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Connecting Education, Research, Technology & Service with Community Need

A major feature of the Affordable Care Act went into effect on October 1st with the opening of health insurance marketplaces across the country. Florida has chosen to participate in the national health insurance marketplace instead of implementing their own. However, Floridians still have many health insurance options to choose from. Health care providers touch the lives of uninsured individuals and families daily and are a trusted source of information for their patients. Providers can be an excellent resource in educating their uninsured patients about the new health insurance marketplace. Everyone who works in the health care delivery field can play a role in encouraging patients to enroll in these new coverage options. You can help your patients find health insurance through the Marketplace in three ways: online (www.healthcare.gov), by phone (1-800-318-2596), or in-person with the help of a Navigator or other qualified helper. Local Navigator agencies in Broward County are Enroll America (www.enrollamerica.org), Advance Patient Advocacy (www.apallc.com) and the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida (www.efof.org).

BRHPC is happy to announce we have been selected to implement a nurse home visiting program as part of the Florida Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Initiative managed by the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions. In consultation with the Broward County Healthy Start Coalition and our community partners (Broward Health and Memorial Healthcare System), the Nurse-Family Partnership® model (NFP) was selected as the best home visiting program to address the needs of our high risk population. The NFP is an evidenced based program targeting first time mothers who are at risk due to conditions of poverty. This program allows nurses to deliver the support that first-time moms need to have a healthy pregnancy, become knowledgeable and responsible parents, and provide their babies with the best possible start in life. We are excited to add this program to our services that strengthen families and improve the health of mothers and their babies. Finally, this newsletter highlights some of the successes that our various housing programs have had in preventing homelessness and improving self-sufficiency for vulnerable populations.

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Summer Interns at BRHPC!



Broward Regional Health Planning Council was thrilled with the work of this year's summer interns. These young adults were instrumental in helping BRHPC by providing stellar administrative and IT support over the summer. They learned the importance of the work that goes on behind the scenes that make our programs successful. Most of the interns will enter their senior year at various high schools throughout Broward County. Others will be going off to college. Thank you for a job well done and see you next year!!

Point – In - Time Homeless Count

Broward Regional Health Planning Council is excited to take on the coordination for Broward County's 2014 Point-in-Time Homeless Count, which is a yearly count of the homeless conducted in the last week of January. Required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Florida's Office on Homelessness, the goal of the Point-in-Time Homeless Count is to ensure that the maximum amount of government money is awarded to Broward County's homeless community for various purposes, ranging from food and shelter to healthcare and rehousing assistance. The data gathered from this count is a major contributing factor to why Broward County has seen declines in homeless numbers for the past 3 years particularly among veterans. BRHPC hopes to see this trend continue and go beyond expectations to ensure that the needs of Broward's homeless are met and appropriate help is provided.

**Stay tuned for opportunities to be involved in the Point-In-Time Homeless Count in January 2014.
For more information, contact Shira Fowlkes via email, sfowlkes@brhpc.org.**

HIV DIVISION

HRSA Site Visit

The Broward County Ryan White Part A Program received a site visit in June from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Project Officer. HIV Division staff provided presentations on Part A collaboration with other funding streams to ensure linkage to and retention in care; the structure and responsibilities of the HIV Planning Council; and the Quality Management Program. The Project Officer attended the HIV Planning Council's Executive Committee's meeting on June 18 and answered Committee members' questions. The Project Officer praised the local program and noted it is a national model. The Project Officer encouraged the Grantee and HIV Division staff to share local practices with other Ryan White Programs nationally as many of the local activities serve as Best Practices.



