

Spring 2016 Newsletter

NHC Chicago Host Site Celebrates 5th Anniversary

PHIMC congratulates the Illinois Eye Institute (IEI) at Princeton Elementary School and Chicago Public Schools for celebrating five years of service as the largest school-based vision clinic in the nation. At the event, Medical Director Sandy Block, OD, thanked NHC Chicago members for their integral role in the clinic's success. IEI at Princeton Elementary School has partnered with PHIMC as a NHC Chicago host site for the last three years. NHC Chicago members placed at Princeton conduct entrance eye exams and manage clinic referrals for patients that require follow-up care. PHIMC is excited to continue its partnership with IEI, placing two members at the school-based vision clinic during the 2016-17 program year.



PHIMC Named Lead Organization to Support Substance Abuse Services in Chicago

We are pleased to announce Chicago Department of Public Health, Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health named PHIMC Lead Organization for Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services in Chicago. Earlier this month, PHIMC released a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) for a total of \$867,138 available funds. Aligned with Healthy Chicago 2.0 priorities, funds will be awarded to support services in the following five categories: prevention, treatment, detoxification, naloxone, and recovery services. RFPs are due Friday May 6, 2016.

PHIMC is also seeking a diverse group of volunteers to serve as reviewers for proposals submitted in response to this RFP. If you are interested in serving as a reviewer please [click here](#) for more information. [Applications](#) are due Monday, May 2, 2016.

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Summit of Hope - Volunteer Opportunity

PHIMC is honored to have received a Certificate of Appreciation for dedication and support to the Summit of Hope. Summit of Hope is a series of community expos sponsored by Illinois Department of Corrections and Illinois Department of Public Health. These

community-hosted events occur statewide and are focused on connecting parolees and probationers with services to ensure smooth transitions from incarceration to community. PHIMC has been pleased to support the Summit of Hope by operating as a fiscal agent, purchasing refreshments, helping to coordinate space, and supporting the procurement of identification for probationers who need it.



PHIMC staff have been volunteering at these events since their inception, and Controller Dana Amal has already volunteered at three events this year. When asked about her volunteer experience, Ms. Amal said, "The vendors are so dedicated to the parolees. It's a phenomenal thing. Everyone should volunteer at least once to see how hard the transition is for ex-offenders to reenter the community and to see how well the community comes together to help these individuals."



To volunteer at the next Summit of Hope, please visit Illinois Department of Corrections [website](#).

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Healthy Chicago 2.0 Launches

PHIMC is proud to be one of the 130 cross-sector partner organizations to assist Chicago Department of Public Health with the development and implementation of Healthy Chicago 2.0. **Healthy Chicago 2.0** is the city's new four-year plan to achieve health equity. The plan comprises an ambitious 230 actionable strategies focused on neighborhoods facing the greatest health disparities.

If the Chicago of the 20th Century focused outwardly to grow Chicago as a commercial center, then Healthy Chicago 2.0 is focused inward, making sure that the contributors to systemic health disparities in the community—such as the built environment, education, housing and economic development—are addressed. PHIMC is excited to join this effort and encourages everyone to **attend one of the community meetings** planned in May.



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Congratulations Evonda Thomas-Smith

Congratulations to PHIMC Board President Evonda Thomas-Smith, Director of Evanston Health and Human Services Department, for being honored by Evanston Community Foundation as a community leader. Ms. Thomas-Smith was



recognized at the Leadership Evanston Alumni 2016: Focus on Human Services event.

Thank you for supporting the work of PHIMC. Because of partners like you, PHIMC is able to enhance the capacity of public health and health care systems to promote health equity and expand access to services.

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