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Letter from BRHPC President and CEO Mike De Lucca

BRHPC hosted its annual staff appreciation holiday celebration in a festively decorated Dave and Buster's banquet hall. During the celebration, the Employee of the Quarter Distinction and recognition for Years of Service were presented to individual staff members.

As the new year gets underway, I want to wish all a happy, healthy and successful 2016. Special thanks to our Board of Directors for their leadership and support during the past year as we added new programs and services, including new contracts from the Department of Health, the Early Learning Coalition and the Department of Children and Families.

With the addition of these new programs, we achieved a landmark, reaching a total budget of \$100 million. BRHPC and its community partners have been working diligently to assist uninsured individuals and families to sign up for health insurance coverage through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace. The deadline for open enrollment is January 31st. People may qualify for special enrollment allowing them to sign up after the January 31st deadline if ... (continued on page 2)

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President's Letter

they have certain qualifying life events, such as getting married, having a baby, or losing other coverage. Please see our website www.brhpc.org for more information on how our navigators can assist you or your clients obtain health insurance.

The TOUCH initiative was busy this last quarter kicking off the “Healthy Community Zones” located in Dania Beach, Hallandale Beach, Ft. Lauderdale (Sistrunk Corridor) and the Broward Municipal Services District. The Healthy Community Zones is a collaborative effort of more than 20 community partners fostering a shared vision of health, economic development, and education. Each Healthy Community Zone is in the process of identifying priorities and developing action plans to improve the health and welfare of their community.

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

Health Plan Spotlight: Uninsured Rates in Broward

The table below highlights the health insurance rates for the United States, Florida and Broward. In 2014, the Broward uninsured rates (18.0%) remain higher than the national (11.7%) and Florida (16.6%) rates, indicating that Broward is disproportionately impacted by a lack of healthcare coverage. However, Broward's uninsured rate has shown a significant decrease since 2013, reflecting the results of health insurance enrollment efforts in the County.

Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population Uninsured Rate, by Age Group					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
BROWARD COUNTY					
TOTAL	24.0%	22.9%	22.4%	22.5%	18.0%
< 18	14.0%	12.4%	12.4%	12.0%	10.2%
18-64	32.2%	30.9%	30.3%	30.5%	24.3%
≥ 65	3.1%	3.2%	2.7%	4.4%	2.8%
FLORIDA					
TOTAL	21.3%	20.9%	20.1%	20.0%	16.6%
< 18	12.7%	11.9%	10.9%	11.1%	9.3%
18-64	29.9%	29.5%	28.8%	28.8%	23.8%
≥ 65	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%	1.7%	1.5%
UNITED STATES					
TOTAL	15.5%	15.1%	14.8%	14.5%	11.7%
< 18	8.0%	7.5%	7.2%	7.1%	6.0%
18-64	21.4%	21.0%	20.6%	20.3%	16.3%
≥ 65	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%
Source: American Community Survey 2010-2014 http://www.FloridaCharts.com Green = Improvement from the previous year; Yellow = No significant change from the previous year; Red = Lack of improvement from the previous year					

Early Learning Collation



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.



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Broward Regional Health Planning Council began providing School Readiness & Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten services on September 1, 2015. During this time BRHPC provided assistance to families applying for and enrolling in childcare services. BRHPC along with Blue Jean Software created and implemented the on-line 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. To date, there have been approximately 4,000 entries in the Redetermination Portal. www.BrowardChildCare.org

In addition, a Referral Portal was created to assist referring providers with a streamlined referral application that can be completed and submitted online. Other viewing capabilities include application and status updates that provide the completion date and childcare provider selected. The initial rollout of the Referral Portal began with ChildNet and their Child Advocates during the first week of January 2016.

Currently, there are 10,330 children enrolled within the School Readiness Program and 14,601 children enrolled in Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten services.

Families with low incomes in Florida who are trying to work, or get training to work, may be eligible for school readiness assistance. **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 also provide developmental screenings for children and referrals to health and educational specialists.

Early Learning Collation

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 years of age, 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).

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services assist families in locating 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** for additional information.

