

LEADERSHIP **2008**
OHIO AIDS COALITION • OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
APRIL 14-15, 2008 – THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL

**THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2008**

7:30 **REGISTRATION/ NETWORKING/VENDOR TABLES (all day)**

7:30 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast
6th Floor

8:30 – 9:45 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS #3**

Presentation 3A **HIV and Hepatitis C Co-Infection** – Sue Koletar, MD, Professor, Internal
Cleveland Medicine, College of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases,
(80) The Ohio State University, Columbus

Description:

There has been an increase in HIV and HCV co-infection in the United States and in Ohio. This workshop will look at the increasing trends of co-infection and the challenges and successes of managing co-infection including treatment, research and care.

Objectives

1. To discuss the trends of HIV/HCV co-infection in the United States and Ohio
2. To provide information on ongoing research for managing HIV/HCV co-infection
3. To discuss specific challenges to managing the HIV/HCV co-infected patient.

Presentation 3B **Leadership & HIV Housing Resources: The Central Ohio Experience**
Cincinnati – Nina Lewis, ACSW, LISW, HIV Initiatives Program Team Leader, Columbus
(60) Public Health

Description:

The goal of this workshop is to teach participants about Central Ohio's strategic leadership which led to using HOPWA funds as the sole HIV- designated resource for essential housing assistance, using other mainstream housing resources and eliminating the Ryan White Title II (Part B) Housing Services Expense Category on March 31, 2003.

Objectives:

1. To increase knowledge about what motivated these changes, who was involved, what the process was, how long it took to completely implement these changes, and what barriers were encountered
2. To provide recommendations that might help make the process successful in other areas of the state
3. To increase knowledge about what the actual short and long term benefits have been for consumers, the ASO/CBO Care Services providers and the HIV Care Services System

Presentation 3C
Dayton
(60)

Improving Productivity by Reducing “No-Shows”: One Community Health Center’s Story - Joe Lyszak, MBA, Fremont Community Health Center, Fremont, OH

Please note: Continuing Education credits are not available for this session.

Description:

Patient “no show” rate ran between 21-36% daily at the Fremont Community Health Center (CHC). This rate resulted in a revenue and expenses loss > \$200,000 per year. This workshop will discuss the process CHC underwent to reduce the “no show” rate and the policy development process. The workshop will also discuss the “fruits of our labor” and will present an overview of the reinstatement class given to patients who “no-show” three times in one year.

Objectives:

By the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to identify:

1. The scope of the “no-show” problem at CHC and how this problem might occur at their agency
2. What keeps clients/patients from getting to their appointments
3. How CHC developed a policy to deal with “no-shows”
4. Overall results of the CHC policy

Presentation 3D
Toledo
(100)

Stigma and HIV– Bonnie Baris, LISW, Clinical Counselor/Clinical Supervisor ATF, The Woodlands Incorporated, Newark, OH

Description:

Stigma has been defined as "*a mark of disgrace or infamy; a stain or reproach, as on one's reputation.*" Stigma is closely aligned with social norms and changes at a slow pace. The fear of what will happen when one discloses HIV status has its roots in stigma. This workshop is designed to look at stigma, how it affects one's beliefs, feelings and behaviors, especially when the stigma is attached to a person living with HIV or extends to those who provide services to people living with

HIV. While designed for the professional, this workshop can be helpful to consumers who experience stigma in their own lives.

Objectives:

1. List causes and factors that lead to stigma.
2. Describe common feelings associated with being stigmatized
3. Identify methods of reducing HIV/AIDS stigma

**Presentation 3E
Columbus
(60)**

Informal HIV/AIDS Caregivers: A Study of Their Decision-making Experiences, and Perspectives - Gail Ukockis, PhD, LSW, Ohio Dominican University, Columbus

Description:

Based on my dissertation research, this workshop describes the informal/unpaid HIV/AIDS caregivers' experiences. This exploratory research study was primarily conducted at the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland and the Columbus AIDS Task Force and used a mixed methodology (96 surveys and 12 in-depth interviews).

