

## Summer 2016 Newsletter

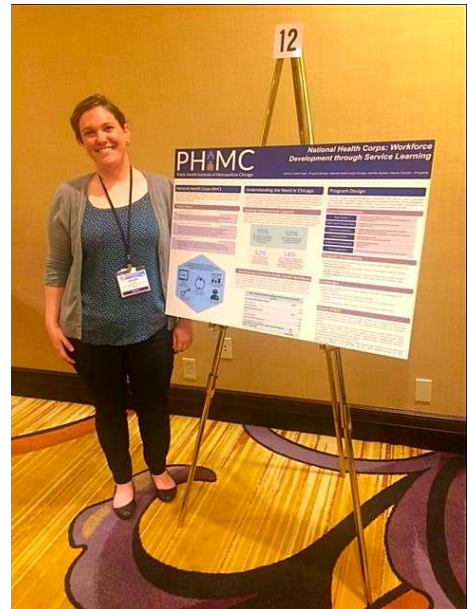
### PHIMC Presents at 2016 National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) Annual Conference

PHIMC shared expertise in cross-sector collaboration and program implementation during presentations on the **Community Reentry Project (CRP)**, **National Health Corps Chicago (NHC Chicago)**, and **Protecting Our Patients (POP)** at the 2016 National Network of Public Health Institutes conference in May. The conference brings together public health institutes and other stakeholders to discuss ways to improve population health and bridge sectors.

Executive Director Karen A. Reitan presented on CRP, focusing on the successful strategies that PHIMC uses to build alliances with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Corrections, and a statewide network of partner agencies. These collaborations support the CRP's success providing coordinated services to improve the lives of clients at high risk for HIV as they transition from incarceration to communities throughout Illinois.

Deputy Director - Programs, Jenny Epstein, presented a poster detailing NHC Chicago's commitment to fostering healthy communities and developing future health leaders. Through a comprehensive program model, NHC Chicago promotes health and wellness education, benefits, and services to communities in need.

In a roundtable discussion, Deputy Director - Strategy and Partnerships, Blair Harvey, shared how POP reduces stigmas that prevent healthy patient outcomes. The two POP interventions highlighted provide professionals with strategies for integrating HIV screening into routine health care and providing affirming medical care for all patients, especially marginalized populations.



### Deputy Director - Programs Gears Up for the Chicago Half Marathon

PHIMC cheers on Jenny Epstein as she trains for the Chicago Half Marathon with Team to End AIDS (T2EA). Eighty percent of the funds that Jenny raises will support PHIMC projects, including the work to continue the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We are very proud of Jenny and excited to support this great and generous accomplishment. The 13.1-mile race will take place on Sunday,

September 25, 2016.



If you would like to support Jenny, [click here](#) to donate, or email [volunteer@aidschicago.org](mailto:volunteer@aidschicago.org) to volunteer on the day of the event!

## Residents in Social Enterprise (RISE) Fellows Move on to Bright Careers

PHIMC was honored to have two New Sector Alliance Residents in Social Enterprise (RISE) Fellows as a part of the team this past year. PHIMC is thankful for all they have done and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

Rachel Schwartz, the Innovations and Strategy RISE Fellow, spent the year exploring billing and reimbursement strategies for PHIMC's partners and integrating other innovative strategies and practices into PHIMC's infrastructure. Upon completion of her RISE Fellowship, Rachel will be supporting Village Capital's Education portfolio for U.S. EdTech entrepreneurs as an associate.



The Community Reentry RISE Fellow, Yoselyn Ovalle, provided programmatic and administrative support for the Community Reentry Project. Her biggest venture entailed surveying the Illinois Sheriff's Association regarding HIV services in county jails. In the future, she will maintain her position on the board of directors for the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health and pursue a career in communications within the social sector.

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## PHIMC Announces Recipients of CDPH Substance Abuse Grants

Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago, on behalf of Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health, is pleased to announce \$573,898.06 has been awarded to eight agencies for Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services in Chicago. This grant portfolio will support the CDPH Healthy Chicago 2.0 priorities for substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services, and makes funding available for interventions targeting priority populations in community areas that are geographically distributed across Chicago. Information regarding the specific awards for Prevention and Naloxone will be released in the coming weeks.

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## Congratulations Eduardo Alvarado

Congratulations to Eduardo Alvarado, the newly appointed Illinois Department of Public Health HIV Section Chief. Mr. Alvarado has been acting in this position for several months, and his appointment has recently been made official. We look forward to seeing all the things he will accomplish in this role and working with him and IDPH to improve health outcomes for Illinois residents.

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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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