First Response to an HIV Outbreak
- HIV Treatment & Beyond: SYNCing to Implement Rapid Start as a Jurisdictional Standard of Care
- Expert-led HIV Communications: Prevention, Treatment, and Stigma-Free Strategies for Physicians

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Aurin Roy** is a Senior Planning Analyst with the Ryan White Program and Data and Assessment Team at Hennepin County Public Health.
- ▶ **Julia Zigman, MPH** is a Senior Program Analyst at NACCHO.
- ▶ **Monika Damle** is a Research Associate at Cicatelli Associates, Inc. (CAI).
- ▶ **Mira Agneshwar** is a Program Manager in Programs and Grants at the American College of Preventive Medicine.
- ▶ **Kate Shreve, MPH** is Director of Programs and Grants at American College of Preventive Medicine.

2:15pm-3:45pm

**Hepatitis C Track, Session 2: Differentiated Service Models**

Studio A

- Financing Integrated Hepatitis C Services: Focus on Harm Reduction and Pharmacy Settings
- Advancing Health Equity: Improving the Reentry Experience through Innovative HIV, Hepatitis C Programming

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Jessica Deerin, PhD, MPH** is a Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor with the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- ▶ **Chinedu Okeke** is Senior Policy Advisor at the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP).
- ▶ **Darcy Cherlin, MPH** is a Public Health Analyst at the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP), in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- ▶ **Amy Killelea, JD** is the owner of Killelea Consulting and consultant for OIDP.
- ▶ **Amber Alonzo**, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute.
- ▶ **Rick Cook** is a Criminal Justice Initiative Coordinator at the New York State Department of Health.

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Studio B



## HIV Prevention Track, Session 3

- Prioritizing Medication Adherence of Minority MSM Patients for HIV Prevention
- Syncing Frequent STI Screening and PrEP: "Choose Your Own Adventure" Process Analysis
- Be PrEPared: A Guide to PrEP Program Development in the Primary Care Setting

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Kelle Tillman, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, AAHIVS** is the Chief Clinical Officer for the HELP Center for LGBT Health and Wellness.
- ▶ **Melissa Schwarz** is an Evaluation Specialist with Access Community Health Network.
- ▶ **Sade' Slaton, MBA, PMP** is the Program Manager of Treatment & Prevention Services at Access Community Health Network.
- ▶ **Erin Hultgren, MPH, CHES** is the Director of Community Health & Prevention at Kintegra Health.
- ▶ **Heather Homesley, CHES** is Program Manager of the Hepatitis C Treatment and HIV Prevention Programs at Kintegra Health.

2:15pm-3:45pm

Studio C

## LGBTQ Health Track, Session 2

- Interventions for Combating Social Isolation Among LGBTQ+ Elders Living With HIV
- Differences in Cognitive Performance Between Sexual Minorities and Heterosexuals in a Nationally Representative Sample
- Building Cultural Humility and Harm Reduction Among Providers Working with MSM – The CA Experience

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Sam Sheldon** is the Manager of the SAGEPositive Program.
- ▶ **Circe Le Compte, SD, SM** is a postdoctoral scholar at Columbia University, in the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies.
- ▶ **Charlie Romero** is part of the COVID-19 Virtual Training Program.
- ▶ **Rick Garcia** is a Virtual Training Facilitator at the California Prevention Training Center (CAPTC).
- ▶ **Linda DeSantis, MEd** is Program Manager at the California Prevention Training Center (CAPTC).

2:15pm-3:45pm

Potomac B

## Syndemics Track, Session 1

- Derailing the Train: How to Address the Intersection of HIV, HIV, SUD, and Workforce Development in Appalachia

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Lovina John** is a full time policy associate with Community Education Group (CEG).
- ▶ **Lee Storrow** is Senior Director of External Affairs for Community Education Group.