Go, Slow, Whoa in Broward County Schools

The "Go-Slow-Whoa" food labeling system helps people make healthier food choices more often. The color-coding method is designed like a traffic light and is now displayed throughout Broward County Public Schools as part of the TOUCH Initiative Healthy Eating/Active Living component. The categories are: green for "Go", yellow for "Slow" and red for "Whoa". Broward County students are now more aware of healthier food options and the benefits of eating more "Go" foods. "Go" foods increase students' attention span and their energy to learn. Broward County schools promote the educational materials in both their cafeterias and classrooms.

The "Go-Slow-Whoa" supplies provided to the schools by BRHPC include cafeteria decals, posters, table graphics, ceiling danglers, and "Go" food labels. The displays are colorful, fun and eye-catching.

Students recognize "Go" foods as the healthiest choice and those that should be eaten most often. "Slow" foods are identified as higher in fat, added sugar and salt and should only be eaten occasionally. Finally, "Whoa" foods are categorized as highly processed foods, low in nutrients, high in calories, sugar and fat and should only be eaten rarely and in small portions. We look forward to seeing Broward County students choosing healthier food options and making healthy decisions in school by using the "Go-Slow-Whoa" food labeling system this year!

Follow TOUCH on:



Go, Slow, Whoa in Broward County Schools



Look for the “GO!” signs identifying the healthiest food choices!



Go, Slow, Whoa materials displayed in Broward County School cafeterias.

Healthy Community Zones Welcome 2016

BRHPC, TOUCH and Urban Health Partnerships, celebrated the first Healthy Community Zone kickoff in the City of Hallandale Beach on October 23rd, 2015. Three additional kickoffs followed with the Broward Municipal Services District on November 7th, City of Dania Beach on November 21st, and Sistrunk Corridor on December 12th.

The Healthy Community Zone initiative is a collaborative effort of more than 20 community partners, local coalitions and residents coming together to foster a shared vision of health, economic development, and education for their loved ones and their community. Together, each community has designed and will implement neighborhood improvements in the following Focus Areas:

- Making healthy food and physical activity available and affordable
- Making it safer to walk, bike, and use transit
- Raising awareness about tobacco and drug use
- Connecting healthcare to neighborhoods.

Much progress has been made since the inception of the Healthy Community Zone initiative. TOUCH and Urban Health Partnerships collaborated to identify five community liaisons that will work closely within their communities to implement policy, systems, and environmental improvements. The community liaisons have been working alongside the TOUCH team since December 2015 and will participate in multiple team building training sessions throughout January 2016.

TOUCH Partners welcomed 2016 by hosting the “Connecting Partners with Healthy Community Zones” forum. It is the perfect opportunity for community partners interested in working with Broward Healthy Community Zones located in the Sistrunk Corridor, Dania Beach, Hallandale Beach, and Broward Municipal Services District to hear and learn about next steps and how to get involved in making their community a healthier place to live, work, learn, play and retire.

For more information on this innovative initiative, please visit: www.touchbroward.org/hcz



Caption: From left to right: Katyana Socarras, TOUCH Broward Health Promotion Program Manger, Marie Huntley, Sistrunk Corridor of Fort Lauderdale Community Liaison and Alena Alberani, TOUCH Broward Healthy Eating & Active Living Program Manager at the Sistrunk Corridor of Fort Lauderdale Healthy Community Zone Kickoff!

Donations Help Brighten Faces during the Holidays

Healthy Families Broward is thankful to have received generous donations of food, toys, and basic need items to help spread cheer for the holiday season. These items were delivered to Healthy Families Broward participants who face serious shortages of basic needs items.



Thanks to generous contributions, the Healthy Families staff happily sorted and organized 50 Thanksgiving baskets for delivery to the families. Each basket contained enough to prepare all side dishes for a Thanksgiving feast and have leftover staple foods for the household to enjoy.

Our home visiting teams were also busy delivering new wrapped toys, clothes and basic needs items for the holidays. As the holiday season brings feelings of joy, we are grateful that these donations allow us to help our participants experience that joy through their children's eyes and to really drive home the importance of parent-child interaction. Donations of this magnitude allowed us to reach a greater number of needy families compared to previous years. On behalf of Healthy Families Broward and the families we serve, our thanks to those who so generously made donations



Healthy Families Broward is a voluntary home visitation program designed to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting positive parenting practices knowledge of child development, health and safety. The program achieves its goals through modeling of appropriate parent-child interaction, sharing parent-child activities, use of curricula, and regular screening of target children. Funded by the Children's Services Council, Ounce of Prevention and United Way of Broward County, Healthy Families Broward services are delivered through a collaborative effort with BRHPC as the lead entity. Subcontracts are in place for three teams to provide the services through the following agencies: Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Kids In Distress, and Memorial Healthcare System. For additional information, contact Lissette Ayala, Program Manager. layala@brhpc.org.