Objectives:

1. Improve the participants' knowledge of HIV/AIDS care giving: demographics, intensity of care, motivations to become a caregiver, and other factors.
2. Discuss possible interventions on behalf of caregivers, which would also improve the lives of the HIV-positive care receivers.
3. Reflect on the qualitative themes expressed by the caregivers that may enhance the understanding of social work values.
4. Describe the impact of HIV/AIDS on caregivers.

**Presentation 3F
Akron
(30)**

It's All About Planning – Jeff Jones, Planner Supervisor, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, Ohio Department of Health, Columbus

Description:

This workshop is designed to help agencies and organizations plan for any incident or disaster that threatens service delivery.

We all plan. We plan to go to work, go to meetings, go to the store, we plan finances, we plan parties, weddings, funerals, baby showers, we plan for our children, sometimes; we even plan for our parents. Most of the planning we do is in our heads and we don't even think about the planning process. When we have to plan for organizations that are large and more complex, most people don't know where to start, what process to use, what format the plan should be in and how the plan should look when we finish. The military has recognized the value of planning for centuries, but often organizations don't know the basics of

planning or how to start. This presentation will explain the need for planning at the organizational level, why planning is important, what can be expected from a planning process, and will identify the steps to a usable, systematic planning process.

Objectives:

1. Identify the need for planning at the organization level
2. Explain why planning is important
3. Identify the expectations of a planning process
4. Identify a usable planning process

Presentation 3G
Boardroom I
(60)

Legislative and Advocacy Training - Nathan M. Schaefer, MSSA,
Director of Public Policy, Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York

Please note: Continuing Education credits are not available for this session.

Description:

It is important that HIV/AIDS services providers and consumers communicate regularly with policy makers about the needs of the HIV/AIDS community. Visits to elected officials are an effective means of engaging policy makers on issues of importance to the community. Legislators want to meet and hear from their constituents. However, they are very busy people, so it is crucial to make the most of the time you have with your elected representatives. This workshop will offer both HIV/AIDS service providers and HIV/AIDS service consumers with training to help make your meetings with legislators more effective and worthwhile. Activities will include role play of proper meeting interaction, overview of state/legislative and political processes, and explanation of policy issues affecting the HIV/AIDS community.

Objectives:

By the end of this workshop participants will have:

1. An understanding of how the state legislature works
2. An overview of current state legislature leadership
3. Tools and techniques for communicating with legislature representatives and staff
4. An understanding of how a bill becomes a law

Presentation 3H
Boardroom II
(30)

Camp Sunrise: The Past, Present, & Future – Katie McKee, Camp Sunrise Program Manager, Columbus; Christin Locke, Founder of Camp Sunrise, Columbus; James Carter, Camp Sunrise Volunteer and Board Member, Columbus

Target Audience: People living with HIV, AIDS Service Organization (ASO) employees & Case Managers

Description:

Camp Sunrise is a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to serving children and families impacted by HIV infection and AIDS. It is Ohio's first and only summer camp program that caters specifically to the needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS. The purpose of this workshop is to educate consumers and staff of ASO's about the history of Camp Sunrise and how the organization got to be where we are today. We will also discuss unmet needs of the youth we are serving and ways we might be able to fill those gaps (independently as well as with the help of other service organizations). The workshop will be split up into an informative presentation, viewing of the Camp Sunrise video, and discussion time for presenters and the audience.

Objectives:

1. To talk about Ohio-based services for HIV-impacted youth (what services are currently in place and what services are lacking)
2. To learn how Camp Sunrise could serve the community better
3. To educate people in the HIV community about the Camp Sunrise program
4. To provide an opportunity for an open discussion about youth services

9:45 – 10:00

BREAK

10:00 – 11:15

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #4

**Presentation 4A
Cleveland
(80)**

HIV Medications and Adherence Update – Jan Clark, PharmD, Infectious Diseases Clinic, AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, The Ohio State University Hospitals, Columbus

Description:

As more treatments for HIV become available and new classes of drugs hit the market, it is increasingly more difficult to remain knowledgeable. This workshop will provide a good, basic understanding of each of the classes of medications, their role in HIV treatment, and the importance of medication adherence in managing HIV.

