

2016 FALL NEWSLETTER

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Letter from BRHPC President & CEO, Michael De Lucca

I am pleased to announce that BRHPC has obtained accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA), who evaluates non-profit agencies in the field of human services. This demonstrates that we have met standards of quality set forth by the COA, including providing high quality programs, strong fiscal management and a commitment to prudent management of scarce resources. The accreditation process included an in-depth self-review of all aspects of our operations, mountains of documentation that were provided to the COA and a 3-day site visit. Our accreditation demonstrates all of the hard work and commitment of our employees who made this possible and I want to congratulate them for a job well done!

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Letter from CEO (Continued)

It is that time of the year again to consider your health insurance options! The Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment period begins November 1st, 2016 for those enrolled in ACA health plans. To re-enroll or change plans, as well as those who do not have health insurance, should enroll in a health plan to avoid an increase in penalties for 2017. Open Enrollment runs through January 31st, 2017. BRHPC and other community partners are available to assist you or your organization in the ACA Marketplace enrollment process. Please call (954) 561-9681 to speak to one of the Marketplace Navigators.

BRHPC served as the coordinating agency for the annual Point in Time Homeless Count (PIT), where the community goes out one night during the year to count those who are homeless in Broward County. The PIT is a community effort with organizations and volunteers canvassing the county's homeless shelters and streets to survey the homeless population to assess the number of individuals who are homeless in our community and some of their needs and barriers. As the volunteers canvass the community, they also try to link the homeless to programs that may be able to assist them in finding permanent housing, including the housing programs offered by BRHPC. We are currently preparing for the PIT count for January 2017 and would like your help. Please contact Shira Fowlkes, PIT Count Coordinator, at sfowlkes@brhpc.org if you or your organization would like to volunteer for the 2017 Point in Time Homeless Count.

This newsletter highlights many of our programs and activities. We will continue to strive to improve our community with programs that improve the health and well-being of our residents.

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Visit our health blog at www.brhpc.org/health-blog

Affordable Care Act Navigator Program (ACA)



It's time to get covered. If you, or someone you know needs health insurance, this is your chance to sign up for quality affordable coverage. Open Enrollment only happens once each year. This year's Open Enrollment runs from November 1st, 2016 through January 31st, 2017. Do not miss your chance to get covered.

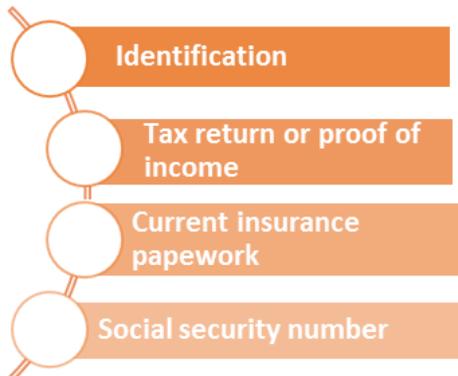
If you are worried about the monthly cost of insurance, financial help is available. Over 8 out of 10 people who enrolled in health coverage through HealthCare.gov qualified for financial help to make their monthly premiums more affordable.

Join the millions of Americans who now have access to quality affordable healthcare coverage.

For consumers who already have a plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace, it pays to shop around. Even if none of your information has changed, you may still be able to get a better deal. Marketplace consumers have the option to switch plans annually. This means that during Open Enrollment you can check to see if a different plan will save you money, offers more services or includes more doctors.

Need help understanding your options? Free, in-person help is available through a Navigator. Call Today at 954-561-9681.

What do I need to bring to my appointment?



Centralized Intake and Eligibility Determination (CIED)

Ryan White Part A Services

Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., provides Centralized Intake and Eligibility for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Broward County. The program provides a single entry point of service and assistance with applications and referrals to third party benefits and community services to all eligible Broward County residents.

Meet the Newest Members of our CIED Team!



Enas Mohamed received her Master's degree in Public Health from Nova Southeastern University. Her experience includes medical management of HIV clients.

"I'm very passionate about assisting clients receiving medical and support services to improve their health outcomes."



Stephanie Bedoya attended Florida Atlantic University and obtained her Bachelor's degree in Psychology And Sociology. Her past experience includes medical data entry and Insurance verification.