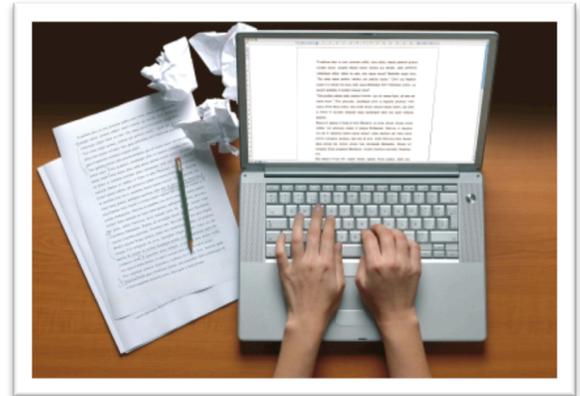
Priority Setting Resource Allocation (PSRA)

The HIV Planning Council's Joint PSRA Committee met during June and July to conduct its annual PSRA process. The process includes a review of multiple sources of data to assist the Committee to establish service priorities and agree on funding allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015. HIV Division staff facilitated the process by collecting and analyzing program expenditures, utilization, and outcome data which were included in easy to use service category specific scorecards. Along with the data, the scorecards provided information and projections about the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on Ryan White Part A services. The service priorities and recommended allocations will be included in the FY 2014-2015 Grant Application.



Grant Application

The Ryan White Part A Grant Application Guidance was released on August 12, 2013. The application was due to HRSA on October 9, 2013. HIV Division staff is collaborating with the Grantee on Grant writing activities. The Broward County program serves over 7,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS annually. The Grant provides funds for needed medical and social services to low-income individuals who are uninsured or underinsured.



Case Management Training and Resource Fair



The Quarterly Case Management Training was conducted in August and focused on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. A panel made up of Ryan White Program Grantees, the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Administrator, and the Chair of Florida's Statewide HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN) and Chairman of the South Florida AIDS

Network answered the case managers' ACA questions. A Community Resource Fair was held on Tuesday, September 24th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the African American Research Library in Fort Lauderdale. The Fair included information about various local social services including representation from all Part A providers. Additionally, a national speaker provided information on ACA and the Marketplace in preparation for Open Enrollment. Audience will include local service providers and consumers. The Fair was an opportunity for consumers to become more familiar with the resources available in Broward County and learn about the changes occurring with the implementation of the ACA.



Rep. Jones Visits Healthy Families Broward

On August 8th, 2013, Healthy Family Broward was thrilled to receive State Representative Shevrin D. Jones as a guest speaker at our Advisory Council Meeting. Throughout his career, Rep. Jones has been a strong advocate for children. He currently sits on the Health & Human Services Committee and the Healthy Families Subcommittee, through which he ensures that the needs of our community's children are met. He expressed his appreciation and admiration for the work of Healthy Families staff and was impressed with the success of the program in Broward County.

Rep. Jones is will soon join the Education Appropriation Fund Committee, where he hopes to continue to effect positive change. Rep. Jones has made himself and his office available to hear ongoing concerns that community members may have.

We appreciate Representative Jones presenting at the Advisory Council Meeting and the work he does for the children in our community. We look forward to him attending meetings in the future.



Transforming Our Community's Health

Tobacco-Free Living

Smoke Free Housing Efforts Make Headlines

A great deal has been researched, stated, and written about the risks and effects of secondhand smoke. Yet, new stories and information worth sharing continue to arise. This past August, Matthew Competiello of the American Lung Association (ALA) in Florida approached us with a unique and compelling story about the Rosa family, who while expecting their first child, were suffering from secondhand tobacco smoke leaking into their apartment from a neighboring unit.