Objectives

1. To discuss each of the classes of HIV medications and their roles in viral suppression
2. To provide specific information on the newest classes of drug approved
3. To offer suggestions on improving and maintaining adherence to HIV regimens

Presentation 4B

HIV Prevention Community Planning in 2007: R.E.C.E.D.E. - A Strategic

Cincinnati
(60)

Map to Eliminate HIV Infection in Columbus & Franklin County – Nina Lewis, ACSW, LISW, HIV Initiatives Program Team Leader, Columbus Public Health; Linda Laroche, LSW, HIV Prevention Coordinator, Columbus Public Health

Please note: Continuing Education credits are not available for this session.

Description:

The goal of this presentation is to teach participants about Central Ohio's strategic planning leading to the development of the 2007-2012 HIV Prevention Plan.

Objectives:

To increase participant's knowledge about:

1. What motivated us to do the plan
2. Who sat on the work group
3. What it cost and how we creatively covered the cost
4. What were unique influences
5. What motivated us to use a qualitative approach
6. What most surprised us in the answers
7. How we plan to use it - also known as "now what?"

Presentation 4C
Dayton
(60)

An Educational Model Aimed at Prevention of HIV/STI Transmission in High Risk Women – Gernayne Boswell Tizzano, Ph.D., President and Founder, Views From a Tree House, Inc., Westerville, OH

Description:

The significance of trauma on women's sexual health, body image, and health-care seeking behavior cannot be ignored. Women with histories of abuse are far more likely to engage in unsafe sex practices, have multiple sex partners, exchange sex for money or drugs, and be addicted to alcohol and other drugs.

This workshop will provide an innovative look at a curriculum designed to enhance women's sense of empowerment to define and implement sexually health choices aimed at reducing high risk behaviors associated with the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. Applications for clinical practice will be explored.

Objectives:

The participant of this workshop will have an understanding of the following objectives:

1. The relationship of trauma and substance abuse to enhanced risk of HIV/STI transmission;
2. The unique challenges of women with histories of trauma with respect to sexually healthy choices;

3. Enhanced appreciation of strategies to support sexually healthy choices in high-risk women.

Presentation 4D
Toledo
(100)

Navigating the Culture of Corrections – Kelly McCann, Chief Executive Officer, AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc., Houston, TX

Description:

This workshop offers an introduction to the “culture of corrections” to help community-based organizations learn how to successfully work within correctional facilities.

Presentation Outline:

1. Introduction
2. Definition of Culture
3. Why We Need to Go to Jail
4. Operating within Prison Culture
 - a. language
 - b. rules
 - c. relationships
5. Getting into Prison

Objectives:

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Define culture and discuss the unique elements of prison culture.
2. Discuss expected rules of conduct, forbidden items (contraband), and appropriate dress for visitors to correctional facilities.
3. Explain the proper ways to interact with both correctional personnel and offenders including boundaries, risk of manipulation, and maintaining professional relationships.
4. Accurately utilize prison slang and corrections terminology.

Presentation 4E
Columbus
(60)

Social Security Secrets: The Basic Secrets - Kendra S. Kleber JD, Kendra S. Kleber & Associates PLLC, Royal Oak, MI

Description:

There are some basic truths and strategies that can simplify the process of applying for private or public disability benefits. The first strategy is to understand how the whole thing works, and this presentation is based on ten years of successful experience with the Social Security disability process. These are the “secrets” that have resulted in a 99% success rate. Case managers and client advocates are a client’s best “secret weapon” in navigating through the disability process, especially if the social worker has experience and strategic planning to draw upon. The information in this presentation is designed to teach, encourage and empower social workers with proven strategies to help HIV-positive clients

support their claims while making the advocate's role as efficient and effective as possible.