"I like working in the health field because I enjoy helping others. It is a great satisfaction to make a difference in the community and giving back to others is very gratifying."

CIED Locations

CIED Main Office

Broward Regional Health Planning Council
200 Oakwood Lane, Suite 100, Hollywood, 33021
954-566-1417

AIDS Healthcare Foundation

6405 N Federal Highway, #205, Ft Laud 33308
954-722-2411
Tuesday-Friday 8:30-5:00

AIDS Healthcare Foundation Oakland Park HCC

1164 E Oakland Park Blvd, Oakland Park 33334
954-561-6900

AIDS Healthcare Foundation River Plaza

954-767-0887

Broward Community & Family Health

168 N Powerline Rd, Pompano 33069
954-970-8805
Monday 8:30-5:00 pm Tuesdays 10:00-6:30 pm

Florida Department of Health in Broward County

Paul Hughes Health Center
205 NW 6th Avenue, Pompano 33060
954-566-1417

Florida Department of Health in Broward County

State Road 84
780 SW 24th Street, Fort Lauderdale
954-467-4700

Broward Health

Comprehensive Care Center
1101 NW 1st Street, Fort Lauderdale 33311
954-467-0880

Specialty Care Center

1111 W. Broward Blvd, Ft Laud 33311

Broward House

Wilton Manors Client Service Center
2800 Andrews Ave, Wilton Manors 33311

Care Resource

871 W Oakland Park Blvd, Ft Laud 33311
954-567-7141

Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center

Comprehensive Family AIDS Program
1401 S Federal Highway, Ft Laud 33316
954-728-1088

Memorial Healthcare System

Memorial Primary Care Center – Dania
4105 Pembroke Rd, Hollywood 33021
954-265-8412

Poverello: Friends Fitness Center

2200 NE 12th Ave. Wilton Manors 33305
954-561-3663

After Hours & Weekends By Appointment

Healthy Families and Broward (HFB)



Last month, Healthy Families Broward, Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, and The Kiwanis Club collaborated in order to protect our community from the Zika Virus. Through generous funds from the Ounce of Prevention, Healthy Families Broward was able to purchase items to make 600 bags of Zika supplies, so our participants were able to receive preventive supplies to protect them against mosquitos. Among the supplies provided, were bed nets that could be placed over the beds of sleeping infants and strollers. This would protect the child from mosquitos not only indoors, but outside as well. The families were also supplied with mosquito repellent and mosquito bracelets in case the family members were allergic and could not apply spray to their clothes or body. They were also given mosquito “bits”. These “bits” are used to place in standing water, in flower pots, and in the grass where mosquitos are more likely to lay their eggs. The “bits” are used not only to kill the mosquitos, but to kill any of the eggs that might be present.

The Kiwanis Clubs were instrumental with these efforts, by supplying Healthy families Broward with volunteers to assemble the bags containing the mosquito prevention supplies. With Kiwanis Club, service is at the heart. Kiwanis members stage nearly 150,000 service projects, devote more than 6 million hours of service and raise nearly \$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. Key Club members pitch in 12 million hours of service each year. We were fortunate to have some of those hours devoted to our program. The members showed in full force and ready to work as we assembled 600 Zika bags with supplies and important information so families could be aware of what the Zika Virus is, the forms of transmission, and preventive measures in which they could take to prevent themselves from contracting the virus. With their help, we were able to assemble all the bags, and have our staff deliver all of the bags. Thanks again to Ounce of Preventions and the Kiwanis club for making this possible.

Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP)

Ryan White Part A Services

Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. provides insurance support services to qualified Ryan White Part A clients through HICP. The program provides insurance premium assistance for pre-approved Marketplace plans as well as copay and deductible assistance. For more information regarding HICP please call 954-561-9681 ext. 1275 or 1220.

Welcome New Staff!



Prior to accepting the HICP Coordinator position, Meredith worked as a Health Planner for the Ryan White, HIV Clinical Quality Management Program. As HICP Coordinator, Meredith will be responsible for Health Insurance Premium Payments and wrap around services.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to work in the HICP program and expand my knowledge in the field. I look forward to working with clients and assisting them to obtain quality healthcare coverage."