TOUCH Broward worked with the ALA to write a comprehensive article covering the risks, effects and possible action to take if dealing with a similar situation. After issuing a press release to our partners and media contacts, the article gathered some very positive coverage by media outlets. The most impressive result was a Prime Time TV interview by reporter Diana Gonzalez of NBC6, who picked up the story via the TOUCH Blog, and then reached out to the ALA in order to meet and interview the Rosa family. Kamalie Belizaire of the ALA was also featured in the NBC6 interview. You can see the full article on the TOUCH Broward Blog here: <http://bit.ly/TOUCH-shs-article> And watch the NBC6 Prime Time interview online here: <http://bit.ly/NBC6Rosas>

Active Living and Healthy Eating



2nd Annual Baby Friendly Hospital Summit

On Saturday, September 7th at the Renaissance Fort Lauderdale Plantation Hotel the Foundation for a Breastfeeding Culture and the South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association hosted the 2nd Annual Baby Friendly Hospital Summit "Connecting Evidence to Practice." The Summit provided a forum for more than a hundred

Neonatologists, Pediatricians, OB/GYN, RNs and Hospital Administrators from around the state to share their successes and learn from subject matter experts.

One such expert was South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association member Helenemarie Blake, Attorney at Law, Fowler White Burnett, who discussed the legal perspectives on formula giveaways and the potential risk management issues related to these giveaways. In another break-out session Celeste Milton from the Joint Commission (JCAHO) gave a preview of the 2014 updates to their perinatal core measures. In all there were eight break-out sessions in addition to the keynote speaker. Participants praised the robust content of the program and shared their interest in attending the summit again next year. The Summit was made possible by the support of the Health Foundation of South Florida and the TOUCH initiative of the Broward Regional Health Planning Council. Other sponsors of the event included: Dade Medical College, IVF Florida, Ameda, Lucina, Medela, and Plantation General Hospital.



Organizers and Presenters of the Baby Friendly Hospital Summit (Left-to-right): Helenemarie Blake, Aaron Palazzolo, Marsha Walker, Heidi Agostinho.



Growing Growers, Expanding Markets and Accessing Healthy Food in Broward County Workshop Series

During the week of September 16th, agricultural experts from across the state visited Broward County to learn about our County's efforts to provide healthy, locally grown food to its residents and to teach new growers how to take advantage of consumer demand for the same.

Representatives from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences, Florida Organic Growers and Consumers, Urban Oasis Project and Bee Heaven Farms

toured seven farms and gardens across the county. These educators and practitioners witnessed first-hand the challenges and innovative ways residents are addressing the challenges of growing fruits and vegetables in an urban county like Broward County. After visiting the farms and gardens from Pompano Beach to Miramar, they spent each afternoon presenting workshops for growers and market managers. Workshop topics ranged from recordkeeping to pest management and covered a wide range of key tools necessary for sustainable growing in Florida. More than 100 people signed up for the workshops and attendance was very good with each workshop filled with small growers, market managers, local government staff and others interested in learning about sustainable agriculture. The workshops and farm tours were supported by the TOUCH Initiative and the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program grant.

The Broward Community Food System Roundtable – Round II

On September 25, 2013, the TOUCH Initiative organized *the Broward Community Food System Roundtable-Round I* to bring planners, local food change agents, and local-food champions together to develop actions steps and strategies towards a Community Food System plan for Broward County. Hosted in partnership with the City of Lauderdale Lakes CRA, Food for Health, the Environment, Economy and Democracy (FHEED), and Dion Taylor of RawOne this year's roundtable consisted of 57 participants, and 6 panelists.

Over the next couple of weeks, TOUCH will be processing the specific strategies and placing them into the "Master Strategy Matrix." TOUCH Partners will then reconvene participants to review their strategies and refine the common goals these actions can fulfill. This year's roundtable was a first step toward helping planners think like food change agents and food change agents to think like planners. Over the next year, TOUCH hopes to have a common framework and language to further improve our community food system.



High Quality Clinical and Preventative Services



What is a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH)?

With the U.S. spending roughly 30 percent or \$700 billion on unnecessary health care services, consensus continues to build around the Patient-Centered Medical Home and its critical role in achieving the objectives of the Triple Aim:

- better care
- better health
- lower costs

More than 90 health plans, dozens of employers, 43 state Medicaid programs, numerous federal agencies, hundreds of safety net clinics, and thousands of small and large clinical practices nationwide have adopted this innovative model. TOUCH Partners, Broward Health, Holy Cross Hospital, and Memorial Healthcare System, are working to achieve recognition as Patient Centered Medical Homes and improve the quality of care in their primary care clinics. One TOUCH Partner, Broward Community and Family Health Center, received Level III recognition (the highest level) in 2012. But what does it mean to be a PCMH?



