

Winter 2016 Newsletter

PHIMC Recognized as Leader in Building Public Health Capacity

PHIMC was recently awarded a grant from the **Telligen Community Initiative**. Funding from Telligen will support workforce development initiatives including National Health Corps Chicago and creation of a Health Innovation Training for the public health workforce.



National Health Corps Chicago: Driving Change with a New Name

As the Chicago operating site of the National Health Corps (NHC), PHIMC is excited to announce that we have recently changed the name of our AmeriCorps program from Chicago Health Corps to **National Health Corps Chicago (NHC Chicago)**. NHC Chicago delivers and connects those who need it most with health and wellness education, benefits, and services, while developing tomorrow's compassionate health leaders. By changing our name, we

bring more alignment with NHC and its other operating sites in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Florida.

PHIMC is seeking applications from organizations interested in hosting a National Health Corps Chicago AmeriCorps Member for the upcoming 2016-2017 service term. Applications are due by February 26, 2016. For more information about how to become a host site please visit our [website](#).

Accelerating Progress at the National HIV Prevention Conference

PHIMC Executive Director Karen Reitan and Deputy Director - Strategy and Partnerships Blair Harvey presented at the National HIV Prevention Conference (NHPC) last month in Atlanta, GA. NHPC provides an important opportunity for in-person collaboration between public health officials, community workers, scientists, clinicians, and persons living with HIV. NHPC 2015 explored critical themes such as preventing infections, strengthening care, and

reducing disparities. PHIMC shared expertise on reducing stigmas that hinder HIV testing and care through the [Protecting our Patients \(POP\) Campaign](#) and restoring lives through our Community Reentry Project.



PHIMC Leads Strategic Planning for Reentry Community

PHIMC was selected to lead the planning process for the corrections and reentry component of the 2017-2021 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan for the Illinois Department of Public Health. For years, PHIMC has lead the statewide reentry plan development and implementation through its leadership of Community Reentry Project. PHIMC is poised to continue leading this process to help those living with and at highest risk for HIV transition smoothly from incarceration to communities.

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.

Sincerely,

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