2:15pm-3:45pm

Studio D



## HIV Prevention Track, Session 4

- HIV in the COVID Era: PCP Capacity Building
- Prevention and Autonomy: Tools from the PrEP Clinic at CHOP
- Beyond Status: Serodiscordant Couples Thrive with TASP & PrEP

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Maranda C. Ward, EdD, MPH** is an Assistant Professor and Director of Equity in the Department of Clinical Research and Leadership in the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- ▶ **Abigail Konopasky** is Director of Medical Education Research and Scholarship and Associate Professor at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College.
- ▶ **Nikhil Kalita** is a Cancer Research Assistant at The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- ▶ **Zoe Gould** is a PrEP Navigator and wellness counselor at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Adolescent Initiative.
- ▶ **Sharifah Garvin, RN, BSN** is Clinical Nurse for the Adolescent Initiative Program.
- ▶ **Latonia Wilkins** is a Case Manager at Thrive SS.
- ▶ **Reginald Austin** is Linkage Department Manager, Case Manager, and Linkage to Care Specialist-Community Engagement Member at THRIVE Support Services.

## SYNC SESSIONS • 4:00PM – 5:30PM

4:00pm-5:30pm

Studio E

## Sex-Positive Care Workshop

- 50 Shades Un-Greyed: Sex Positive Care & Exploring Biases in BDSM Healthcare
- Patients and Polyamory: Clinical Considerations for Working with Consensual Non-Monogamy & Polyamory

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Daemon Dunnigan** is Community Project Manager at Washington University in St. Louis.
- ▶ **Philana Liang, PA-C, MPH** is a Medical Provider/Sexual Health Educator and Core Program Manager for the St. Louis STI/H
- ▶ **Simone Phillips** is Director of Training and Development at Washington University in St. Louis.
- ▶ **Megan Ryan** is an intern with AIDS Care Group in the Mosaic Medical Center for LGBTQ+ Health and Wellness.



4:00pm–5:30pm

Studio B

## Intersectionality and Harm Reduction

- The Intersections of Harm Reduction, Incarceration, and Syphilis in a Rural Community
- Community-Led Best Practices: Innovating Commercial Tobacco Treatment and HIV Services
- Breaking Down Barriers: Promoting Honest Dialogue on Substance Use in Healthcare

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Elizabeth Boggs, RN, BSN** is the Harm Reduction Program Manager for the Cumberland Valley District Health Department.
- ▶ **Christie Green, MPH, MCHES** is the Public Health Director for Cumberland Valley District Health Department.
- ▶ **Tom Moore** is a public health consultant for the Tobacco Use and Reduction Program (TURP) for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).
- ▶ **Sheyonna Watson** is the Program Supervisor for the Deaf HIV Program at Deaf Community Advocacy Network (Deaf C.A.N.).
- ▶ **Alex Wilson** is the Membership and Education Manager with GLMA.
- ▶ **Desiree Smith, DrDPH** works in health equity research and evaluation.

4:00pm–5:30pm

Studio A

## Aspects of HIV Care

- Early Educational Program Effects on Viral Load Suppression during Newly Diagnoses

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Jane H. Antoine, RN, MNS, CNL** is the Quality Nurse Manager at Emory University Midtown Hospital's Ryan White program.

4:00pm–5:30pm

Studio C

## Sexual Health and LGBTQ

- Creating Safe Spaces for Black Women and Their Sexual Experiences
- Bridging Gaps in Sexual Health Education for Justice-Involved Youth in Dallas County

### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Tajuana Blackmon** is the program manager for the KC-TGA planning council and founder of the Protect Your Peach Initiative.
- ▶ **Karla Obasi, MPH** is the Education and Outreach Supervisor with the Dallas County Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) program.
- ▶ **Miranda Grant** is the Ending the HIV Epidemic Program Manager for Dallas County, Texas Health and Human Services.



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**Harm Reduction Workshop**

- Innovative Harm Reduction Models of Primary Care for People Who Use Drugs

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Felecia Pullen, PhD** is the President & CEO of Let's Talk SAFETY, Inc.
- ▶ **Jeffrey J. Weiss, PhD, MS** is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.
- ▶ **Kevin Moore, PsyD** is Executive Director of Courage Medicine.

**SYNC SESSIONS • 4:15PM – 5:30PM****4:15pm–5:30pm**

Studio D

This session is not eligible for CE credits.

