

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2020

**BROWARD REGIONAL
HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL**

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH



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RED RIBBON WEEK

During the week of October 30th, staff wore red during Red Ribbon Week to raise awareness of living a drug free life.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

BRHPC celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink to work.



THANKSGIVING WEEK

On November 23rd & 24th, BRHPC staff kicked off the holiday season by grabbing a slice of pie.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

On December 17th, BRHPC had a wonderful time celebrating our amazing staff at our Annual Holiday Celebration!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO



Broward Regional Health Planning Council continues to be vigilant in doing everything possible to slow the spread of COVID-19 by following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines by increasing existing cleaning and disinfecting practices. It is recommended to continue washing your hands for at least twenty seconds, practice social distancing when needed and to wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth when around others to prevent the spread of germs. These efforts can only be achieved if we all continue to work together.

This quarter, Barbara Effman, BRHPC's Board Chair and myself, participated in a virtual Groundwater Approach Addressing Racial Inequalities funded by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and Children's Services Council. During this three-hour seminar facilitated by the Racial Equity Institute, we learned concepts and theories grounded in data from major systems and institutions to illuminate the structural and institutional nature of racism in America. By examining characteristics of modern-day racial inequity, the presentation introduced us to an analysis that was helpful and relevant. We look forward to attending the two day virtual seminar in January 2021.

During BRHPC's last Board of Director's meeting, Florence Ukpai, HIV Planning Council Health Planner, presented an interactive presentation on diversity and culture defined. Florence recently became a certified trainer through the Cross-Cultural Health Care Program (CCHCP) "Training of Trainers" (ToT) Program. In her presentation, Florence defined diversity, equity, culture and inclusion, shared characteristics of culture, discussed visible and invisible diversity and outlined social determinants of health. Florence will continue to facilitate ongoing education to our staff, board, partners and community in the cities of Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale and Pembroke Pines.

BRHPC has been working closely with Dr. Claudia Serna, Director of the Master of Public Health Program at Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, as she evaluated BRHPC's social media platforms and is providing guidance on the implementation of a social media strategic plan, as well as policies and procedures. Dr. Serna and one of her Bachelor of Science in Public Health students, Cassidy Campanella along with BRHPC's Public Information Officer, Nicole Cohen, collaborated together on an abstract that was accepted by the American Public Health Association (APHA). In October, they virtually presented at the APHA Conference discussing the use of social media and non-profit organizations. Dr. Serna and Nicole will continue to work on this project through the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

BRHPC was accredited in 2016 through the New York based Council on Accreditation (COA). For the past year, BRHPC has been working on completing the reaccreditation cycle. On October 13th, BRHPC completed the final phase of the reaccreditation process with a three day virtual on-site visit that included a review of documents submitted throughout the year and interviews of staff and board members. The Council on Accreditation is a nationally-recognized, independent accreditor of community-based behavioral health care and social service organizations. Being accredited means that a third party (such as COA) has determined through a rigorous assessment of evidence that an organization, agency or program meets all the most important standards... that they follow best practice and provide quality service. It is a badge of honor. Organizations like BRHPC maintain accreditation to demonstrate the implementation of best practice standards in the field of human services.

Over the past five years I have been a proud contributor to the Sun Sentinel's South Florida 100 which is comprised of the most influential and knowledgeable leaders in government, politics and culture. The panel of South Florida's 100 submits articles weekly on current events, providing their thoughts and insights on the week's biggest stories and what they think will make the headlines in the future weeks. I welcome you to view the discussions by visiting our weekly posts at [SunSentinel.com/100](https://www.sun-sentinel.com/100) or following Sun Sentinel Opinion on Facebook and Twitter.

I would like to express my gratitude to our Board of Directors, funders, partners, staff and the community for working together and navigating during these challenging times in 2020. It has been a great opportunity to learn the different virtual platforms of communication. We look forward to resuming in-person meetings, conferences and events in the near future. I would like to wish each and everyone one of you a safe, happy and healthy New Year!

In this newsletter, programs, services and activities are highlighted. We will continue to strive to improve our community with programs that improve the health and well-being of our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike De Lucca".