Discussion will focus on preparing and supporting a disability benefits claim, and include specific methods for educating and preparing clients, working with health care providers, completing Social Security forms, and building professional credibility with the Social Security Administration. Handout materials include a guide for advocates, sample forms, and notes on the legal standards used by Social Security in evaluating HIV/AIDS-based claims.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, attendees will be able to

1. Explain the organization and function of the Social Security disability benefits system.
2. Identify the key elements of Social Security's disability analysis; apply that analysis to claims based on HIV/AIDS.
3. Understand basic strategies and methods to support claims for a client with HIV.

Presentation 4F
Akron
(30)

How important is Quality Management Anyway? – Linda Rose Frank, PhD, MSN, ACRN, CS, Principal Investigator and Executive Director Pennsylvania MidAtlantic AETC, Assistant Professor, Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Pittsburgh

Please note: Continuing Education credits are not available for this session.

Description:

The HIV/AIDS Bureau at HRSA defines Quality as the degree to which a health or social service meets or exceeds established professional standards and user expectations. Helping you develop quality programs and the capacity to measure the performance of these programs is a priority of HRSA and the Ryan White Program. This session will discuss some of the basics of Quality Management.

Objectives:

1. Review the history of quality management.
2. Identify the basic steps of pilot testing a quality project.
3. Describe methods of interpreting the success of a quality project.

Presentation 4G
Boardroom I
(60)

Rough Waters: Navigating HIV Healthcare Policy & Ways to Advocate for Improvements – David Munar, Vice President, Policy & Communications, AIDS Foundation of Chicago

Description:

For people with HIV/AIDS in the U.S., obtaining adequate healthcare coverage and services is often a challenge. The patchwork of public programs and services is often incomplete to meet all current and future client needs. This session will describe what federal programs currently exist, how they are configured, and what policy reforms are urgently needed to improve healthcare access for people with HIV/AIDS in the U.S.

Objectives:

1. To educate participants about the public and private sources to receive their healthcare in the U.S.
2. To inform participants about the most significant federally funded programs, including Medicaid, Medicare, and Ryan White
3. To share information about how participants can educate and advocate for sound HIV/AIDS-related healthcare expansion

**Presentation 4H
Boardroom II
(30)**

The HIV Epidemics in Asia and the Pacific – Thu Thi Huong Vuong, Master of Public Health Candidate, College of Public Health, Ohio State University, Columbus, Former Senior Program Officer, IDU Interventions Program, Family Health International, Vietnam

Target Audience:

State and local health department staff, public health professionals and managers of HIV/AIDS programs.

Description:

As we discuss the future of HIV/AIDS care, treatment and prevention in Ohio and the U.S., it is important that we gain an understanding of the worldwide epidemic. This workshop will present an overview of HIV/AIDS in another part of the world. The workshop will discuss:

1. Epidemiology of HIV in Asia
2. What works in HIV prevention: Why is Asia different
3. U.S. government support and policies regarding HIV prevention, care, and treatment in developing countries
4. Country case study: Vietnam
5. The future: Continuing challenges

Objectives:

By the end of this session, the audience should understand:

1. the major factors driving the HIV epidemic in Asia and how these are different from other parts of the world
2. the major prevention responses that have lowered HIV transmission in Asia
3. U.S. government support and policies regarding HIV in Asia
4. the components of a comprehensive response to HIV prevention, care, and treatment

11:15 – 11:30 **BREAK**

11:30 – 12:45 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS #5**

Presentation 5A
Cleveland
(80)

Medical HIV Prevention Research: A Focus on Microbicides – Benigno Rodriguez, MD, Assistant Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine; Director, Clinical Core, Case Western Reserve University Center for AIDS Research; Division of Infectious Diseases, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland

Description:

The need for medical interventions to reduce the number of new HIV infections increases with the continued spread of HIV nationally and internationally. In this session, participants will be provided an overview of the need for medically-based HIV prevention tools and the current status of research on HIV vaccines, microbicides, and pre- and post-exposure prophylaxes. The NIH recently established the Microbicide Trials Network to concentrate on the development of an effective, safe HIV microbicide. Participants will learn of the promises and challenges in the development of an effective HIV microbicide and the role that clinical trials and community participation play in this crucial area of research.