Claudia attended Nova Southeastern University and obtained her Master's Degree in Public Health. Her previous experience includes working with the American Heart Association and with TOUCH initiatives, such as the "Summer Break spot Mobile Program." Claudia began working with BRHPC in December 2015.

"Working with the HICP program has been a wonderful experience for me. Providing assistance to our HIV clients has been a very rewarding experience. I look forward to the year ahead and working with our amazing Ryan White clients".

School Readiness / VPK Program



Child Care Assistance &
Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)
www.BrowardChildCare.org
Financial Assistance For Eligible Low-Income Families & Free VPK

BRHPC is excited to announce our new program, which provides Eligibility, Enrollment & Fiscal Administration for the School Readiness, Child Care Executive Partnership, Voluntary Pre-K & Financially Assisted Child Care contracts.



Broward Regional Health Planning Council provides **School Readiness & Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten** services and has provided assistance to over 32,000 children during the past fiscal year. BRHPC along with Blue Jean Software created and implemented the online Redetermination Portal that allows families to access the child care application, wait list, upload required documentation through the use of their cell phone and submit the application for review by BRHPC eligibility specialists. Currently there have been approximately 16,023 entries in the Redetermination Portal.

The Referral Portal was created to assist referring Providers with a streamlined referral application that can be completed and submitted online, viewing capabilities that reflect the status of the application and completion updates that provide the completion date and childcare provider selected. There are currently 1,357 entries in the Referral Portal.

Currently there are 14,723 children enrolled within the School Readiness Program and approximately 17,488 children enrolled in Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten services.

School Readiness / VPK Program

Families with low incomes in Florida who are trying to work or get training to work may be eligible for school readiness help. **The School Readiness Program** offers financial assistance to low-income families for early child education and care, so families can become financially self-sufficient and their young children can be successful in school in the future. Services vary based on individual need and range from extended day to extended year and school age care in some instances. The program takes into account a child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; involves parents as their child's first teacher; prepares children to be ready for school; and gives parents information about child development and other topics of interest. School readiness programs provide developmental screenings for children and referrals to health and educational specialists.

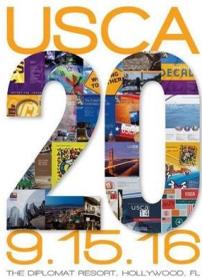
Florida's **Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program** or **VPK** is a free educational program that prepares 4-year-olds for kindergarten and beyond. Children must live in Florida and be 4 on or before September 1 of the school year they enroll. Parents can choose from private child care centers or public schools and school-year or summer programs. Parents of 4-year-olds with special needs have an option outside the classroom setting – VPK Specialized Instructional Services (VPK-SIS).

To find a participating provider please use our interactive map at www.Browardchildcare.org.

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services help families locate quality child care and early education programs. Trained specialists offer information about local child care options and develop customized lists of child care providers based on each family's specific child care needs. Financial assistance strategies and referrals to other community resources and programs are also available. You can also call Broward's CCR&R provider, **211-Broward** by dialing **954-537-0211**.



HIV Planning Council & Clinical Quality Management (HIVPC)



United States Conference on AIDS

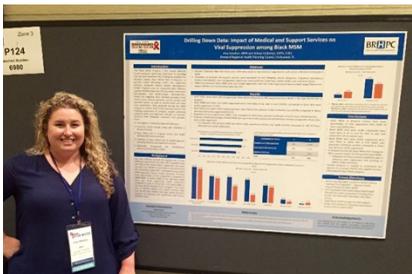
The United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) was held September 15-18 in Hollywood, FL. HIVPC Manager Brithney Johnson, and Quality Improvement Manager, Amy Newton, served as members of the Host Committee. Many Planning Council members were able to attend the conference through scholarships provided by the host committee. Planning Council member, Arianna Lint, served as a panelist during the “Handling a Shifting Prevention Landscape” plenary session.