**FOCUS on Health Equity: A National Model for HIV/HCV/STI Screening and Linkage to Care in Clinical and Community Settings**

The FOCUS Program is an initiative of the Government Affairs team at Gilead Sciences Inc. that ensures all eligible individuals have access to screening and linkage to care for HIV, HCV, HBV, and linkage to HIV comprehensive prevention services. The FOCUS program partners with healthcare and community-based organizations across the United States, Spain, and Portugal, to implement and share best practices following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The importance of routine, opt-out screening and linkage to care cannot be overstated – according to the CDC, 7 in 10 people with HIV saw a healthcare provider in the 12 months prior to diagnosis and failed to be diagnosed. With over 400 community and clinical partners (current and graduated), the FOCUS program has become the largest blood-borne virus screening and linkage to care program in the nation and has changed how communities view and do blood-borne virus screening. Drawing from experiences across the United States with the FOCUS program, our expert panel will discuss how the FOCUS approach has helped to reduce stigma, increase health equity, and bring to scale best practices honed through implementation science.

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Lora Branch, MS** is Senior Regional Director for Gilead's FOCUS Program.
- ▶ **Angelique Griffin, MS** is the FOCUS Regional Director for Maryland, Washington, DC, and Connecticut.
- ▶ **Audrey R. Lloyd, MD** is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatric trained Infectious Diseases specialist at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine.
- ▶ **Erin Hultgren, MPH, CHES** is the Director of Community Health and Prevention at Kintegra Health.
- ▶ **Alejandro Larios** is the FOCUS Program Lead at Baptist Health South Florida.
- ▶ **Veronica Arana** is Director of Clinical Operations at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada.
- ▶ **Natana Cruickshank, MPH** is the Director of Programs and Training at the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center.

**4:15pm–5:30pm**

Potomac B

This session is not eligible for CE credits.

**Dismantling Stereotypes Surrounding Depression in the LGBTQ Community**

This session aims to dismantle the stereotypes surrounding depression and to highlight its diverse—and often highly personalized—manifestations across different communities and populations. Through a detailed exploration of personal stories and empirical data, we will demonstrate the complex nature of depression and its impact on individuals from various backgrounds. Our goal is to foster a more inclusive understanding of what depression looks like and how it affects us all uniquely.

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Sam Sheldon** is the Manager of the SAGEPositive Program.
- ▶ **Guy Anthony** is the Founder, President, and CEO of Black, Gifted, & Whole Inc.
- ▶ **Kaisar Perry** is a member of MHA's Youth Leaders Council and a current student at Amherst College.
- ▶ **Steve Wood** is Sr. Education and Advocacy Coordinator at HealthHIV.

**SYNC SESSION • 4:15PM – 6:00PM****4:15pm–6:00pm**

Studio F

This session is not eligible for CE credits.

**Emerging Issues and Opportunities for Advocacy Engagement: Ensuring Continuity of HIV Program Funding**

State-specific issues have emerged from the broader healthcare and public policy ecosystem—this session will delve into how cleverly-titled legislation, like “Prescription Drug Affordability Boards” (PDABs), might change the funding landscape, for better or worse, and how patient advocates can engage meaningfully both pre- and post-legislation.

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Jen Laws** is President and CEO of the Community Access National Network.
- ▶ **Rainier Simons, MHI** is a consultant with the Community Access National Network.
- ▶ **Scott Bertani, MNM** is Director of Advocacy at HealthHIV.
- ▶ **Ben Hughes, MPP** is Health Policy and Advocacy Analyst at HealthHIV.

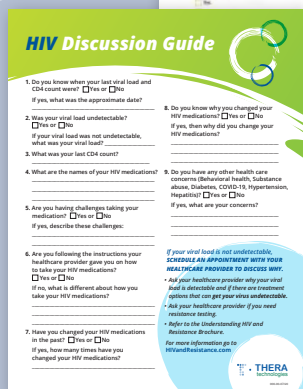
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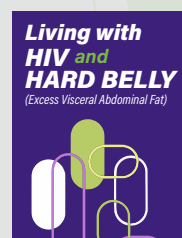


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Our **Living with HIV and Hard Belly (Excess Visceral Abdominal Fat)** program includes a discussion on hard belly, what causes it, how to recognize it, and tools for patient education and advocacy.

