

Division of HIV Updates for March Meeting

Division Updates:

- The next HIV Planning Group Townhall is currently being planned for Wednesday, May 14th and Thursday May 15th. Genetti Hotel Williamsport Pa. [The Genetti Hotel Williamsport, PA - The Genetti Hotel](#). More information on the Townhall will be provided in the coming weeks.

Care Program:

- The open Public Health Program Administrator position was posted and closed. The next step is selecting candidates for interviews.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Health has been selected as one of HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) grant recipients to be featured in the 2025 RWHAP Biennial Progress Report. This year's report will highlight the great work that recipients are doing across the country to advance the RWHAP. They would especially like to highlight the work we're doing regarding ADAP and quality improvement.

Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP):

- Remaining 2025 SPBP Advisory Council meeting dates (All future SPBP Advisory Council meetings will be held by webinar/teleconference only. We will no longer be meeting in-person as was previously done for the April and October meetings.)
 - Thursday, April 24, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
 - Thursday, July 31, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
 - Thursday, October 23, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
- 2026 SPBP Advisory Council Meeting Dates
 - Thursday, January 29, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
 - Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
 - Thursday, July 30, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
 - Thursday, October 22, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
- Updates on the SPBP website (www.health.pa.gov/spbp)
 - Pharmacy Network List – updated 2/1/25
- The SPBP eligibility income limits for applicants were updated for 2025 effective 1/15/25
 - The income limit for an individual is \$78,250
 - For each spouse/dependent in the applicant's household, there is an additional \$27,500 income allowance per person

Monitoring & Evaluation:

- The posting for a Public Health Program Administrator in the Monitoring and Evaluation Section, has ended as of 3/11/25. This position will administer HIV Prevention grants and contracts. We will begin interviews as soon as we receive the list of qualified candidates.
- The 2025 Ryan White Part B Monitoring calendar will continue with visits to AIDSNET in March and continue in April with UWWV. We look forward to having productive and positive visits with our Regional Subrecipients again this year.

Prevention Program:

- The HIV Prevention and Surveillance Annual Performance Report and Application for Continuation of Funding was submitted on February 24.
- For an updated calendar of trainings opportunities, please visit <https://stophiv.com/capacity-building-and-training/>

HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology:

- We recently identified two HIV Time-Space clusters in two counties, namely:
 - Clearfield County
 - Fayette County

The two clusters are small (5 and 6, respectively) and predominantly among men who have sex with men. We have commenced necessary field responses to address the clusters.

MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center (MAAETC):

- Upcoming MAAETC trainings/events are as follows:
 - Trainings for Case Managers in Pennsylvania
 - Co-Occurring Behavioral Health Issues in HIV Care March 12 10am-12pm
 - Public Benefits for People with HIV
 - ❖ Part 1: Medicaid March 17 & 19 10am-12pm
 - ❖ Part 2: Social Security March 20 & 21 10am-12pm
 - HIV and Special Populations
 - ❖ HIV & Aging March 25 10am-11am
 - ❖ HIV Care in Communities with Specific Needs March 27 9am-10:30am
 - PrEP is Not for Me-Addressing Difficult Conversations about PrEP (Virtual) March 13 12pm-1pm
 - Women and PrEP Symposium (Virtual) March 14 8:30am-5:00pm

- Clinical Series: HIV & Congenital Syphilis (Virtual/FHS) March 18 12pm-1pm
- HIV Clinical Mini-Residency/Preceptorship Training (Virtual) March 20 9am-1:30pm
- Understanding the Basics of HIV (Virtual) March 20 12pm-1pm
- Case Management Community of Practice Monthly Webinar: HIV & Women (Virtual) March 25 3pm-4pm
- 5th Annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Education Program (Virtual) March 25 1pm-5pm
- Webinar Wednesday-HIV and Pregnancy: Current Approaches in the U.S. (Virtual) April 2 2pm-3pm
- HIV Prevention ECHO Series: Occupational PEP (Virtual) April 3 12:15pm-1:15pm
- Benefits 201: Deep Dive for HIV Case Managers (Virtual) April 8-10 9am-12pm
- Interactive HIV Panel-Unity in Care: An Interprofessional Approach to HIV Management (Virtual) April 8 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Integrating HCV Treatment into HIV Treatment for Medical and Behavioral Health Providers (Virtual) April 9 8:45am-1:30pm
- HIV and Mental Health (Virtual) April 15 11am-12:30pm
- HIV Prevention Training (Virtual) April 17 10am-11:30am
- Long-Acting HIV Therapies: The Future of Treatment and Prevention (Virtual) April 21 12pm-1pm
- Case Management Community of Practice Monthly Webinar: Creating and Facilitating Ryan White Support Groups (Virtual) April 22 3pm-4pm
- Erie's got PEP and PrEP Too!-April 23rd 4:30pm-8:15pm
- Gettysburg Conference: Aging, Youth and Everything in Between: HIV Care at all Stages June 10 8am-5pm

For more on the events listed above, please see the flyers that were emailed prior to this meeting. Flyers are also available for view on StopHIV.com.