Health Insurance Continuation Program - Ryan White Part A, Broward County

The Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP), funded by the Florida Department of Health, has been busy this quarter with the start of Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act that opened November 1, 2015 and closes January 31, 2016.

HICP program provides financial assistance to Ryan White Part A clients when enrolled in selected ACA Marketplace Plans. The program helps pay for premiums, copays, deductibles, coinsurance and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Premium Plus wrap-around services.

To qualify for this assistance you must:

1. Be enrolled in Ryan White Part A.
2. Be enrolled in a Ryan White approved qualified health plan.
3. Have income between 250% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL); or be enrolled in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

For questions regarding this program please call us at 954-566-1417 or email us at, our Web site www.brhpc.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act ends January 31, 2016. Call us to see if you qualify for Special Enrollment.

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How to reach us:

Who should I contact
if I have other
questions?

954-561-9681

or

954-561-1417

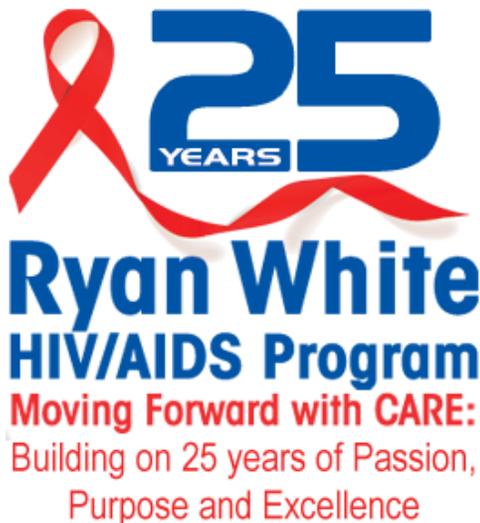
Hours

Monday through
Friday: 8:30 A.M. to
5:00 P.M.



HIV Planning Council & Clinical Quality Management

BROWARD'S RYAN WHITE PART A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016



The Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA) Ryan White Part A Annual Funding Opportunity was released at the end of August and much of this quarter was spent writing and editing the grant application. The HIVPC staff worked in collaboration with the Broward Ryan White Part A Grantee staff to complete the 100 page grant due November 2, 2015. The grant included an epidemiological profile of the Broward County EMA, as well as a review of our past year's efforts in treatment and care, along with our future plans for servicing Broward residents with HIV/AIDS.

As of 2014, there were 19,391 Broward residents diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, with 403 new AIDS infection cases and 993 new HIV cases that year. Black non-Hispanics, males, and people between the ages of 30-39 (HIV not AIDS) and 50-59 (AIDS) had the highest rates of new infections. Reflecting the HIV/AIDS epidemic within Broward, the county has received Part A funds for 24 years and Minority AIDS

Initiative (MAI) funds for 15 years. Federal funding allows Broward's Ryan White Part A program to provide highly accessible, culturally sensitive, high quality HIV core and support services. In FY 2014, 7,962 unduplicated clients received Part A services. Five Part A medical care subgrantees operate eight clinic sites. A network of 27 counseling, testing, and early intervention providers offer outreach targeting minority, low income, and uninsured groups.

Our EMA's FY2016 Service Category Plan and HIV Care Continuum, as outlined in the grant application, addressed changes to the healthcare system, including core and support services and demand for care. Community funders collaborate in joint planning and funding, including other Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) grantees, CDC prevention grantee and other funders to ensure the availability of prevention and care services across all five stages of the Continuum. The grant award will go toward funding much needed HIV/AIDS services for Broward County residents starting March 1, 2016.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE'S HOT TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION

In November, the Community Empowerment Committee (CEC) held a forum focusing on the issue of transportation. Many Ryan White consumers state that transportation is one of the leading barriers to receiving care, and the CEC sought to educate the community on their transportation options. The CEC invited Case Managers, representatives from Ryan White Part B and Broward County Paratransit to speak about their respective transit services. The presenters informed participating community members about bus pass availability, free transit options for low income residents, as well as the rights and responsibilities that come with their services. Over 30 people participated in the Hot Topic event and the response was overwhelmingly positive.