Mike De Lucca, President & CEO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

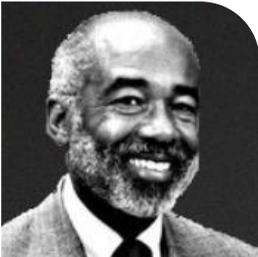
Special thank you to our Board of Directors for their continuous support and dedication to Broward Regional Health Planning Council.



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HEALTHY FAMILIES BROWARD



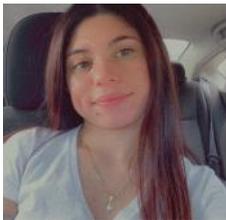
Healthy Families Broward (HFB) did not stop celebrating due to COVID-19. This year for Halloween the participants with young children received a basket with safety tips for those families who planned to trick-or-treat during Halloween. Healthy Families Broward provided masks, wipes and candy for all the kids, and extra goodies for the parents. This was all possible thanks to Sunshine Health and Community Care Plan who donated the treats to Healthy Families Broward participants.

After Halloween, came Thanksgiving, which means lots of food and gatherings with families. HFB prepared Thanksgiving Baskets consisting of a turkey or ham with all the classic side dishes like mac n' cheese, mash potatoes, stuffing, green beans, and so much more. Donations for Thanksgiving meals fed 100 participants. Each family was given a Thanksgiving activity to do with their kid(s), which



was to create a turkey made of fruit-loop cereal. We thank Community Care Plan for this generous donation.

As part of the celebration, the participants of Healthy Families Broward were asked to write an essay where they had to express their emotions and thoughts during the COVID-19 pandemic by writing their personal story about, "How has Healthy Families Broward and their Family Support Worker helped them during this time?". The winner of the essay contest was awarded a laptop and the runners up were awarded a visa or a Publix gift card. The top three winners also received a personal care basket for their exclusive satisfaction.



Healthy Families Broward's Family Support Worker of the Month is **Jennifer Aristegui**. Jennifer joined the Healthy Families Broward team in May, 2020 and has already stood out with her individual creative approach and her artistic connection with her participants. Jennifer takes pleasure in producing developmental activities for her participants to engage their child(ren).

For additional information, contact Lasonya Starlin, Program Manager at Lstarlin@brhpc.org.

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

About Nurse-Family Partnership Program: The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Program works with first-time mothers and their children to improve prenatal health, support child health and development and increased economic sustainability. Nurse-Family Partnership works to reduce the risk of pre-term labor and delivery, decrease infant mortality rate, promote breastfeeding, and improve the rate of prenatal care within the community.

To qualify for the program, 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 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.

NFP 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.

Pandemic Assistance Opportunities for NFP Families: The Family Independence Initiative (FII) is a fellow non-profit in the fight to end poverty. Through their technology platform, they make small financial and social capital investments to families and support goal-setting and financial planning among these same families. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, FII has selected the Nurse-Family Partnership Program in offering direct financial assistance in the amount of \$500 to 110 NFP families who have been hit the hardest by the pandemic.

Client Testimonials:

“I am grateful to the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and to the Family Independence Initiative for the money I received. It really came at a time me and my family needed it and also thankful for my nurse for all her support from the beginning of my journey to motherhood. Thank you.”

“I want to personally thank Family Independence Initiative and the Nurse-Family Partnership Program for the donation they gave to my family. Your donation has helped us in more ways than one while preparing for our little blessing. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

The Nurse-Family Partnership Program had their first Drive Thru graduation ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The graduation was a huge success! We are so thankful to celebrate such a major accomplishment with you and our NFP families.



For additional information on the program, contact Program Manager, Diana Lara at DLara@brhpc.org.

INSURANCE BENEFIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) team in conjunction with American Exchange has just completed open enrollment for 2021 health plans. The team has processed over 5,000 enrollments and added over 1,000 new clients. There are approximately another 1,000 clients who passively enrolled that will require further research in order to effectively process their premium payments. During open enrollment, a team of 14 members answered over 8,000 phone calls and assisted the clients with their enrollment process.

BRHPC continues to fine tune the Insurance Benefit Management System (IBMS) to further automate processes, increase accuracy and improve quality control. BRHPC anticipates premium payments for 2021 to be in excess of \$5,000,000 monthly and manage the eligibility and policies for over 7,000 clients.



For eligibility information contact Matt Anthony at 954-561-9681 x 1205 and for payment information contact Cristy Kozla at 954-561-9681 x 1334.