Image Source: Skylight healthcare systems

The medical home is an approach to the delivery of primary care that is:

- **Patient-centered:** A partnership among practitioners, patients, and their families to ensure that decisions respect patients' wants, needs, and preferences, and that patients have the education and support they need to make decisions and participate in their own care.
- **Comprehensive:** A team of care providers is wholly accountable for a patient's physical and mental health care needs, including prevention and wellness, acute care, and chronic care.
- **Coordinated:** Care is organized across all elements of the broader health care system, including specialty care, hospitals, home health care, community services and supports.
- **Accessible:** Patients are able to access services with shorter waiting times, "after hours" care, 24/7 electronic or telephone access, and strong communication through health IT innovations.
- **Committed to quality and safety:** Clinicians and staff enhance quality improvement through the use of health IT and other tools to ensure that patients and families make informed decisions about their health.

"The patient-centered medical home has the potential to change the interaction between patients and physicians from a series of episodic office visits to an ongoing two-way relationship. The medical home puts the emphasis on the patient-doctor relationship where it belongs — and helps doctors work to keep patients healthy instead of just healing them when they are sick. Patients can no longer be silent partners in their care — they are active participants in managing their health with a shared goal of staying as healthy as possible."

-Margaret E. O'Kane, President, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

Healthy and Safe Physical Environments

More Municipalities Adopt Complete Streets

On August 20, 2013, the City of Deerfield Beach adopted the Complete Streets Guidelines. Just a couple of weeks later on September 4th, the City of Hollywood did the same. Both cities have made a commitment to implementing the policies and practices of the Broward Complete Streets Guidelines to help encourage the design, planning and construction of safer, healthier streets which will ultimately increase physical activity and the health of the residents of these neighborhoods.

On September 12, The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO) unanimously endorsed the Model Complete Streets Policy and Planning Framework. These tools will help Broward Municipalities adopt the Complete Streets Guidelines and create safe and balanced infrastructure that serves all modes of transportation and users.



In addition to some considerable developments and improvements to Broward County infrastructure that has already taken place, the Broward MPO has secured funding to construct more than \$100 million of Complete Streets improvements on Broward streets over the next five years.

Congratulations to our incredible TOUCH partners Urban Health Partnerships, Health Foundation of South Florida, Smart Growth Partnership and the Broward MPO for their tireless work and dedication to transforming our communities!

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Ryan White Part A

Centralized Intake and Eligibility Determination

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 3rd party benefits and community services to all eligible Broward County residents. The Centralized Intake and Eligibility Determination (CIED) program assisted approximately 7,000 in FY 2012 - 2013. To schedule an appointment for initial and annual certification, please contact our main office at [954-566-1417](tel:954-566-1417). Documentation needed for certification can be viewed and downloaded from our website at www.brhpc.org/CIED.html.

Enroll In The Health Insurance Market Place

The Marketplace is a new way to find quality health coverage. It can help if you don't have coverage now or if you have it but want to look at other options. When you use the Health Insurance Marketplace, you'll fill out an application and see all the health plans available in your area. You'll provide some information about your household size and income to find out if you can [get lower costs on your monthly premiums](#) for private insurance plans. You'll learn if you qualify for [lower out-of-pocket costs](#). The Marketplace will also tell you if you qualify for free or low-cost coverage available through [Medicaid](#) or the [Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#).