MEMBERSHIP/COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE’S RECRUITMENT & RETENTION RETREAT

The Membership/Council Development Committee (MCDC) hosted a retreat focusing on HIV Planning Council member recruitment and retention. The full day event was held at Central Broward Regional Park, and was facilitated by HIVPC Staff. The members participated in team building activities, reviewed and revised their recruitment plans, and discussed ways to improve their community outreach efforts. Updating the HIVPC website was discussed, as well creating new logos and marketing materials. The MCDC will continue to revise their recruitment and retention efforts in the upcoming months, and are focusing on bringing dedicated and positive HIV/AIDS advocates to Broward’s HIV Health Service Planning Council.

CASE MANAGEMENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI) NETWORK

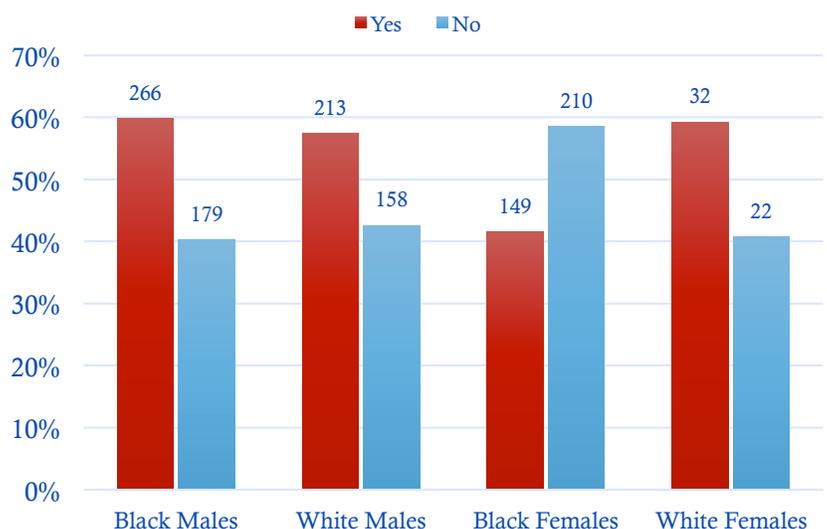
The Case Management Network has been reviewing client level data from Broward’s Ryan White Part A system. The network has identified Black females as a client group that has a large proportion of highly unsuppressed viral loads, and has selected this group as a top priority for further evaluation. Network members will complete a questionnaire template, and the data collected from each agency will reveal important information about barriers to care experienced by Black females within the system. With simple analysis of data, the Network hopes to identify areas for improvement and develop targeted plans to address those barriers

VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION

The Quality Management Committee (QMC) reviewed Viral Load Suppression data, which included data stratified by the length of diagnosis (< 1 year, 1-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10+ years) and Part A OAMC utilization for clients with unsuppressed viral loads (< 200 copies) in 2014 Fiscal Year. The committee engaged in a lengthy discussion about the potential barriers to treatment, care, and viral load suppression. QMC then decided to focus their efforts on 18-28 and 29-38 year old Black non-Hispanic heterosexual females and males, and Black non-Hispanic MSM, and sent these recommendations to the Needs Assessment Committee. The NAE requested that the QMC further drill down data for one priority population to focus on first. After much discussion, the Committee members decided to focus their efforts on 18-38 year old non-Hispanic African American females.



Part A OAMC Utilization by Race/Gender of Clients with Unsuppressed Viral Load





Judith St. Louis, RN BSN

BRHPC is thrilled to welcome Judith St. Louis, as the new Nurse Home Visitor for the Memorial Healthcare System team of the Nurse Family Partnership program in Broward County. Judith holds a Bachelor's of Nursing from Nova Southeastern University and comes to us with 5 years experience as a school nurse, as well as experience as a Nurse Home Visitor for the Nurse Family Partnership program in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Welcome

The NFP team continues to expand their knowledge of best practices by engaging in trainings throughout the state and in Broward County. In November, the team attended the Intimate Partner Violence Learning Collaborative, which addressed intimate partner violence and ways to support families in crisis. In February, the team will attend a 2-day training on child abuse and neglect and will also host a Family Engagement Event to acknowledge the successes of our NFP mothers and babies.