HIV PLANNING COUNCIL & CLINICAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The HIVPC Turns 30. On November 27, 2020, the Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council (HIVPC) reached a milestone anniversary. The HIVPC has now been serving its community for 30 years!

In the 1990s, Planning Councils across the country were developed to ensure the then newly enacted Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program would serve their communities' needs. To receive federal funding for the care and treatment of people who had HIV, eligible metropolitan areas (EMAs) were required to establish a council comprised of clients, service providers, and other people who cared about the betterment of HIV care. By establishing a community-driven process, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program honored the voices of those most impacted by HIV and their ability to guide their own care. What sets Planning Councils apart is that their existence as the decision-makers for their communities is a legislative requirement to receive funding. It is the Planning Councils that determine how Ryan White Part A funds will be utilized.

The purpose of each HIV Planning Council is to provide planning; to promote development of HIV/AIDS health services, to maintain personnel, and to monitor facilities which meet identified health needs in a cost-effective manner; to reduce inefficiencies; and to develop HIV-related health plans.

Today, the Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council and its Committees are made up of 30 people dedicated to making a positive impact on people with HIV in our EMA. By volunteering their time and energy, they support more than 8,000 Broward residents. Their efforts to engage, inform and enrich



For three decades, HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program has made an impact on the lives of more than half a million people with HIV each year.

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the lives of people with HIV in Broward are noteworthy and – after 30 years – they are advancing to ensure that Broward County provides innovative care, optimizes public health services, and ultimately ends the HIV epidemic. ***Cheers to 30 years, Broward County HIVPC!***

HIV PLANNING COUNCIL & CLINICAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

World AIDS Day Proclamation for the HIVPC. On December 1, 2020, the HIV Planning Council received a proclamation from the Broward County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Dr. Barbara Shareif presented the proclamation of December 2020 as AIDS Awareness Month in Broward County. Lorenzo Robertson, Chair of the Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee, and Darrell Cunningham, Director of the Community Partnerships Division, received the honor and spoke to the work of the HIVPC and its impact. Commissioners shared their experiences and commendations for the HIV community and the Ryan White Program.

Welcome the New Additions to the CQM Team! The Clinical Quality Management (CQM) Program recently brought on two new Health Planners. Get to know Nicolette Duong and Whitney Saint-Fleur.



About Nicolette Duong, MIB: Nicolette is an innovative, analytical thinker with a passion in healthcare, business, and science. She graduated from the University of Florida as a dual-degree student with a bachelor's degree in microbiology and cell science and a master's degree in international business. Throughout her academic career, she has incorporated knowledge through grant-funded initiatives in Florida and Peru communities. Over the last year, Nicolette was a Healthcare Administrative Fellow for Northwell Health in New York and diversified her

background by rotating in four divisions of the healthcare system. She is excited to translate her academic and background knowledge in population health, ambulatory practice, strategic planning, and hospital operations to Broward Regional Health Planning Council as a Clinical Quality Management Health Planner.



About Whitney Saint-Fleur, MPH: Whitney is an energetic individual with a passion for aiding underserved communities. Whitney attended Florida International University where she earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and Nova Southeastern University where she earned her master's degree in public health. Throughout her career, Whitney has been able to draw up knowledge from an array of disciplines to help assess and resolve a variety of healthcare and public health issues. Over the last 3 months, she served as a Fall

intern for the Society for Public Health Education. She looks forward to applying her skills in her new role as a Clinical Quality Management Health Planner.

For additional information on the program, email HIVPC@brhpc.org.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) Program has taken the opportunity to educate the agency on the impact of COVID-19 on mental health issues. A recent study by the Mayo Clinic showed that the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed the lives of people including their daily routines, financial situation and social connectivity. People have stated they worry about getting sick, how long the pandemic will last, whether you'll lose your job, and what the future will bring. Misinformation has shown to do significant harm to people looking for answers through internet searches.

Common symptoms reported have included stress, anxiety, fear, sadness and loneliness. Mental health disorders, including anxiety and depression, may be exacerbated if a larger, less obvious mental health pandemic is on the horizon in 2021. So far, data shows a major increase in the number of U.S. adults, who report symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression during the pandemic, compared with surveys that took place before the pandemic. There has been an increase in use of alcohol and/or drugs, as a way to cope with fears associated with the pandemic. Unfortunately, using these substances can worsen anxiety and depression.