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To find out more information on these educational programs or connect with the Thera Community Team, please email us at [COMMUNITY@THERATECH.COM](mailto:COMMUNITY@THERATECH.COM)



# AGENDA • FRIDAY, MAY 31

## PLENARY • 9:00AM – 10:30AM

9:00am-10:30am

Ballroom

PLENARY

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### Reestablishing the Fundamentals to Help Accelerate PrEP Uptake



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This plenary session will elevate the central role that the community can play in addressing HIV prevention needs and address barriers to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake and access while providing clarity around the affordability of PrEP. Participants will emphasize the need for a systems change designed to increase the uptake of rapid PrEP initiation for those who could benefit from it.

#### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Trina Scott** is Senior Community Liaison for Gilead Sciences.
- ▶ **Natalie L. Wilson, PhD, DNP, MPH, APRN-BC** is an Assistant Professor of Community Health Systems at the UCSF School of Nursing.
- ▶ **DeMarc Hickson, PhD** is Executive Director of Us Helping Us.
- ▶ **Lutfy** is an actor and advocate.

## TRACK SESSIONS • 10:45AM – 12:15PM

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio F

### Harm Reduction Track, Session 3

- Boots on the Ground: Mobile, Integrated Harm Reduction and Health Services
- Expanding Rural Access to Hepatitis C Treatment Utilizing Harm Reduction and Telehealth to Treat People Who Use Drugs
- Using Human-Centered Design to Develop a Mobile Health App to Holistically Improve HIV Care Outcomes for YBGBM

#### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Oriana Nolan** is a Project Consultant for Access Support Network.
- ▶ **Elena Salais** is Program Manager at Access Support Network.
- ▶ **David Perez**, Access Support Network.
- ▶ **David Kilburn** is Executive Director at Access Support Network of San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Barbara Counties
- ▶ **Ana Marquez** is the Harm Reduction Program Manager at Access Support Network.
- ▶ **Sarah Kangas** is a primary care family nurse practitioner in Berkshire County, a rural county in Western Massachusetts.
- ▶ **Taj Morgan** is the Amp Program Manager at Sentient Research.

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio B



### HIV Prevention Track, Session 5

- A Universal Screening Tool Addressing Social Determinants for HIV Prevention Programs
- The Power of Culture & Collaboration to End the HIV Epidemic (Let's Stop HIV Together)

#### SPEAKERS

- ▶ **Laura Silvestre, MSW** is a Program Planner in the Bureau of Hepatitis, HIV, and STIs at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Leah Stockett** is a Project Officer at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Natalie Kucharik** is a Senior Project Officer at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Dana Peters, MPH, CHES** is a Senior Program Planner, HIV Prevention at New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.
- ▶ **Stephanie Hubbard, MA, MPH** is an Applied Research Equipment Specialist at ARES Scientific.
- ▶ **Jose Aguilar** is Founder and Executive Director of Aguilar Salud, Inc.
- ▶ **Bre Azañedo** is the Manager of the Black Lives Matter Paterson Harm Reduction Program.
- ▶ **Raúl Marca** is a Senior Program Manager for the Sexual and Behavioral Health program at the Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York

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**STIs Track, Session 3: Syphilis**

- Navigating Syphilis Awareness and Prevention: Empowering Women through Health Literacy
- Automating Syphilis Screening: A Vital Approach to Preventing Congenital Syphilis and HIV
- Assessing the Impact of a Syphilis Outbreak Response in Houston, Texas
- How a DIS in a Rural Conservative Setting can combat Congenital Syphilis Through Partnerships

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Deidre Hurse, PhD** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Foundational Medical Studies at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.
- ▶ **Alejandro Larios** is the FOCUS Program Lead at Baptist Health South Florida.
- ▶ **Janice Lin** is a Staff Analyst for the Bureau of HIV, STI and Viral Hepatitis Prevention at the Houston Health Department (HHD).
- ▶ **Liz Behrend** is a Disease Intervention Specialist with Southeastern Idaho Public Health.