NFP Broward presents during Intimate Partner Violence Learning Collaborative



NFP Participant with her newborn

We proudly provide service to 99 mothers and 78 infants and we truly look forward to continue working with these families in the New Year. The positive impact that NFP has on the community includes improved prenatal health, improved child health and development, and increased economic sustainability. 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.

The Broward NFP 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 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 federal funds which are administered by the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions.

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

The 2016 Point-in-Time Homeless Count

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a county-wide census of all people experiencing homelessness (sheltered and unsheltered) during a 24-hour period. Trainings were conducted from January 12th through the 22nd. This year's PIT Count took place from January 26th through the 28th.



Board Members : Cyril Blavo, Leilani Kicklighter, Daniel Lewis

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TBRV Program



The Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program (TBRV) encourages and supports clients to work on their goals, coaching them to increase self-sufficiency through financial literacy workshops. We are happy to announce that four more clients have successfully completed the program and have become self-sufficient. Our clients' success is an example of culturally positive case management which helps accomplish attainable dreams

As one of our clients stated:

"I am very grateful for the assistance of the Housing Program, now I can support my family, thanks to the help and services that I have received."

While the program ensures that all our clients are living in safe, sanitary housing conditions, complying with HUD guidelines, our goal is to individualize all our cases prioritizing and supporting our clients' physical, emotional and financial needs. The program is currently serving 124 clients.

The financial literacy workshops hosted by Consolidated Credit Services will continue to be offered to all clients in the TBRV program.

From October to November 2015, the 18 clients who attended the financial literacy workshops rated the knowledge gained in the workshops as very helpful.

If you would like more information on upcoming financial literacy workshops, please contact Nadienka Sanz, QA/Skills Development Coordinator at nsanz@brhpc.org.



Post-Arrest Diversion Program

Thousands of mentally ill individuals have been dehumanized by being retained in jail as a consequence of their action of committing a crime while experiencing a psychotic episode. Individuals go in and out of jail on a regular basis due to unmet basic needs, such as, food, shelter, medical and psychiatric care. These individuals have charges ranging from non-violent to violent. Some of them are victims of their environment. Often, they spend long periods in jail and decompensate under stressful situations. In collaboration with the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition and the Broward County 17th Judicial Circuit Court, the BRHPC Forensic Re-Integration Team has begun piloting a Post-Arrest Diversion Program, targeting these at-risk individuals.

The Post-Arrest Diversion Program at BRHPC strives to serve mentally ill individuals, with or without substance abuse issues, in Broward County, Florida. The program targets post-arrest individuals who are facing non-violent 3rd degree felony charges. The program operates to serve mental health populations by diverting them from the forensic system through engaging them in a structured treatment plan which includes qualified licensed professionals who can offer expert psychiatric consultation, individual and group psychotherapy, intensive case management, benefits acquisition, evidence-based supported employment and housing support, and life skills training as needed. The Post-Arrest Diversion program works closely with the Broward County 17th Judicial Circuit Court office of the State Attorney and the office of the Police Defender

The program is supervised by Dr. Michael Collins, a Licensed Psychologist with M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Clinical Neuropsychology from Nova Southeastern University. Since graduate school, Dr. Collins has completed all Professional Psychology Licensure requirements as set by the state of Florida, as well as specialized training in Substance Abuse Intervention, Crisis Intervention, Clinical Neuropsychological Assessment, and Forensic Examination.

Post-Arrest Diversion Program Referral Process and Contact Information:

- Referrals to BRHPC will be accepted from Public Defenders, State Attorneys, private attorneys, family members, jail or the clients themselves.
- Referrals will be submitted by e-mail to:
 - Diversion Program at jdp@brhpc.org
- For additional information, please contact:
 - Dr. Michael Collins
 - Phone number: (954) 561-9681 ext.1292