Those with substance use disorders, notably, those addicted to tobacco or opioids, are likely to have worse outcomes if they get COVID-19. Addictions can harm lung function and weaken the immune system, causing chronic conditions such as heart and lung disease, which increases the risk of serious complications from COVID-19. Especially during this time, it is important to take care of both physical and emotional health by learning self-care strategies.



Be mindful of physical health by:

- Getting enough sleep
- Eating healthy
- Avoiding tobacco, alcohol & drugs
- Limiting screen time
- Relax and recharge

Reduce Stressful Triggers by:

- Keeping your regular routine
- Limiting exposure to news media
- Staying busy
- Focusing on positive thoughts
- Setting priorities

For more information about the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program, contact Dr. Jenysset Pi at Jpi@brhpc.org.

CENTRALIZED INTAKE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION & HEALTH INSURANCE CONTINUATION PROGRAM

Ryan White Part A Services

Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., provides Centralized Intake and Eligibility Determination (CIED) 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.



During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ryan White Part A eligibility has been provided through online access, telehealth, in person and over the phone. As the community was faced with many challenges surrounding the pandemic, the CIED program employed alternative ways for clients to complete eligibility.

The online certification has seen an increase in clients opting to utilize this method of eligibility due to social distancing and other COVID-19 safety measures. In addition to these new methods, CIED specialist are also outposted throughout the community to assist clients who prefer to go into a site for eligibility certification. Furthermore, a secured CIED email address is available for clients and community partners to communicate with CIED staff in regarding to eligibility status and services. The continued collaboration between CIED staff and Ryan White service providers throughout the community has made the implementation of these new systems seamless during this difficult time.

The Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP) at Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., provides insurance support services to qualified Ryan White Part A-clients. The program provides copay and deductible payment assistance to clients enrolled in pre-approved Affordable Care Act Marketplace plans.

The HICP program continues to provide eligible clients with copay and deductible assistance. During the COVID-19 pandemic, HICP staff noticed a shift in clients receiving telehealth and virtual medical appointments as opposed to traditional in person visits. Clients continue to notify HICP staff of upcoming medical appointment to avoid any delay in assistance.

For additional information on the Centralized Intake Eligibility Determination and Health Insurance Continuation Programs, contact Program Manager, Natasha Markman at Nmarkman@brhpc.org.

POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT

We are in the thick of the Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count planning season. The PIT Count provides information about the homelessness that is critical to program and service planning for Broward County. The data collected informs the allocation of resources for services to assist the homeless and measures the impact of local programs and services. The PIT count is a requirement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a part of a national effort to enumerate individuals experiencing homelessness.

It has been a challenge this year to come up with a safe way to complete this very important count due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to receive recommendations from HUD guiding on how to complete a count safely. HUD has also offered exceptions to allow for adaptations to the count to ensure safety for both enumerators and the homeless. We are weighing all of our options.

At this time, the 2021 Broward PIT Count is scheduled for January 27-28, 2021. Please log onto our website to register to volunteer: <https://www.browardpointintime.org/>. We will need all the help we can get!



For more information, visit the PIT website at [Browardpointintime.org](https://www.browardpointintime.org/) or contact Program Coordinator, Jessica Abou at Jabou@brhpc.org.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH AIDS



The Housing Assistance Program at BRHPC provides services to the community under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program. For the last twelve years, the team has been working to assist eligible low-income [Area Median Income 80% or below] Broward County residents with past due rent, utility and mortgage assistance as well as permanent housing placement.

During the current contract year, April to June 2020, the Housing Assistance Program at BRHPC provided over 110 unduplicated clients with over \$97,155 for short-term rental, permanent housing placement, 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 worked 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.

Client Success Story

"I wanted to say thank you to everyone that played a role in helping to secure my wellbeing and prosperity. With every day that goes by, I think about what wonderful things you all do every day, by helping people become self-sufficient. It makes me even more grateful, that I was one of the lucky ones and that there will be others like myself who will be given a chance to get back on the right path of prosperity in life. It has been over a month at my new job, and everything is spectacular. I am making decent money and have been able to pay down most of my bills. I have been lucky enough to work extra hours every week that allows me to prosper. As of August 4th, it has been almost 3 weeks since I have moved into the condo and things are really beginning to happen for me. This place is spectacular. Thank you again to all of you. You are all angels."