Objectives:

1. To increase knowledge on the need for new medically-based HIV prevention tools;
2. To educate participants on the current state of medical HIV prevention research, including the areas of preventive vaccines, microbicides, and pre- and post- exposure prophylaxes;
3. To educate participants on the newly formed, NIH-sponsored Microbicide Trials Network;
4. To educate participants on the medical and sociological barriers to the development of effective HIV microbicides;
5. To describe current HIV microbicide research at Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Case Medical Center

Presentation 5B
Cincinnati
(60)

Providers and Consumers: Not That Different – Midge Hines, LISW, Director of Client Services, Caracole, Inc., Cincinnati; Jon Hargett, MSW, LSW, Counselor, Caracole, Inc., Cincinnati

Target Audience: Providers and Consumers

Description:

This workshop will enable participants to identify their own tendencies, attitudes, and behaviors with regard to anxiety and depression. This interactive workshop will provide participants opportunities to identify strategies for recognizing the power of grief in their lives balanced with growth, feeling good, and being connected to others.

Objectives:

1. Providers and consumers will identify a continuum of mental health as it relates to the depression and anxiety created by the grief and loss of living with HIV/AIDS.
2. Providers and consumers will apply related skills to themselves and others.
3. Providers and consumers will incorporate these skills into their everyday lives.

Presentation 5C
Dayton
(60)

Empowering Your Clients to Vote – Chris Hughes, Program and Outreach Coordinator, Voting Rights Institute, Office of the Secretary of State, Columbus

Please note: Continuing Education credits are not available for this session.

Description:

This session looks at the importance of voting in establishing empowered identities, and goes through the options staff or volunteers of non-profit agencies have in terms of encouraging voting among their clients. The importance of person-to-person contact and the different kinds of voting in Ohio will be discussed.

Objectives:

By the completion of this session participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the connection between the work that they do and championing of voting rights for their clients
2. State the six requirements for Ohioans being qualified to register to vote in Ohio
3. Identify misconceptions about voting eligibility in Ohio
4. State the different types of voting found in Ohio

Presentation 5D
Toledo
(100)

HIV-Related Programming within the Correctional Setting: Models and Practical Advice – Jennifer Gallo, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Family Planning Services of Lorain County, Lorain; Rachel Ciomcia, SPNS Project Coordinator, Care Alliance Health Center, Cleveland; Jenice Contreras, Director of Development, Care Alliance Health Center, Cleveland; Kelly McCann, Chief Executive Officer, AIDS Foundation of Houston, Inc., Houston, TX

Description:

This panel highlights HIV-prevention, testing, linkage, and inmate peer education programming being conducted by community-based organizations within correctional settings. Panelists will describe their programs, the steps they took to successfully initiate programming in prisons/jails, and lessons learned.

Objectives:

At the end of the session, attendees will be able to:

1. Describe examples of HIV-related programming in correction settings;
2. List what steps they might take to start such programming;
3. Access resources to aid them in developing jail or prison-based programs;
4. Feel more confident in their ability to approach corrections institutions about HIV-related programming.

Presentation 5E
Columbus
(60)

Presentation 5F
Akron
(30)

Local Needs, Local Decisions: Improving HIV Care Services System

Performance – Greg Moody, Senior Consultant, Health Management Associates, Inc., Columbus

Description:

Health Management Associates (funded by ODH) will present preliminary findings from an Ohio HIV Care Services System Assessment. The presentation will focus on the capacity of Ohio's Ryan White Part B system to adequately serve clients, including information about epidemiologic trends, funding, access to providers, and the organizational relationship between Consortium-level care coordination and case management. Consortium-level data will be available. Case managers and consumers are encouraged to attend.