The Hidden Hungry

As noted in a recent SunSentinel article, “Some South Florida seniors have to count pennies at the end of each month as they make out a grocery list. Limited income, lack of transportation and isolation are making it harder than ever to put food on their tables.” Believe it or not, hunger is an extreme hardship that our seniors are facing each and every day. Anthony Olivieri, an urban and regional planning instructor at Florida Atlantic University, explains how this is a huge concern in South Florida. As Mr. Olivieri notes, “we thought about how they could play golf, but we really haven’t planned how they’re going to access food, how they’re going to live healthily for the rest of their lives.” Studies show that people are living longer and longer each year. Seniors should be able to enjoy their retirement years and not be focusing on how and where they will get their next meal. Because seniors do not want to risk losing want to express their independence, some refuse to ask for help because that demonstrates an inability to care for themselves. They feel pride in doing things on their own. A South Florida senior, Linda Kaplan said, “I don’t want to just exist. I want to live.” Seniors want to have a purpose. Being unable to pay for food and medicine lowers their self-esteem and impacts their independence.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Census, South Florida alone has 326 food deserts. Seniors aged sixty-five and older represent the largest population living in food deserts. These seniors have limited access to affordable and healthy foods. Lack of proper healthy nourishment can lead to many diseases and illnesses such as diabetes. The National Foundation to End Senior Hunger announced that approximately one out of every seven seniors who are sixty years or older face hunger everyday. This has only become an issue in their later years. The majority of these seniors have gone their entire lives without struggling for a single meal and now they have to worry on a day to day basis about whether or not they will have enough to eat. Even more of a concern is that many seniors have to choose between food and purchasing their medications.



Anthony Olivieri, founder of the consulting firm FHEED (Food for Health, the Environment, Economy and Democracy).

Feeding South Florida, Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches, Soref Jewish Community Center in Plantation, and HOPE Outreach Center in Davie, are just several of the organizations that help and deliver food to seniors. For example, Feeding South Florida donates roughly forty million pounds of food each year. They are continuously trying to find ways they can contribute even more food to end the hunger era for seniors. Seniors are beginning to realize these organizations are able to solve the short-term problem; it is the long term issue of hunger that has not been solved yet. Seniors are struggling everyday to manage their food budget. South Florida seniors never thought they would be faced with this type of situation. They never imagined themselves being on the poverty line, especially not being able to afford food. Together with our community partners, we are in search of solutions to help seniors live a happy and healthy life during their golden years!

Supportive Service for Veteran Families (SSVF)

The year 2016 is here, a time for happiness and hope. However, many people will be entering the New Year with a frown, fear, or no roof over their head. Our Veterans have put their lives on the line to save a great Nation but sometimes, they are without food, shelter and necessities. If one has not been in their shoes, it is difficult to understand what a Veteran has gone through and how difficult it is to ask for assistance.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is the catalyst for providing housing, supportive services and referrals that can be of assistance to eligible families.

Success Story: Our Outreach Case Manager met this family while doing outreach at a local college. This story is about a family of five, who was assisted by the SSVF program at BRHPC and was presented to us as experiencing homelessness. The head of the household lost his job and was unable to keep up with the rental payments, which led them to being evicted from their home. This family was sleeping in their car, as they had no other resources for help. The family included a six-week-old child, so this was an urgent case. When the Case Manager discovered the housing situation, he worked swiftly to see if there was shelter available for that night through 211.

The SSVF program placed them in emergency housing for a few weeks prior to the Christmas holiday. This allowed the family to celebrate in a safe environment. Within a few weeks the family received financial assistance and secured permanent housing through our Rapid Rehousing Program. They were also connected to employment resources, budget counseling and case management to strengthen their housing stability. Currently, this family is stably housed, and the Veteran is gainfully employed. The family has expressed appreciation of the services provided to them.

For more information on the SSVF Program or Mission United services, dial 954-4-UNITED (954-486-4833).



Housing Opportunities For Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

The Housing Assistance Program at Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc, provides services to the community under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program. For the past seven years, the team has been working diligently to assist our clients with past-due rent, utility and mortgage assistance, and permanent housing placement.

The Housing Assistance had a very successful and productive 2014 – 2015 fiscal year and assisted 700 households with over \$523,865 in rental, utility and emergency hotel voucher assistance to help prevent homelessness.

Below is one of our recent success stories:



The client is a veteran who has served his country for over twenty years and became homeless in November of 2015. The client called to inquire about move-in assistance. We made an appointment for the client immediately to come in since he had already found an apartment. The reviewer did the intake for the client then spoke to her supervisor in regards to expediting the application process since the client was homeless. The application was expedited and the client called the reviewer on the day that he moved in. The client stated that “He wishes everybody in the HOPWA department a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”. The client further stated that “words cannot express how thankful I am to you who have made the process stress free and I will have a Merry Christmas after all.”

As we enter the second quarter of the current fiscal year, the HOPWA team is looking forward to another successful year preventing and ending homelessness for persons living with HIV/AIDS in our community.