Amy Newton, Leah Ewart, Kelsey Holloman, and Brithney Johnson at the USCA Welcome Reception

USCA is an annual event bringing more than three thousand people together. Attendees learn meaningful new skills through workshops, lectures, poster presentations, and seminars. Held at the Hollywood Diplomat Resort, this 20th anniversary conference addressed issues such as HIV in Caribbean diaspora populations and the importance of myriad disciplines coming together to enhance the HIV care continuum.

Ryan White Conference Presentations



Amy Newton presenting at the Ryan White Conference in Washington, D.C.

The Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment was held August 22-26 in Washington, D.C. Amy Newton, BRHPC'S Quality Improvement Manager, presented a poster entitled, “Drilling Down Data: Impact of Medical and Support Services on Viral Suppression among Black MSM.” Written with Kelsey Holloman, Health Planner at BRHPC, the poster discussed the use of software in data collection and the potential effects of

Broward County's Part A program on viral suppression in the focus population. It was concluded that Black MSM who were virally suppressed were more likely to use Part A oral health and pharmacy assistance services when compared to their counterparts. Further, by making use of Broward County's Ryan White Part A program services, Black MSM are more likely to achieve viral load suppression and have better health outcomes.

Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The Housing Assistance program at Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., (BRHPC) provides services to the community under the HOPWA program. Our team has been working to assist eligible low-income Broward County residents with past due rent, utility and mortgage assistance as well as permanent housing placement. During the current contract year (October 2015 to September 2016) the Housing Assistance program, HOPWA, provided over 328 unduplicated clients (740 unduplicated applications) with over \$390,000 in rental, utility, mortgage and emergency hotel voucher assistance to help prevent homelessness.

BRHPC has been working closely with the local HOPWA Grantee, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Housing and Community Development Division, to find better ways to deliver services to the community. BRHPC has also cooperated with other local HOPWA agencies such as Care Resource, Minority Development and Empowerment, Mount Olive Development Corporation (MODCO) and SunServe to offer training, technical assistance, and service coordination.

Below is one of our recent success stories:



The client arrived at our office in a panic because she owed three-months' rent and was served an eviction notice earlier that morning. The client was faced with this situation because her son moved out of the state to start his family and was no longer able to continue helping her. The client was immediately sent to Legal Aid and they were able to start negotiations with her landlord to prevent the eviction. Staff reviewed the client's applications, and paid the client's delinquent rent, preventing the eviction. The client who is not able to work to earn additional income, has decided to have a roommate

to assist with half of the household expenses. The client thanked the team for helping her keep a roof over her head and stated: *"you are my angels."*

The HOPWA team looks forward to another successful year helping persons living with HIV/AIDS in our community to prevent and end homelessness, and to help change the lives of persons in need.

Housing Stability Program (HSP)

The Housing Stability Program (HSP), now in its final year, has successfully served over 350 families with case management, rental and utility assistance. Funded through the Jim Moran Foundation, HSP is committed to assisting eligible and qualified **low-income** families with one time **short-term rental assistance**, **utility assistance** (up to 2 months of past due rent) or **move in assistance** (first and last month) if needed. HSP also offers families the opportunity to improve their financial stability through **case management** and **financial fitness and coaching workshops**.



“The Housing Stability Program is a much needed program for those who have moderate income and don’t qualify for other programs due to low-income restrictions. A great thing about the program is that financial classes are offered and assist with creating a savings plan (which I have acquired) and help with creating goals such as home ownership and getting credit on track. I’m so thankful for this program because sometimes things don’t go as planned in life and the reality is you never know when hard times or an unexpected job loss may hit.”

“I was referred to BRHPC through a friend... I really needed the help being that I was living out of a garage with my kids where there were no windows and no ventilation. The association found out there were extra people living in the house and we had to leave immediately. Prior to moving into the garage I was living at my own place where I got evicted because I had lost my job and didn’t have any income coming in. My child support was only \$192.00 a month for two kids, not enough to maintain a household. I was screened and was so happy when I got the call back. My case worker was great and able to help me in any way she could. I was able to find a place that I could afford with my pay from my new job. My kids are really happy that now they have their own room that they love so much. The apartment is actually near my kids’ school and will be near my oldest son’s elementary school for when he starts in August. I thank BRHPC because if I didn’t have them giving me that kick start, I would not have found a place. Thank you for all that you have done.”