You can apply for Marketplace coverage three ways: online, by mail, or in-person with the help of a Navigator or other qualified helper. Telephone help and online chat are available 24/7 to [help](#) you complete your application. Open enrollment started October 1, 2013. [Plans and prices are now available](#). Coverage starts as soon as January 1, 2014. Open enrollment ends March 31, 2014. The website to apply for coverage, compare places and enroll is www.HealthCare.gov

BRHPC Is Now A Florida Access Partner Site

BRHPC is an official ACCESS partner with the Florida Department of Children and Families. Individuals may apply, report changes, or complete an updated review for Food Stamps, Temporary Cash Assistance and Medicaid at our main office in Hollywood.

CIED Main Office

Broward Regional Health Planning Council

200 Oakwood Lane, Suite 100
Hollywood, 33021
Monday – Friday 8:00 – 5:00
[954-566-1417](tel:954-566-1417)

Out-Post Sites

AIDS Healthcare Foundation

6405 N Federal Hwy, Ft Laud 33308
[954-722-2411](tel:954-722-2411)
Tues/Thurs 8:30-5 Wed 9-5:30

Broward County Health Department

Paul Hughes Health Center
205 NW 6th Avenue, Pompano 33060
[954-788-6064](tel:954-788-6064)
Mon & Wed by appointment

BCHD State Road 84

780 SW 24th Street, Fort Lauderdale
[954-467-4700](tel:954-467-4700) (Tues & Thurs 8:30-5)

Broward Health

Comprehensive Care Center
1101 NW 1st Street, Ft Lauderdale 33311
[954-467-0880](tel:954-467-0880) (Mon & Wed 8:30-5:00)

Specialty Care Center

1111 W. Broward Blvd, Ft Laud 33311
[954-527-6064](tel:954-527-6064) (Tues/Fri 8:30-5)

Broward House

Wilton Manors Client Service Center
2800 Andrews Ave, Wilton Manors
33311
[954-568-7373](tel:954-568-7373) (T/W/TH 8:30-5:00)

Care Resource

871 W Oakland Park Blvd, Ft Laud 33311
[954-567-7141](tel:954-567-7141) (Mon-Friday 8:30-5)

Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center

1401 S Federal Highway, Ft Laud 33316
[954-728-1088](tel:954-728-1088)
Tues/Thurs 8:30-5:00 & Wed 1-5

Memorial Healthcare System

Primary Care Center – Dania
4105 Pembroke Rd, Hollywood 33021
[954-265-8412](tel:954-265-8412) (Wed/Thurs 8:30-5)

Poverello: Friends Fitness Center

2200 NE 12th Ave. Wilton Manors 33305
[954-561-3663](tel:954-561-3663)
Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:30-5

After Hours & Weekend By Appointment

HOPWA

Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. began its fifth year of successfully providing services to the community under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program. The HOPWA program helps eligible low-income Broward County residents with past due rent or mortgage and utilities and also helps those already homeless and needing to relocate with move-in assistance. During the last contract year the HOPWA Program at BRHPC provided over 700 persons with over \$949,000 in housing and utility assistance to prevent homelessness.



BRHPC has been working closely with the local HOPWA Grantee, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Housing and Community Development (HCD) agency to find better ways to deliver services to the community. In August, BRHPC staff attended a joint training for HOPWA case managers as well as the Broward County's Ryan White Program case managers. During the training, staff received invaluable information about the many changes taking place as a result of the Affordable Health Care Act and how to help many of our clients in the community to sign up for health insurance coverage.

Below are a couple of our recent Success Stories

One of our clients was a working for years before her company closed down, leaving everyone without a job. She was able to find temporary housing with a friend, but the situation was overcrowded and very stressful and she was eager to get back to work. She finally found new employment and came to BRHPC seeking assistance with moving. With her work income she was now able to support herself going forward. The client relocated and is living on her own and successfully maintaining housing stability and her health. She stated: "My Housing Case Manager was wonderful and helped me with the application to get the assistance I needed so I could focus on getting back to work and taking care of myself."