For 2016 coverage, the Open Enrollment period is November 1, 2015 - January 31, 2016. The deadline to ensure full coverage or to make changes to your current plan is January 31, 2016.



Outreach Activities

The BRHPC Navigators participated in a number of activities in Broward County, such as the Blessings Community Outreach 5th Annual Health Fair & Toy Giveaway, A Holiday in Sistrunk, and the Town of Pembroke Park 2nd Annual Health and Wellness Fair. Navigators also participated in the Kwanzaa Celebration Event on December 26th held at the African American Research Library. During these events, navigators conducted outreach and educated consumers on the importance of insurance. In collaboration with Enroll America, BRHPC ACA Navigator program hosted two Coverage to Care health insurance workshops at Holy Cross Hospital on December 10th and 12th.

Radio Media

Lisa Agate, BRHPC Program Manager, had the opportunity to speak with HOT 105 radio station to discuss the Affordable Care Act and Navigators' role, dates of enrollment in health insurance and penalties if you do not enroll by the deadline.

For further information please contact BRHPC Navigators at (954) 561-9685 extension 1226

Need To Be Fingerprinted?

- WHAT** Level 2 Live Scan background screening for DCF, AHCA, VECHS, Elder Affairs, Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- WHO** Organizations, groups or individuals who need Level 2/Live Scan background screenings.
- WHEN** Monday - Friday from 8:30am until 4:30pm, by appointment only.
- WHERE** Broward Regional Health Planning Council located at Oakwood Plaza, 200 Oakwood Ln., Suite 100, Hollywood, FL 33020

To schedule an appointment, please call **954.561.9681**



Broward Regional Health Planning Council is a nonprofit organization committed to delivering health and human service innovations at the national, state and local level through planning, direct services, evaluation and capacity building.

If you are in need of Electronic Background Screening Submissions & Quick Results, or additional services, such as Photo Submission to the AHCA Clearing House, [BRHPC IS AN APPROVED VENDOR THAT CAN HELP YOU.](#)