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio E

**HIV Treatment Track, Session 3**

- Breaking Silos, Building Bridges: Utilizing Community-Academic Partnerships to Implement Equitable HIV Research
- Empowering Primary Care Providers to Improve ART Selection With HIV-ASSIST
- Engaging and Linking Hard to Reach Populations in Care: Adapting and Responding to Emerging Needs of People Who Use Drugs

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Tamara Taggart, PhD, MPH** is an Assistant Professor of Prevention and Community Health at George Washington University, Faculty Affiliate Investigator at Whitman-Walker Institute, Inc, and Associate Director of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Core in the District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research (DC CFAR).
- ▶ **Wendy Davis** is a Senior Research Scientist in the Department of Prevention and Community Health (PCH) in the Milken Institute School of Public Health and Special Projects Coordinator for the DC Center for AIDS Research (CFAR).
- ▶ **Khadijah Abdullah** is the founder of Reaching All HIV+ Muslims In America (RAHMA).
- ▶ **Martha Sichone-Cameron** is Executive Director of The International Community of Women Living with HIV - North America (ICWNA).
- ▶ **Simone Sawyer** is a doctoral student in the Department of Prevention and Community Health in George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health.
- ▶ **Marcia Ellis** served for many years as the Community Coordinator for the DC Center For AIDS Research (DC CFAR) as well as Chair of the DC CFAR's Community Partnership Council.
- ▶ **Deanna Kerrigan** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Prevention and Community Health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University.
- ▶ **George Kerr** is the Community Coordinator for the DC Center For AIDS Research (DC CFAR) as well as Chair of the DC CFAR's Community Partnership Council.
- ▶ **Jessica Adams, PharmD, AAHIVE** is a Scientific Director of Infectious Diseases at Clinical Care Options.
- ▶ **Zachary Schwartz** is the Director of Scientific Services for Clinical Care Options.
- ▶ **Jenny Schulz, PhD** is Vice President, Educational Strategy Infectious Disease for the Clinical Education Alliance.
- ▶ **Brooke Parker** is the Community Linkage to Care Coordinator for the Ryan White Program at Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston, WV.

10:45am-12:15pm

Studio A

**Hepatitis C Track, Session 3: Patient Navigation to Improve HCV Health Outcomes**

- Using Peer Navigators and Harm Reduction to Improve Priority Population Healthcare Outcomes
- Meeting Patients Where They Are: Creating Access to Prevention at an FQHC
- Hepatitis C Micro-elimination Through Patient Navigation of Individuals Experiencing Elevated Risk In a Healthcare System

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Sequan Kolibas** is the founder of Hope on T.T.a.P.P. (Testing, Treatment and Peer-led Prevention).
- ▶ **Sarah Danley** is the HIV and Hepatitis C Prevention Program Manager at the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center.
- ▶ **Natana Cruickshank, MPH** is the Director of Programs and Training at the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center.
- ▶ **Adam Visconti, MD, MPH** is a family medicine trained physician.
- ▶ **Demetrie Garner** is a Lay Patient Navigator at MedStar Health.
- ▶ **Jessica Gabra** is a medical student at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

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10:45am–12:15pm

Studio C

**LGBTQ Health Track, Session 3**

- **Advocating for Trans Health Care: Empowering Providers to Combat Misinformation and Promote Inclusive Care (GLMA)**
- **A Long Overdue Love Story to Black MSMs**
- **Flexing: Utilizing Social Media to Reach YMSM of Color for HIV Prevention**

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Alex Wilson** is the Membership and Education Manager with GLMA.
- ▶ **Tramour Wilson** is Senior Director at the Pride Center of Maryland.
- ▶ **Lamar Brooks** is a Senior at Morgan State University pursuing a double major in public health and psychology.
- ▶ **Jeffery M. Erdman** is the Associate Executive Director for Programs for the Illinois Public Health Association.

10:45am–12:15pm

Studio D

**HIV Prevention Track, Session 6**

- **Bridging Gaps in PrEP Awareness Regarding SUD Treatment and Incarceration**
- **Don't Hate the Player. Join the Game!**

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Ron Schnese** is the Linkage to Care Lead at The LGBTQIA Center of Southern Nevada.
- ▶ **Alexis Lopez** is a Linkage to Care Coordinator at The LGBTQIA Center of Southern Nevada.
- ▶ **Bonnie Harris** is the Program Manager for Health Promotion and Care Navigation Initiatives in the Community Health and Family Medicine department at Howard University, College of Medicine.
- ▶ **Joi Wright, MS** serves as a Patient Navigator for the Department of Community and Family Medicine, Howard University.

