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Summer 2018 Newsletter

Support Team PHIMC at the 2018 AIDS Run & Walk Chicago



Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC) is excited to host a team at the AIDS Run & Walk on September 23, 2018. The AIDS Run & Walk Chicago is AIDS Foundation of Chicago's (AFC) annual fundraising event for programs that decrease stigma and raise awareness about the epidemic and support healthcare and services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Join us in the fight to end HIV/AIDS by participating on Team PHIMC or donating to help us reach our goal of \$10,000. 90% of donations for Team PHIMC will directly support our programs and partners that serve people at risk of or are living with HIV/AIDS. For questions, email Caitlyn Hicks at caitlyn.hicks@phimc.org.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Team PHIMC and to support our cause.

PHIMC expands programs that address the opioid crisis

Local Investment

In July, Mayor Rahm Emanuel with Chicago Department of Public Health announced the expansion of its opioid addiction treatment services delivered through PHIMC's partnership with the City. The additional \$500,000 investment, granted to nine organizations, in Chicago will expand and enhance capacity to provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT), recovery services, and medical and supportive care for adults in high risk areas of Chicago. The full press release can be found [here](#).

Statewide Outreach

PHIMC is actively promoting the [Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances](#).

This helpline increases the availability of information, outreach, and medication assisted treatment and recovery support services for



Illinois residents with opioid use disorders. Agencies interested in distributing marketing materials can contact Nate Muckley, Outreach Associate at nate.muckley@phimc.org.

National Partnerships

PHIMC is partnering on a new initiative to address the opioid crisis in five states. Funded through the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI), PHIMC and Health Resources in Action are collaborating to provide technical assistance and capacity building support to cross sector stakeholder coalitions in Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming. Through this collaboration, each state will create a statewide action plan to prevent opioid abuse, misuse, and overdose.

PHIMC launches new AmeriCorps program SUD Allies and seeks applications for host sites and members

PHIMC is excited to announce the launch of a new AmeriCorps program, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Allies. SUD Allies supports prevention, treatment, and recovery agencies throughout Chicago and suburban Cook County that serve individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders. AmeriCorps members engage clients, youth, and providers through a variety of comprehensive services, including case management, health insurance enrollment assistance, prevention education, and anti-stigma education. Funding for this AmeriCorps program is made available by the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, a part of the Illinois Department of Public Health, in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service.

PHIMC seeks applications from organizations interested in hosting a SUD Allies AmeriCorps member during the 2018-2019 service term. Applications are due **August 31, 2018**. For more information on how to apply, please click [here](#).

To apply to become a SUD Allies AmeriCorps Member please submit a resume to SUDAllies@phimc.org and complete the online application [here](#).

NHC Chicago celebrates end of term

On June 29, National Health Corps Chicago (NHC Chicago) members celebrated the successful completion of 1,700 hours of direct service at the end of term ceremony. This year, through NHC Chicago, 20 AmeriCorps members were placed at nine different community organizations throughout Chicagoland. For nearly 11 months, each member played a role in fostering healthy communities by connecting those who need it most with health and wellness education, benefits, and services. Congratulations to our 2017-18 cohort and thank you for your amazing service!



Quality Management Resource Hub goes live

Last March, PHIMC and CDPH collaborated to launch the Quality Management Resource Hub, a new online system that will support quality management activities for Ryan White Part A sub-recipients in Chicago. The Resource Hub is a centralized and dynamic collection of resources produced or promoted by PHIMC and CDPH to improve Ryan White Part A quality management (QM) programs and activities.

Click [here](#) to access the Quality Management Resource Hub and learn more.

PHIMC's third Reentry Conference hits maximum capacity

The 2018 Illinois Reentry Conference: "In These Shoes," filled Chicago's University Center to capacity, attracting 130 participants this past July. This year's conference focused on transgender and gender-non-conforming health needs, family support for children of formerly incarcerated individuals, discharge planning, and linkages to hepatitis C treatment. Interactive presentations by Adler University and PHIMC's [Protecting Our Patients \(POP\) Campaign](#) explored social barriers that formerly incarcerated people face on reentry to society and the impact of stigma on their health outcomes. The Corrections Case Management team received the Community Reentry Champion Award for their exemplary service and dedication to the reentry community.



Staff demonstrate their knowledge and experience

PHIMC has been honored to present at a number of conferences and share its expertise and lessons learned with others in the field:

- In April, Executive Director Karen A. Reitan presented on PHIMC's substance use disorder work in Chicago at the National Council on Behavioral Health's NATCON 18 Conference in Washington, DC.
- Last May, Reentry Manager Rashonda Williams shared how PHIMC's Community Reentry Project addresses stigma at the National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS.
- Also in May, multiple staff members had the opportunity to present at NNPHI's Annual Conference and Work Force Forum including Program Director - Workforce Development Caitlin Stack, who presented on the AmeriCorps program at both the Annual Conference and NNPHI's Public Health Improvement Training the following month.
- In July, Blair Harvey, Deputy Director - Strategy and Partnerships attended the NACCHO Annual Conference where she presented on PHIMC's Protecting Our Patients (POP) Campaign, which mobilizes healthcare teams to address stigmas that impact patient health outcomes.



New partnership to support community health and address health equity

PHIMC is excited to be the new administrative and fiscal partner to **Proviso Partners for Health (PP4H)**. PP4H is a community developed and driven approach to improving health and addressing economic opportunity in the Proviso Township and Maywood region. The coalition works closely with Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and Loyola University Health System. Through this partnership we are excited to welcome PP4H Program Director, Susanne Schnell and Project Coordinator, John 'Jack' Hertenstein Perez to the team.

PHIMC welcomes new staff

PHIMC also welcomes three recent additions to our team. Audra Tobin joins as Program Director - Quality & Prevention, as well as Meghana Menon, Project Coordinator, and Nate Muckley, Program Associate. More information on our staff, including their bios can be found on our [website](#).



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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