Objectives:

1. Attendees will hear what HMA has learned about making local decisions that reflect local consumer needs.
2. We will review epidemiologic, funding, and provider access trends that could impact local service capacity.
3. Attendees will be invited to discuss ways to better collect consumer input to make the local and statewide system more productive

Presentation 5G
Boardroom I
(60)

Ohio in 2013: Planning for Future Success – Kate Shumate, Administrator, HIV Care Services Section, Ohio Department of Health, Columbus

Description:

Ohio is uniquely positioned to see how HIV/AIDS has impacted cities like New York and San Francisco. This gives us a crystal ball to help us guess what we may be facing in 5 years. With access to this type of information, rather than being reactive, wouldn't it be better to sit down with all the interested stakeholders and develop a plan so we can be proactive? This presentation welcomes open dialogue about how HIV care is changing and the types of services that are no longer needed as well as those that may be needed in the future.

Objectives:

Participants will have an opportunity to:

1. Participate in dialogue about HIV/AIDS care in Ohio today and in the future.
2. Identify unmet needs that should be incorporated into a comprehensive plan.
3. Identify services that are no longer needed or are less often needed to better allow targeting of resources.
4. Contribute anecdotal information relative to the completion of a 5-Year Plan for Ohio's HIV Care Services.

Presentation 5H
Boardroom II
(30)

The “*Dear Friend*” Project: The Manifestation of Building Successful Support Groups – Susan Carter, MEd, LSW, LPCC, Social Worker, University of Toledo Health Center, Ryan White Program

Description:

This presentation describes tools for maintaining healthy support groups and the creation of *Dear Friend, Wise Words and Shared Journeys of People Living With HIV*, a 143 page book of personal stories written by group members for patients who may never be able to come to a group.

The Medical University of Ohio HIV/AIDS Clinic treats over 650 patients and sponsors a number of successful support groups. Only a small percentage of patients attend. Group facilitators wanted to reach the patients who may never be able to come to a group and to capture the powerful stories of those who did. Group members and several of their children agreed to share stories or poems in the form of a self published book called, *Dear Friend, Wise Words and Shared Journeys of People Living With HIV*.

Patients were interviewed by facilitators and each story became a chapter of struggle and hope with emphasis on the benefits of emotional support. The book is sold for \$10 but is given without charge to all patients. The money goes to a foundation that funds the printing costs and the support groups. *Dear Friend*:

- Provides new patients and self-isolated patients with information on how others deal with an HIV diagnosis
- Offers support and a resource for patients who feel they cannot attend a group.

- Gives the writers the catharsis of telling their stories and provides a format for preserving them.

Objectives:

1. Identify the key components of implementing a successful support group
2. Describe the necessary steps for developing a Dear Friend project
3. Describe the benefits of storytelling and sharing

12:45 – 1:00

BREAK

1:00 – 3:00

Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION #4 (LUNCH SERVED)

Policy Advocacy for People Living With HIV and HIV Care & Treatment Professionals: Roles, Responsibilities, and Emerging Debates – David Munar, Vice President, Policy & Communications, AIDS Foundation of Chicago; Linda Rose Frank, PhD, MSN, ACRN, CS, Principal Investigator and Executive Director, Pennsylvania/MidAtlantic AETC, Assistant Professor, Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Pittsburgh; Earl Pike, Executive Director, AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland

Description:

During this session, participants will hear an overview of national and state HIV/AIDS policy and program issues with a focus on the implementation of the recently reauthorized Ryan White Program. Major changes to the program will be discussed along with current implementation challenges.

Objectives:

By the end of this panel, participants will:

1. Gain a greater understanding of current policy issues/debates and how they affect the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS.
2. Understand how consumers, social workers, clinicians and other professionals can advocate for system change
3. Gain a greater understanding of how social workers, clinicians and other professionals can and do support self-advocacy and empowerment within the HIV/AIDS community.
4. Gain a greater understanding of the role of advocacy in clinical and ethical practices for social workers, clinicians and other professionals.

3:00 PM

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ADJOURNS