10:45am–12:15pm

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**Syndemics Track, Session 2**

- **Eliminating Barriers for Latinx MSM and Transgender Women Through a Syndemic Approach**
- **Effectively Engaging and Supporting Harm Reduction Programs through a Syndemic Approach**
- **Identifying Facilitators for a Syndemic Approach: Learning from Providers on the Ground**

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Carmen Foster** is the Clinic Manager of TRUCHA, the HIV services department at La Clínica de la Raza
- ▶ **Octavio Pulido Carrillo** is HIV Services Supervisor at La Clínica de la Raza.
- ▶ **Angel Gomez** is a program manager with AIDS United.
- ▶ **Drew Gibson** is the Director of Advocacy at AIDS United.
- ▶ **Nathan Fecik, MPH** is a Senior Public Health Advisor for Syndemics and Co-Principal for STIs in the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy within the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.
- ▶ **Jessica Deerin, PhD, MPH** is a Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor with the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**CLOSING LUNCH PLENARY • 12:30PM – 2:00PM**

12:30pm–2:00pm

Ballroom

**PLENARY****Igniting Health Equity: Visioning Syndemics and Advocacy**

This plenary session will spark a greater understanding of syndemics by exploring how health conditions intertwined with social determinants create significant health challenges in addition to opportunities to advance health equity positions—particularly among LGBTQ+ communities. The discussion will fuel specialized, patient-centric policies and programs, offering actionable ideas and ideals to address these unique challenges. The session will underscore the importance of inclusive representation in shaping health policies by employing a syndemic framework. This approach fosters a comprehensive approach to health equity and creates supportive environments for all community members, especially those grappling with overlapping social and health challenges in current times.

**SPEAKERS**

- ▶ **Sharon Allison-Ottey, MD** is the CEO of CARLDEN Inc. and Beautiful Woman Inside and Out, Inc.
- ▶ **Beth Battaglini, RN-C**, is CEO of HealthyWomen.
- ▶ **Caryn Bell, PhD** is Associate Director at Partners for Advancing Health Equity.
- ▶ **Jeffrey Crowley** is a Distinguished Scholar and the Director of the Infectious Disease Initiative at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law.
- ▶ **Cornelius Baker** is a Special Advisor to the Office of AIDS Research and PEPFAR Liaison to the National Institutes of Health.
- ▶ **Jordyn White** is Vice President of Leadership Development & Research at the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.
- ▶ **Nate Fecik** is a Syndemic Senior Advisor at the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP).
- ▶ **Kenya Hutton** is Deputy Director at the Center for Black Equity.



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**PrEP Now... Not Later!! Increasing PrEP Access Through Same-Day PrEP and TelePrEP**

► **Immirne Monet Owunga, MD, AAHIVS** is a board certified Family Medicine provider.

10:30am-11:00am

LIVE

**Conversations on the Lived Experiences of Black Women with HIV**

► **Minka Carter** is a Senior Medical Scientist at Gilead Sciences, Inc.

2:00pm-2:30pm

LIVE

**Digital Strategies for Syndemic Approach to PrEP Adherence and HIV Prevention**

► **Gabriella Palmeri** is Director of Partnerships at Healthvana.

3:45pm-4:45pm

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**Towards Zero: Evolving Approaches in HIV/STI and Harm Reduction**

► **Danielle Davis**, Heart to Hand, Inc.

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**My Voice Our Stories: How NJ is Ending HIV Through Storytelling**

► **Michael Hager**, Ready, Aim Innovate.

12:15pm-12:45pm

LIVE

**Internal Family Systems Therapy: A Culturally Responsive Approach for Clients who are Queer and/or Living with HIV**

► **Dane Ray**, D & A Consulting Services.

## PRE-RECORDED

Coming Together for Sexual Health, Season 4 Episode 1  
**Narcen Queen Kochina Rude on Drag and Harm Reduction**

Coming Together for Sexual Health, Season 4 Episode 7  
**Dan Savage on the Magic Question: "What are you into?" and Dr. Ina Park on How Providers Can Help**

► **Tammy Kremer, MA** is a multimedia communicator for the UCSF California Prevention Training Center.



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