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Are you a Veteran,
experiencing homelessness
in Broward County, and in
need of housing assistance?

Call Mission United

(954) 4-UNITED

(954-486-4833)

or visit the website at

www.missionunited.org.

Throughout the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the publicity of Broward County's homeless Veteran population extended to new heights, gaining coverage throughout the nation. During the past fiscal year, the SSVF team, at Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) was responsible for proving permanent homes for 151 Veterans and their families. In addition, 86 Veteran families were kept in their homes and saved from homelessness.

Under the leadership of Program Manager, Natasha Hedrington, the SSVF team completed their third year with enormous undertakings.

Many of these Veterans were introduced to the program by Mr. Wil Marcelin, Outreach Case Manager. With his efforts, searching for homeless Veterans in the streets, shelters, encampments, cars, jails, halfway houses, sober houses, and more, he has managed to find 124 Veterans in need. He also refers them to the services they are eligible for. His sole performance resulted in the agency exceeding the target threshold for the year and exceeding the goal at 110%.

Maria Polanco, Case Manager has had an extraordinary year. With a consistent case load, she housed Veterans at an average time of 7 days, regardless of their income. This is all possible due to the relationships she has built with landlords, property managers, and alternative housing programs throughout Broward County. With the collaboration from Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank C. Ortis and city of Pembroke Pines Housing Manager Jay Shechter, Maria was able to coordinate and work with the city to find affordable housing for many of her clients.

Case Manager, Evens LaFrance, has stood out by his ability to get clients employment. He has referred two of his clients for employment with BRHPC and they are currently still employed with the agency. Evens' case management efforts have resulted in Veterans maintaining their housing, being self-sustaining, and providing a safe home for their families.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (Continued)

Supporting the team Lisa Besley, Case Manager, monitors leases, assess property records, and documentation while verifying all housing units are in compliance with Housing Quality Standards (HQS). While housing the homeless population can be challenging, Lisa streamlines this process. Lisa verifies all clients are placed in secure and stable housing with trustworthy landlords. Under a meticulous eye and her niche for numbers, Lisa also monitors financial documents and initiates the payment processes to the wonderful landlords that provide housing to their Veterans.

Approaching a new year, the SSVF team is excited and motivated to increase their effectiveness within the Broward County area.

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)



Nurse Home Visitor Ruth Lopez with her graduating class

On October 1, 2016, Broward Nurse-Family Partnership held its first annual graduation ceremony at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, FL. The purpose of the ceremony is to honor the families that have successfully completed the in-home parenting education services offered by Broward Regional Health Planning Council

and its partners: Memorial Healthcare System and Broward Health. The event is designed to celebrate parents for taking such a positive and active role in the growth and development of their sons and daughters. Their completion of the Nurse-Family Partnership program is evidence of the commitment they made to embrace positive parent-child interaction, improved prenatal health, improved child health and development, and increased economic sustainability. **Congratulations graduates!**

A special thank you to Nova Southeastern and Dr. Cyril Blavo, for hosting us and to our staff that participated in making this event successful.

BRHPC is delighted to acknowledge the accomplishments of Ruth Lopez, a Nurse Home Visitor for the Memorial Healthcare System team for the Nurse-Family Partnership program in Broward County. Recently, Memorial's Community Youth Service (CYS) held a baby shower that was attend by one of Ruth's participants along with her mother.

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)



Ruth Lopez, RN

The mother went to CYS a few months ago asking for help because she was very concerned about her daughter's well-being. Ruth provided home visiting services and also enrolled the participant in the MOMS program. During the baby shower, the participant's mother expressed how thankful she was for all the services that NFP and MOMS are providing and she said the change in her daughter is incredible. Ruth has been with the Broward Nurse-Family Partnership program since implementation and her dedication to her role as a nurse home visitor is reflected in her interactions with not only participants but their families as well. Thank you Ruth, for all your hard work with this participant and all the families you serve!

