

## Winter Newsletter

### PHIMC is Accepting Applications for New Positions

We are growing our team of innovative strategists and committed leaders by hiring two new full-time positions. The **Quality and Prevention Coordinator** will work on the Substance Use Treatment and Intervention Services project in the City of Chicago. The **Administrative Associate** will provide support across the agency.

For more information on how you can apply, visit our [website](#).



### PHIMC Seeks New Routine HIV Screening Partner Agencies

PHIMC is seeking two new health care partners to continue our decade-long work supporting routine HIV screening in Illinois. These agencies will work with PHIMC staff to implement routine HIV screening into their clinical settings as a standard of care. Partners will receive training and technical assistance, funding for capacity building, support for billing and reimbursement of services, and access to a statewide network of other clinical settings doing the same work. Over the last three years of the project, clinical sites conducted over 69,000 tests, identified 389 positive cases, integrated screening into electronic health record systems, and established third party billing and reimbursement processes for testing. Please contact HIV Testing Manager Saúl Zepeda to learn more: [saul.zepeda@phimc.org](mailto:saul.zepeda@phimc.org).

## PHIMC Incubates New Project

We are pleased to serve as the organizational home for the Chicago Torture Justice Center (CTJC), a new non-profit addressing the impact of police violence. The mission of CTJC is to address the traumas of police violence and institutionalized racism through access to healing and wellness services, trauma-informed resources, and community connections. "The Center is a part of and supports a movement to end all forms of police violence," says Executive Director Christine Haley. "We are blessed to have such critical support from PHIMC as we begin this important work." CTJC joins other public health projects that find their organizational home with PHIMC, including Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus, Making A Daily Effort (MADE), Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium, and Youth Pride. "Providing an organizational home and fiscal management services is key to the PHIMC mission of enhancing the capacity of public health and health care systems to promote health equity and expand access to services," says PHIMC Executive Director Karen A. Reitan.



CTJC is currently hiring a Clinical Director. [Click here](#) to learn more about the job.

## Summit of Hope Events Coming Soon



Join PHIMC and our partners Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), as a volunteer for the upcoming Summit of Hope Community Expo. The Summit of Hope is an IDOC- and IDPH-sponsored program that provides individuals on probation or parole with access to resources to overcome barriers that may prevent them from successfully reentering their communities. These services include counseling, child support services, health care referrals, and HIV testing.

Details for the first Summit of Hope events of 2017 are below:

- \* March 24, 2017 - Willye B. White Park, 1610 W. Howard, Chicago, IL 60626
- \* April 20, 2017 - Salvation Army, 300 3rd Ave., Joliet, IL 60433

The events take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and volunteers are provided with breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register as a volunteer or vendor, [click here](#). Please share these event details with clients and partner agencies.

## PHIMC Welcomes New Board Members and Says Farewell to Others

As we continue to grow in our efforts to strengthen public health infrastructure in Illinois, PHIMC is pleased to announce a new slate of directors joining the board. In December 2016, we welcomed the following new members to the board of directors: Jaime Dirksen, Director of Community Health Institute at Trinity Health; Mignon Stewart, Program Officer at Prince Charitable Trusts; Jim Werner, President, Business Systems Consulting, LLC; and Mildred Williamson, Director of Research at Cook County Health and Hospital Systems. "PHIMC's Board of Directors are leaders across the spectrum of public health work in the Chicago metropolitan region," says Executive Director Karen A. Reitan. "Their strong passion for the work of PHIMC and the communities we serve is critical to our success."

The following directors, whose services have contributed greatly to our organization, are rolling off the board: Carmen Velasquez, Rossana Barrera-Saavedra, and Mark Grach. We are grateful for their long-standing commitment and service to PHIMC.

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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.

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