One of our clients came to the agency asking for past due rent after not having requested assistance for over two years. The client had been working part-time and had roommates living with him who had helped to lower his living expenses. When his roommate lost his job and then moved out of the unit, the client paid his share of the rent but struggled to come up with the difference and his landlord would not accept the partial payment. With help from his Housing Case Manager and Legal Aid Services of Broward County, the client's eviction was stopped. His attorney also assisted with landlord mediation to help keep the client in his home. BRHPC then assisted the client with his roommate's unpaid share of the rent and the late fees to secure his housing until a new roommate moved in. The client wrote: "I am so grateful to you and [his attorney] for helping me stay in my home..." and that he is keeping up with the rent every month.

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 our clients.

HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAM

The Housing Stability Program, a partnership between BRHPC, 2-1-1 Broward and the Family Success Administration's Housing Options Program, completed its first year of providing assistance to homeless persons in Broward County. The program provides low-income families with children with homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services in addition to case management to help families achieve housing stability.

Since its start, HSP has assisted 108 families with case management and provided 90 of those families with financial assistance. BRHPC and its partners heavily engaged in community outreach to spread the word about this program, which serves an unmet need for families in the Low to Moderate income categories in Broward. These outreach efforts were highly successful and resulted in a nearly 200% increase from mid-year in the number of clients served and almost 260 persons receiving assistance altogether.

The role of the case management component has been invaluable to our clients. In order to help restore families to self-sufficiency, client issues were addressed on a holistic level which included financial issues, family counseling, immigration status, vocational retraining, school uniform assistance, credit repair, loan forbearance and fee waivers, first-time homeowner's programs, small business development, and transportation, as well as furniture and clothing.

Out of the 90 families that received rental assistance, HSP was able to conduct a follow up assessment with 86. These families reported being very successful with 100% remaining in stable housing after receiving assistance and 98% not having an ongoing need for additional assistance. While the follow-ups were only short-term, these two outcomes are excellent indicators of the housing stability maintained by the families who were assisted. We look forward to continuing to spread the word about our services and helping even more new families in the next year.



Matter of Balance

Did you know: Falls Prevention Awareness Day (FPAD) was observed on the first day of fall, September 22, 2013, to promote and increase public awareness about how to prevent and reduce falls among older adults.

Funded by the Health Foundation of South Florida, BRHPC has facilitated over forty "A Matter of Balance" workshops and has served 150 participants at our collaborating partner's locations.

To sign up for "A Matter of Balance" workshop, visit us at brhpc.org or hfsf.org

What is A Matter of Balance?

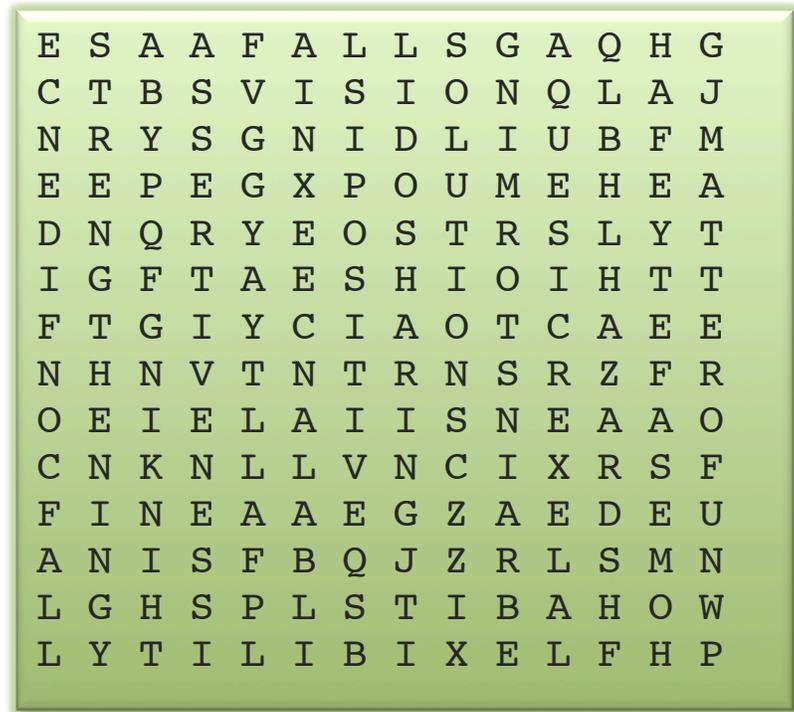
Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