We proudly serve 114 mothers and 84 infants and we truly look forward to continuing to work with these families. Nurse Family Partnership works to reduce the risk of pre-term labor and delivery, reduce infant mortality rate, promote breastfeeding, and improve the rate of prenatal care. To qualify for the program and all of its benefits, a woman must: (1) be less than 28 weeks pregnant; (2) have no previous live births; (3) be low-income; and (4) live in one of the following Broward County zip codes: 33024, 33025, 33023, 33319, 33313, 33311, 33069, 33060, or 33064.



NFP Broward team

The Broward Nurse-Family Partnership services are delivered through a partnership between BRHPC and the two hospital districts in Broward: Memorial Healthcare System and Broward Health. Each hospital district directly employs two home visiting nurses who are trained and report to a nurse supervisor employed by BRHPC. The participants are screened for program eligibility through collaboration with the Broward Healthy Start Coalition and its funded providers. Nurse Family Partnership also works in close collaboration with other community providers to receive eligible participants. The program is supported through the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative (MIECHV) funds which are administered by the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions.

For more information, contact Manoucheka Chery, NFP Nurse Supervisor, at mchery@brhpc.org.

Transforming Our Community's Health (TOUCH)

Healthy Community Zones' First Year Celebration

On August 25, 2016 the Partnerships Transforming Our Community's Health (TOUCH) team at the Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) and community partners celebrated the Healthy Community Zones' (HCZ) first year anniversary and stakeholder meeting on Shared and Collective Impact. In just over one year, so much has been accomplished by leveraging resources amongst over thirty TOUCH partners.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded collaborative includes five HCZs: Broward Municipal Services District, Dania Beach, Fort Lauderdale's Sistrunk Corridor, Hallandale Beach and Lauderdale Lakes. Some of the highlights over the past year include community improvements such as: tobacco-free signage installed in parks; Go, Slow, Whoa posters distributed to all Broward County Public Schools; employee wellness programs and walking groups underway; funding for outdoor exercise equipment and an urban farm granted by the Health Foundation of South Florida; diabetes prevention and self-management programs in progress; and Safe Routes to School program to protect children on their way to and from school. This holistic approach to health has positive repercussions throughout organizations and communities that embrace transformation and may impact policies, systems and environmental changes.

This supportive network of community based organizations embraces and incorporates health and wellness into their operations and culture. Through a Community Foundation of Broward grant, Lauderdale Lakes is now the fifth Healthy Community Zone. Additional cities have expressed interest in joining this Broward collaborative that embraces a culture of health and wellness.



Transforming Our Community's Health (TOUCH)

Go, Slow, Whoa at Junior Achievement

On Tuesday, September 20th, 2016, Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., (BRHPC) and The Health Foundation of South Florida partnered for a storefront Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Junior Achievement of South Florida. The storefront, BizFit, encourages students to make healthier food choices by using the Go, Slow, Whoa illustrations and adding physical activity into their daily routines.

Go, Slow, Whoa provides an easy way to identify healthier food choices in early learning centers, schools, worksites, parks, convenient stores and restaurants. Designed like a traffic light, the color-coding identifies healthiest foods to be enjoyed every day as green “Go” foods; healthy foods to be eaten occasionally throughout the week as yellow, “Slow” foods; and those items high in fat, sugar and sodium that should be eaten rarely, as red “Whoa” foods.

Up to 50,000 students in the 5th and 8th grade levels enrolled in Broward County Public Schools, visits Junior Achievement each year. Go, Slow, Whoa signage is on display in all Broward County Public School cafeterias, and students learn how to apply this food labeling initiative to their everyday life. Additionally, the YMCA of South Florida and The American Lung Association have helped spread awareness about the Go, Slow, Whoa Initiative and incorporated signage about smoke-free living. BRHPC joined forces with the American Lung Association, Broward Sheriff's Office, the YMCA of South Florida, and the Department of Health of Broward to create this vibrant storefront. All partner organizations help spread awareness about the Go, Slow, Whoa Initiative through the community.



Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH)

SAMH Staff



SAMH staff provide Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). MRT is an evidence-based practice that uses cognitive-behavioral techniques with substance abuse treatment and offender populations. Weekly groups are held as clients move through the process by completing assignments in workbooks and sharing in group therapy sessions. The first workbook is *How to Escape Your Prison*. The assignments in it are focused on understanding and correcting the mistakes individuals have made and have caused them to be in a personal, psychological prison and may have also led to physical incarceration.