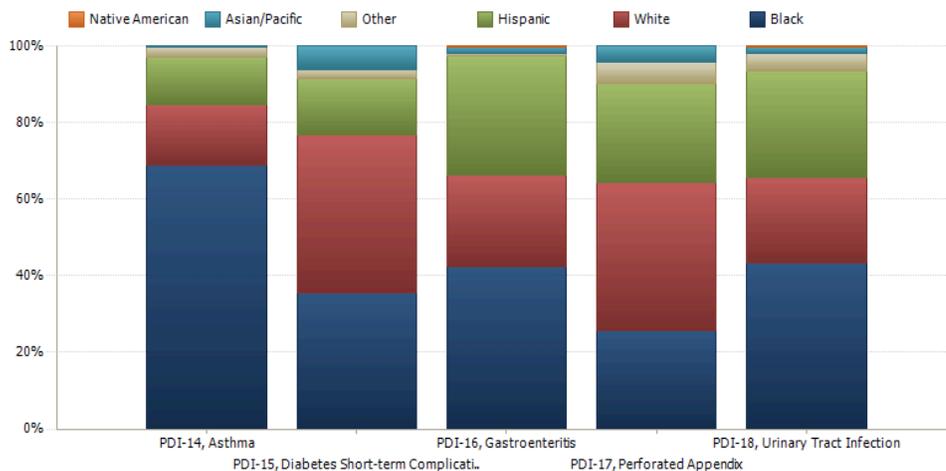
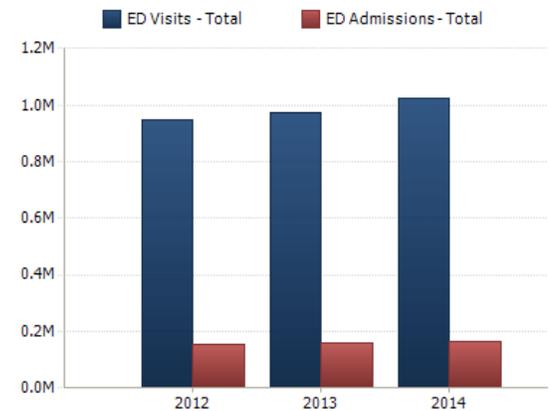
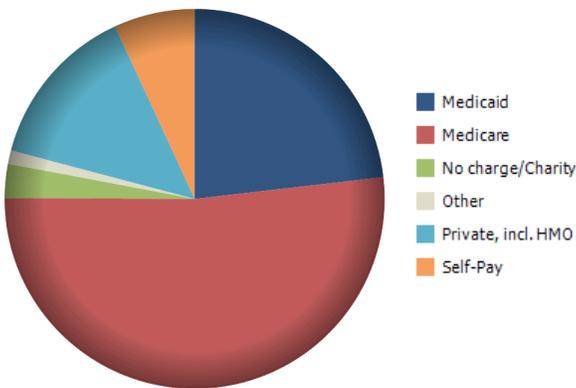
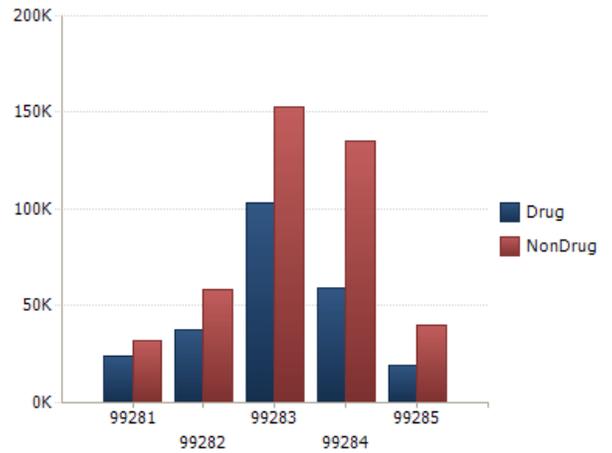
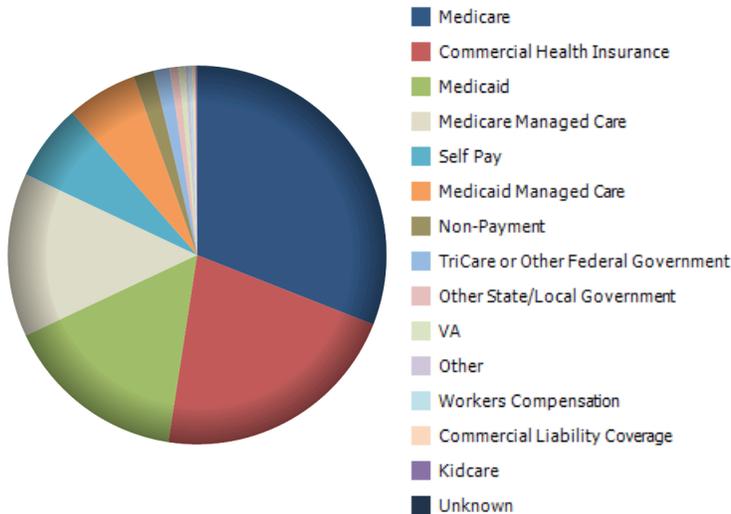
Health Data Warehouse & Business Intelligence

A powerful yet easy to use decision support tools for healthcare and provider planners.

The image shows a map of Broward County, Florida, divided into 11 numbered districts. District 1 is highlighted in pink. To the left of the map is a legend with two main sections: 'Business Intelligence System' (indicated by an orange icon) and 'Health Data Warehouse' (indicated by a green icon). Below the 'Health Data Warehouse' section, a list of data types is provided: Medical Services/DRGs, Health Indicators, Medical Facilities Utilization, Financial Data, and Demographic Data.

Health Data Warehouse & Business Intelligence

The landing page for the BI system was recently updated. Additional updates are in the works for each district's database throughout the state of Florida. The Business Intelligence Center enables users to collaborate, discover and manage the information needed to drive business forward. With Business Intelligence, users are empowered with the right insights to make informed decisions, one activity at a time.



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Description	Dates
Summary Need Projections in F.A.W	1-15-16
Letter of Intent Deadline	2-01-16
Application Deadline	3-02-16
Completeness Review Deadline	3-09-16
Application Omissions Deadline	4-13-16
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	6-03-16

Descriptions	Dates
Summary Needs Projections in F.A.W	4-01-16
Letter of Intent Deadline	4-18-16
Applications Deadline	5-18-16
Completeness Review Deadline	5-27-16
Application Omissions Deadline	10-12-16
Agency Initial Decisions Deadline	12-02-16

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