A Matter of Balance includes eight two-hour sessions for a small group led by a trained facilitator. This nationally recognized program was developed at the Roybal Center at Boston University.

During the class, participants learn to:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

A Matter of Balance Word Search



- assertiveness
- brainstorming
- confidence building
- exercise
- fall hazards
- falls
- fall-ty habits
- flexibility
- home safety
- Matter of Balance
- positive thinking
- practical solutions
- sharing ideas
- strengthening
- vision

MOB word search submitted by Linda Miller, MOB Lead



The Road Home: From Voucher Assistance to Self-Sufficiency

The Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program (TBRV) successfully completed its first year at Broward Regional Health Planning Council. During this time the program served a total of 141 unduplicated clients. As we look forward to many more successful years for clients and the program, we are providing many exciting opportunities for participants to achieve stability and self-sufficiency.



This past September, Broward Regional Health Planning Council launched the first in a series of trainings and programs aimed at getting clients prepared for their transition from voucher-support to self-support. Clients now have access to the following series of financial workshops: *Budgeting, Saving While on a Fixed Income, and Credit: Understanding How It Works, and Becoming Bankable.*

The response and receptiveness of clients to these workshops has been tremendous. More than 80% of all the TBRV clients have prepared a basic personal budget. The feedback from the end of course surveys has been positive. The comment that has resonated most is very simple yet profound: “Keep them coming!” This is an indication that a paradigm shift has already begun.

To some, self-sufficiency may seem illusive, but to others it is like opening the door to freedom and independence. Following is the story of a client who transitioned to self-sufficiency in June 2013. The client will be called Donna to protect her identity. When we first mentioned the word self-sufficiency to Donna she was a bit puzzled. She reluctantly asked, “What does that mean?” The concept of self-sufficiency was explained to her. Her response was somewhat unexpected but very encouraging: “Can I move to self-sufficiency now?” We carefully looked at Donna’s finances and asked her to create a budget. We identified community resources that would provide a safety net for Donna during her transition. Within three months of establishing her goal to be self-sufficient, Donna was saying thank-you and goodbye to the TBRV staff. It was an emotional but prideful moment. We continue to track Donna’s progress and we are ecstatic to report that she has had three successful months and will continue to have many more. The goal of the TBRV program is to continue to help many eligible families in Broward County achieve self-sufficiency.

For more information on the Financial Education Workshops, please contact Rachel Williams at rwilliams@brhpc.org.



Program Manager Rachel Williams & Housing Case Manager Nathalia Vallejo

Spotlight on the Forensic Team

On Monday, August 19, 2013, BRHPC was host to over 100 individuals who offer services to court-involved mentally challenged individuals. Among those who attended the training were representatives from DCF, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (the new managing entity) Henderson Behavioral Health Care, Broward County & Elderly Veterans Services, and Archways Community Mental Health.

The training event was facilitated by Leah Vail, M.A, Forensic Program Director from Meridian Behavioral Health, and was intended to educate Forensic Specialists and others with forensic caseloads about Florida Statute 916 (F.S 916), the forensic system, and the seven critical functions of the Forensic Specialists. It was developed from the DCF Evidenced Based Practice (EBP) and Specialized models.

The training is part of the ongoing effort to educate individuals on the various Quality Assurance and Quality Control measures that have been implemented in the program. The Continuous Quality Improvement plan is focused on specialized services offered in the jail, the community (Competency Restoration), and the Felony Court (see: BRHPC Forensic Process).