As we enter the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year, the HOPWA team is looking forward to another successful year helping Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in our community to prevent and end homelessness.

For more information on this program, email Housing Program Coordinator, Sharon Alveranga-Jones at Smcdonald@brhpc.org.

TENANT-BASED RENTAL VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Tenant-Based Voucher Program (TBRV) has made tremendous strides and continues to make a much-needed difference in our clients' lives. The program is currently serving 84 clients. We assist our clients with rental payments. Our Housing Specialist works extremely close with our clients to make sure that each person meets their full potential by becoming more self-sufficient. Equally important, we ensure that each client lives in safe and sanitary housing conditions, abiding with HUD guidelines.

With the hopes of aiding as many clients on the waiting list as possible, the TBRV Program is proud to announce that two additional names will be selected from the housing waiting list. The team is looking forward to graduating many more clients to self-sufficiency and selecting more clients from the waiting list in the near future.

Amid a global pandemic, the TBRV team has made the appropriate accommodations for every client. Providing masks to clients, opting to receive required documents via mail, and giving clients extended time for our recertification process, are just a few examples of how we are assisting clients during this pandemic. Although we all are experiencing a new normal, our mission to provide assistance and housing support to our clients remains the same.



If you would like more information on the program, contact Housing Program Coordinator, Rhode Rosulme-Rock at Rrock@brhpc.org.

BRHPC HEALTH SPOTLIGHT: BROWARD HEALTH'S STORY MAP

Background and Purpose:

As a small step towards inspiring community action to address Broward County's COVID-19 public health challenges, a pilot "story map" was created to illustrate the relationship between underlying chronic conditions and the increased severity of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, it highlights the health equity factors that exacerbate the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable populations.

Story Map Chapters:

COVID-19 & Underlining Conditions shows where there are high rates of COVID-19 and several underlying conditions. We start investigating the socio-demographic differences between high and low COVID-19 Zip Codes. A series of interactive maps allows you to explore these differences.

Health Equity introduces the concepts of the Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity. The series of charts with interactive maps tells a story of how areas with high social vulnerability have higher health disparities of COVID-19 and many of its underlying conditions.

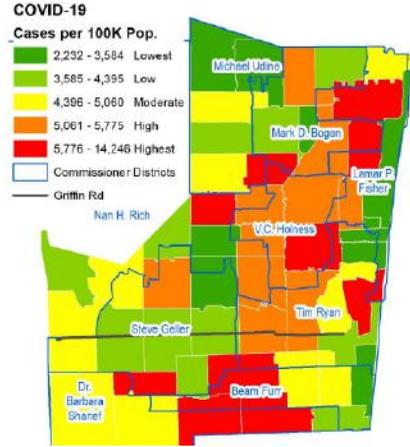
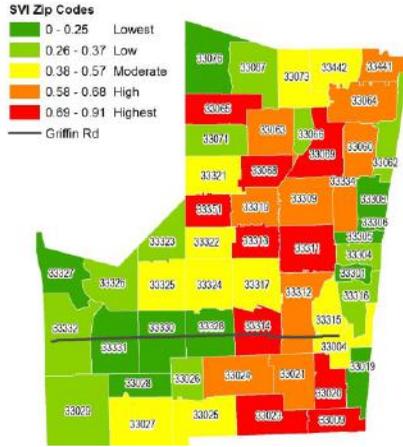
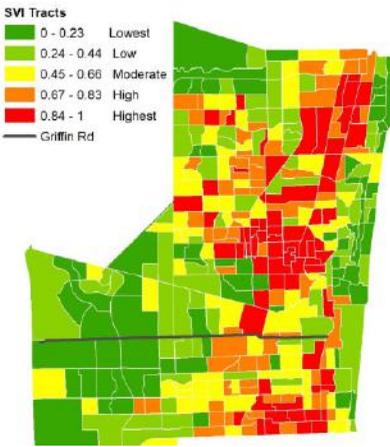
Health Action highlights efforts by organizations in Broward County to reduce the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, an interactive "Health Action Map App" gives you the ability to build a customized map of COVID-19 in Broward County, with social vulnerability, underlining conditions, and the locations of social service activities such as food distributions sites. All these layers are shown within Broward County Commission Districts. The Map App allows you to select and download the geographic data, giving you the tools you may need for data-driven advocacy and action.