After completing this workbook, clients are offered their choice of other workbooks which focus on addictions, job readiness, coping with anger or "lifework" with a plan for changing direction and moving forward. Because clients work at their own speed, the time frame for completion of the program is flexible. However, Sara Baderstadt, the first client, has graduated from the intensive phase of supervision to the transitional stage. The client has kept all of her appointments for case management, medication management and therapy, maintained a job, and avoided further contact with the legal system.

"I am 8 months clean today and owe my success to my treatment team, especially Ms. Kay and Ms. Lorraine. They helped me to accept that I am dually diagnosed, encouraged me to pursue my career, and have helped me through every trial and tribulation along the way. I am very grateful for the program and the things it has taught me."

Diversion

The Mental Health Diversion Program is supervised by psychologist Dr. Michael Collins, who currently provides a training for clinical psychology doctoral students from Nova Southeastern University. The students function as diversion examiners and therapists evaluating patients from the criminal justice system who are mentally ill. Patients are evaluated at BRHPC or in custody. The therapeutic environment provided for the clients is greatly appreciated.

Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count

2017 Broward County Point-in-Time Homeless Count Preparations Have Officially Begun



The 2017 Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count Kickoff was held on September 29th, 2016. Over 60 individuals from local agencies and service providers were in attendance. During the kickoff

attendees participated in PIT Jeopardy, signed up for committees and brainstormed ways to improve the count.

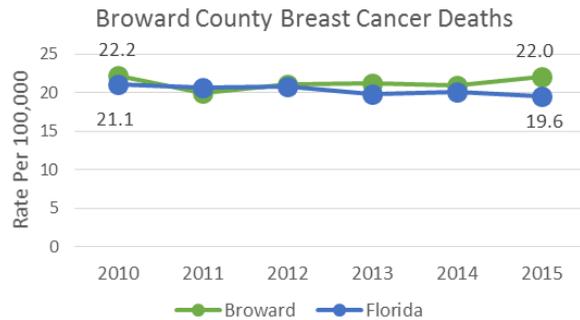
Broward County was asked to present their unsheltered count methodology to the National Alliance to End Homelessness on September 22nd. This presentation can be found at www.browardpointintime.org or you may listen to the entire webinar on the National Alliance to End Homelessness website at www.naeh.org.

Please contact Shira Fowlkes, PIT Count Coordinator, at sfowlkes@brhpc.org or visit: www.browardpointintime.org for more information.

Health Plan Spotlight: Broward County's Breast Cancer Deaths Increase in 2015

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women and the second leading cause of cancer death. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

Over the past ten years, the Broward County death rate for breast cancer has fluctuated between 20.0 and 23.6 per 100,000. From 2014 to 2015 the rate increased from 20.9 to 22.0. Also, in 2015 there were 272 deaths representing the highest number of deaths from breast cancer since 2004.



For more information contact Regine Kanzki, Division Director, at rkanzki@brhpc.org.

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Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.R.	7-15-16
Letter of Intent Deadline	8-01-16
Application Deadline	9-07-16
Completeness Review Deadline	9-14-16
Application Omissions Deadline	10-12-16
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	12-02-16

Description	Dates
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.R.	9-30-16 **
Letter of Intent Deadline	10-17-16
Application Deadline	11-16-16
Completeness Review Deadline	11-23-16
Application Omissions Deadline	12-28-16
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	2-17-17

*Pursuant to Section 408.0436, F.S. (Limitation on nursing home certificates of need), the Agency may not approve new community nursing home beds as the Agency approved the maximum allowable number of additional nursing home beds, statewide, as authorized by the Florida Legislature on February 19, 2016. The statute will be repealed on July 1, 2017.

**Pursuant to 59C-1.008 (2) (a), the Agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register at least 15 days prior to the letter of intent deadline for a particular batching cycle the Fixed Need Pools for the applicable planning horizon for each service in applicable Agency rules contained in Rules 59C-1.031-59C-1.044 F.A.C.