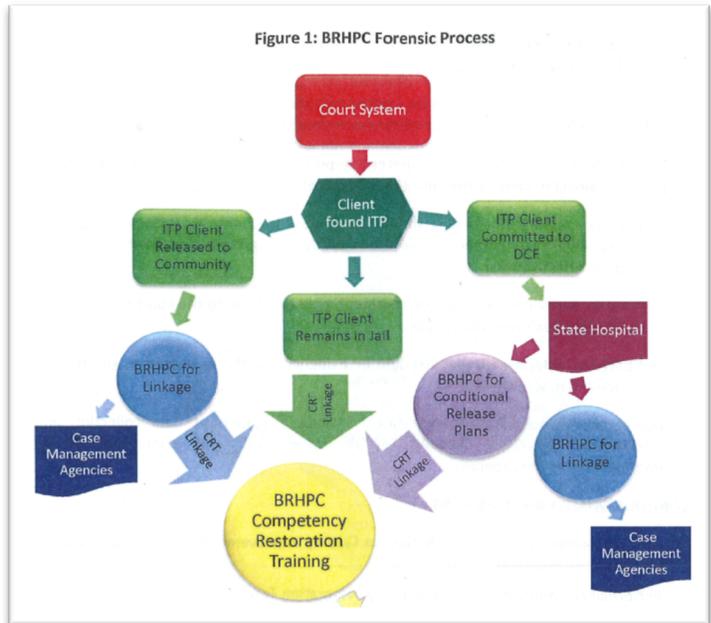


Table 1: Evidence-Based BRHPC Competency Restoration Protocols/Curriculums

Evidence-Based Guideline	BRHPC Competency Protocols/Curriculums		
	Fast Track	Core	Special Attention
Competency Restoration Training Evidence			
Objective competency assessment upon admission	✓	✓	✓
Individualized	✓	✓	✓
Multimodal, varied and experiential	✓	✓	✓
Educational	✓	✓	✓
Anxiety reduction	✱	✓	✱
Additional education for low IQ defendants	NA	✓	✓
Periodic reassessment of competency	✓	✓	✓
Cognitive Remediation	NA	▲	▲
Diagnosis-based class assignment	●	●	●
Universal Design for Learning and Adult Education Evidence			
Multiple instructional techniques and materials	✓	✓	✓
Teach to a variety of learning styles	✓	✓	✓
Multiple means of expression/assessment	✓	✓	✓
Authentic Materials	✓	✓	✓

✓ = Included in the identified BRHPC Competency Restoration curriculum.
 NA = Not applicable to this protocol set.
 ✱ = Provided by BRHPC based on individual need.
 ▲ = Will be considered for addition to this BRHPC protocol set on next revision.
 ● = Will be added to this BRHPC protocol set one set of diagnoses at a time as resources permit.

Through the forensic team, 500 consumers benefit from continuous tutoring and 131 sessions are available per week at 13 different locations strategically located to enable accessibility. In order to demonstrate successful program outcomes, benchmarks and annual goals were further refined. This includes reaching annual targets for re-evaluations for competency, non-restorability, submitted to the court. In addition to these measures, 100% completion of accurate documentation and reporting within a 72-hour time frame is measured.

As the department works towards continuous quality improvement there is no doubt that with the measures implemented, the department will reach a new level of excellence.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Hospital Beds and Facilities: 2nd Batching Cycle - 2013

Other Beds and Programs: 2nd Batching Cycle - 2013

Description	Dates
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.W.	7-19-13
Letter of Intent Deadline	8-05-13
Application Deadline	9-04-13
Completeness Review Deadline	9-11-13
Application Omissions Deadline	10-09-13
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	12-06-13

Description	Dates
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.W.	09-27-13
Letter of Intent Deadline	10-14-13
Application Deadline	11-13-13
Completeness Review Deadline	11-20-13
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