For more information, visit www.BRHPC.org.

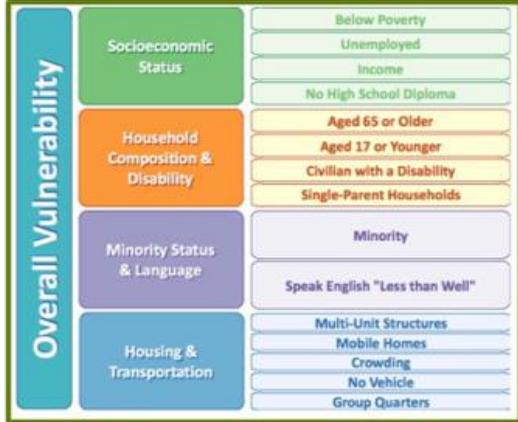


BRHPC HEALTH SPOTLIGHT: BROWARD HEALTH'S STORY MAP

Social Vulnerability and COVID-19 in Broward County



Created by Anthony Olivieri, FHEED LLC On 11/13/20. For educational and planning purposes only. SVI Data: CDC 2018 update. COVID-19 Case Data: FDOH, sample averaged from September 13th to 19th. Cumulative cases since March 2020. Population Data: U.S. Census ACS 2014-2018, via Policy Map, courtesy of the BRHPC. Caveat: Zip Code 33316 is an outlier and should be removed when performing analysis. Refer the FLDOH about the limitations of COVID-19 case data.



The CDC defines Social vulnerability as the potential negative effects on communities caused by external stresses on human health. Social Vulnerability comprises of a number of factors such as poverty, household composition, minority status, and housing/neighborhood quality that weaken a community's ability to prevent human suffering in the event of disasters such as a pandemic. In this project, we treat these vulnerability factors as analogues to the SDOH. The Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) comprises of 15-census measures, organized into four SDOH "themes" such as Socioeconomic Status, Household Composition & Disability, Minority and English Proficiency Status, and Housing and Transportation within a community. The SVI scale is from 0 (lowest vulnerability) to 1 (highest). The graphic above to the right illustrates how CDC organizes the SVI.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Ivy Romero was selected as Broward Regional Health Planning Council's Employee of the Quarter. Mrs. Romero joined the Healthy Families Broward (HFB) team in December, 2013 as a Family Support Worker Supervisor.

Mrs. Romero's willingness to help and her ability to engage families in a variety of activities is an astonishing strength. She is adept at training new staff and watching them grow as they strive toward reaching new boundaries in their work with Healthy Families Broward.

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



On December 8, 2020, Jason Barron joined the BRHPC team as a Health Planner and Data Analyst. He will be working closely with several parts of the organization, particularly the health data warehouse and county wide health services utilization data that is core to BRHPC's mission. He will also assist in developing community health needs assessments for major hospital systems in Broward. Jason has a background in health policy and planning for nonprofit patient advocacy organizations and private firms, particularly in rare diseases and other health disparities that affect access to care.

Jason originally moved to Broward County from western Pennsylvania at an early age and is a graduate of Coral Springs High School. He went on to study biochemistry and molecular biology at Dartmouth College where he received a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry. He has also earned a master's degree in public health from the George Washington University with an emphasis on epidemiology and health policy.

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COMMITTEE FACILITATION



To maintain proper safety protocols during the Coronavirus Pandemic, all committee meetings have been transitioned to virtual Microsoft TEAMS Meetings until further notice.

Health Care Access Committee Meeting. BRHPC acts as facilitator for the Health Care Access Committee with the purpose to improve access to health care for the residents of Broward County. During committee meetings,

outcomes and indicators are established, measured and reviewed. The members of the committee represent various facilities, agencies and/or departments within the County.

If you are interested in participating on the Health Care Access Committee, email Yolanda Falcone at Yfalcone@brhpc.org.

Health Services Planning Committee. BRHPC convenes the Health Services Planning Committee to ensure the updating and accuracy of the Broward County Health Plan and Fact Sheets published by BRHPC. Presenters are also invited to discuss current issues impacting the health of Broward County residents.

If you are interested in participating on the Health Services Planning Committee, email Jason Barron at Jbarron@brhpc.org.

2021 PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERIES

The Public Health Workforce Development Series is a series conducted by Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine Master of Public Health Program and Broward Regional Health Planning Council.



For the 2021 Work Force Development cycle we are looking for presenters on a range of public health topics. If you are interested in presenting or have any further questions, email Workforce@brhpc.org and provide the following information: name, title, organization, topic(s) interested in presenting and contact information.

We look forward to your presentations!

ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTING SERVICES

As we are carefully monitoring developments related to the Coronavirus Pandemic, anyone interested in coming to the BRHPC office for Fingerprinting Services, is required to wear a face mask, scarf, or cloth material to help prevent the spread of the virus.

In order to assist community agencies and providers in meeting legislative requirements of HB 7069, BRHPC acquired equipment with the capability to scan fingerprints electronically for Level II Background Screening, using Live Scan technology.

BRHPC offers Live Scan Fingerprinting technology for Level II Background Screening for the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Volunteer and Employee Criminal History System (VECHS), Elder Affairs, and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). Live Scan allows for electronic submission of fingerprint screens, with results within 24 to 48 hours, in comparison to the hard card fingerprint submission, which can take 4 to 6 weeks.

BRHPC's fingerprinting clientele include hospital employees, guardian ad litem programs, doctors' offices, non-profit and social service agencies, colleges, universities and more.

Electronic Fingerprinting for Level II Background Screening services and additional services such as photo submission to the AHCA clearinghouse are available at BRHPC.

For more information on BRHPC's Electronic Fingerprinting Services, contact the BRHPC office at (954) 561-9681 Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

Fingerprinting clients must bring a valid photo ID and the identifying number for the organization requesting fingerprints (ORI). We accept cash or business check.

Location for fingerprinting services:

Broward Regional Health Planning Council
200 Oakwood Lane, Suite 100
Hollywood, FL 33020

Located in the Oakwood Plaza across from the Regal Oakwood 18 Movie Theater.



Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) is in the process of renewing its national accreditation through the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA). Organizations like BRHPC maintain accreditation to demonstrate the implementation of best practice



standards in the field of human services. COA evaluates all aspects of BRHPC's programs, services, management, and administration. BRHPC's accreditation status currently covers all programs and services and is valid until 2020.

BRHPC upholds a culture continuous of quality improvement through its transparent processes that engage the BRHPC Board of Directors, managerial and supervisory staff and stakeholders. During the monthly BRHPC's Performance Quality Improvement Committee meetings, which are attended by the BRHPC supervisory, managerial and executive staff, various elements impacting performance outcomes are reviewed and discussed: scorecards, satisfaction surveys, safety measures and more. The following four subcommittees present their reports to the PQI meeting for discussion and approval:

The Human Resources Subcommittee

Reviews all policies and procedures related to employment practices.

The MIS Subcommittee

Monitors all data information systems function to assure seamless operations across all areas.

The Risk Prevention Management Subcommittee

Ensures that BRHPC engages in comprehensive, systemic and effective risk prevention and management; and evolves policies and procedures constantly to reduce/eliminate risk, loss, and/or liability exposure.

The Staff Training & Development Subcommittee

Provides all personnel with the supervision and training needed to perform their job functions at their highest possible level. It is also committed to enhanced staff development and growth of every employee through regularly scheduled and ongoing supervision and training.

Overall, BRHPC views performance quality improvement as a dynamic process that is constantly evolving.

BATCHING CYCLES

Hospital Facilities and Hospice: 2nd Batching Cycle - 2020 (Cancelled per Emergency Order 20-004 - See Below)

Description	Dates*
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.R.	7-17-20
Letter of Intent Deadline	8-03-20
Application Deadline	9-02-20
Completeness Review Deadline	9-09-20
Application Omissions Deadline	10-14-20
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	12-04-20

Nursing Homes and ICF/DDs: 2nd Batching Cycle - 2020

Description	Dates*
Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.R.	10-02-20
Letter of Intent Deadline	10-19-20
Application Deadline	11-18-20
Completeness Review Deadline	11-25-20
Application Omissions Deadline	12-23-20
Agency Initial Decision Deadline	2-19-21

*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 facilities in the applicable Agency rules contained in Rules 59C-1.034-59C-1.041 F.A.C.

For more information on Emergency Order 20-004, visit <https://ahca.myflorida.com/>.

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